

Thierry Breton



Education and early professional experience

Preparatory classes (for top-level universities [*grandes écoles*] in France), *lycée* Louis-le-Grand (secondary school).

Engineering graduate of the École supérieure d'électricité (Supélec, *grande école* for Electrical engineering, Energy and Information Sciences), computer science, 1979.

1981, set up a software company, Forma Systems.

1986-1990, Project Manager for Futuroscope in Poitiers.

Management posts

Bull (1993-1997), Director of Strategy and Development, then Managing Director.

Thomson (1997-2002), CEO of Thomson multimedia. He was in charge of shifting the group's focus to new imaging and online technologies.

France Télécom (2002-2005), CEO. Under his leadership, France Télécom became the first incumbent operator to develop the 'integrated operator' concept.

Atos (2008-2019), CEO. He directed various strategic acquisitions (including Siemens IT) which turned Atos into a world leader on the digital market and a shining example of Franco-German industrial and technological cooperation.

Other professional experience

Worldline (2014-2019), company offering electronic payment services, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Carrefour (2008-2019), Director.

Bank of America, Member of the Global Advisory Council (2013-2019), Director for the French subsidiary (2019).

SATS Limited (2013-2018), Singapore, Director.

Bolloré (2012), Member of the Strategy Committee.

Sonatel (2015-2019), Director.

Political posts

French Ministry of Education (1986-1988): Adviser for IT and New Technologies in the Private Office of René Monory.

Elected Regional Councillor for Poitou-Charentes (1986-1992): Vice President for Training.

French Minister for the Economy, Finance and Industry (2005-2007): responsible for the economy, finance, industry, telecoms, foreign trade and SMEs.

European roles

2012 : Member of the Steering Committee of **European Cloud Partnership**.

2013 : Appointed by Digital Society Commissioner Neelie Kroes and Estonian President Toomas Ilves to help Europe realise its **Open Cloud** vision.

2016 : He suggested the creation of a **European Defence and Security Fund**.

Other roles

Académie des Technologies (National Academy of Technologies) (since 2016), member.

Association Nationale de la Recherche et de la Technologie (ANRT, National Association of Research and Technology) (2015-2019), Chairman.

Alliance pour la promotion du statut de Société Européenne (ASEP, association of European companies that have adopted the statute of a 'European company') (2015-2019), Brussels, Chairman.

University lecturer and President

Université de technologie (University of Technology), Troyes (1997-2005): President.

Harvard (2007-2008): Full-time professor, Leadership and Corporate Accountability.

Sorbonne University (2018-2019): Chairman of the Strategy Committee.