

## Hugues Parant

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Hugues Parant is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the *Euroméditerranée Urban Development Agency*, the biggest European urban development project within a city centre, in Marseille - France.



Mr. Parant graduated from the *École Nationale d'Administration* (French public administration school) and began his career within the French government as chief of cabinet for the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports. He then moved to being the director of the North-American networks for the Interministerial Delegation for Territorial Planning and Regional Attractiveness (DATAR) where he focused in supporting American companies set-up in France. He then held various management positions within the French government before becoming Prefect in 2001 in several departments, including Orne, Vaucluse, Meurthe et Moselle and Var.

In 2010, Mr. Parant was appointed as Prefect of the *Région Sud*, where he focused on several topics such as coordinating the Alpine massif, the Mediterranean coastline and the South-East defence zone. He also worked on key projects such as ITER, one of the most promising power production project worldwide.

Three years later, he was nominated as the new CEO of the *Etablissement Public d'Aménagement de la Défense Seine Arche*, the government's urban development agency in charge of the business district of la Défense Seine Arche; where he worked on a development plan of 2.5 billion euros with a strong focus on the international exposure of the district.