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Pierre is Director General of the Global Ocean Monitoring and Forecasting Centre - Mercator Ocean International. A graduate from Ecole Polytechnique (France), he has worked on space altimetry, modelling and data assimilation applied to operational oceanography and was among the founders of Mercator Ocean in 1995. Pierre also holds an Executive MBA from HEC School of Management.

For twenty years, Pierre's main activities have been related to operational oceanography at national, European and international level. As coordinator of three EU-funded research and development projects from 2009 to 2014 (the MyOcean series), he succeeded in federating a community of sixty European public and private partners from twenty-eight countries.

After successful demonstration of MyOcean, he signed an agreement with the European Commission in November 2014 for Mercator Ocean to manage and implement the marine component of the EU's Copernicus programme: the Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service (CMEMS). Pierre also belongs to the GODAE OceanView Patrons' Group, the international science forum of worldwide ocean national forecasting centres.

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