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Panel A3

**Military Mobility – Combined Joint Support and
Enabling in Europe for larger formations**

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Following a career spent mainly in Operational Commands and the Joint Staffs, Lieutenant General Bruno Paccagnini was appointed Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Performance and Transformation) on the 1st of September 2018.

Born at Blagnac on the 2nd of July 1964, he joined the French Air Force Academy in 1984; this included participation in the exchange program between the United States Air Force Academy and the French Air Force Academy. Following undergraduate pilot training at Tours and Cazaux airbases, he qualified as a fighter pilot in 1988 before joining 3/7 fighter squadron “Languedoc” flying the Jaguar.

Following a tour on 1/4 fighter squadron “Dauphiné” flying the Mirage 2000N between 1990 and 1993, he was assigned as liaison officer to the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke AFB, Arizona, qualifying as an F-16 pilot and instructor for the 311th “Sidewinder” Fighter Squadron.

Upon returning to France in 1996, he was assigned to the French Air Force Staff as staff officer responsible for Communications and Information Systems before attending Command and Staff College. Upon graduation, he was appointed Deputy Commander of the 2/12 “Picardie” fighter squadron in 1999 before assuming Command the following year. During this period, he deployed twice to prince Sultan Air Base in Al Kharj in Saudi Arabia in 2000 and 2001 as Detachment Commander for Operation Southern Watch / Alysse. This saw him command an operational detachment which integrated Mirage 2000, Mirage F1CR and Boeing C135 aircraft.

In August 2002, he joined the Joint Defense Staff as Air Force Assistant for the Chief of Defense Staff cabinet.

In September 2005, he was appointed as special assistant to the Chairman of the NATO Military Committee in Brussels. Following a tour as Base Commander for the No 102 “Capitaine Guynemer Base in Dijon between 2008 and 2010, he attended the French Higher Command and Staff Course (CHEM) as well as the College of Higher Defence Studies (IHEDN) before an assignment to the Joint Defence Staffs looking at Command Transformation.

Promoted to Brigadier General the 1st of August 2014, he was appointed project manager of the Armed Forces Command Transformation; this included the transfer of the Joint and Single Services Staffs to the Balard site in Paris.

The 1st of August 2016, he was in charge of “prospective and strategy” for the Chief of Staff. The 1st of March 2017, he was promoted Major General and appointed Director of operations, finance and support for the French Air Force Defense Staff.