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Born in 1974, François Gauché graduated from the *Ecole Polytechnique* (1997) and from the *Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris* (2000). He started his career within the industry (BMW, ALSTOM), then he joined the French Nuclear Safety Authority (ASN) as head of regional division in Strasbourg, and the CNRS as head of the Cyclotron Arronax project in Nantes, until 2006.

In 2006, he joined the Agency ITER FRANCE as director, at the CEA Cadarache, where he took, until 2009, the responsibility for the ITER construction site and was in charge of the site preparation activities.

In 2010, he took the position of head of the programme *4th generation reactors* at CEA and was responsible for the management of the ASTRID project, encompassing a large pool of R&D and engineering activities, with a 600 researchers and engineering staff.

In 2015, he was called to take the position of director of the safety department of the ITER Organization at Cadarache.

Since February 2016, as the head of the nuclear energy division of the CEA (4000 staff), he is in charge of the management of the large set of CEA nuclear energy R&D programmes and infrastructures, in support to CEA nuclear energy development policy and strategy at national and international levels.