



Benoît Battistelli

Since July 2010, Benoît Battistelli has been President of the European Patent Office, an international organisation with 38 member states, comprising all the members of the European Union, plus a number of further countries, including Norway, Switzerland, Turkey and several Southeast European states which have yet to join the EU.

Mr Battistelli, a French national born in Paris on 12 July 1950, is married with three children.

A graduate of the Paris Institute of Political Studies (IEP) and the National School of Administration (ENA), Mr Battistelli began his career as a senior civil servant in the French Ministry of the Economy and Finance. He held various positions in the Directorate-General for Competition and Consumer Affairs and the Directorate of External Economic Relations at the Ministry of the Economy and Finance, where he served, in particular, as Trade Commissioner to Poland, Italy, India and Turkey.

In 1997, Mr Battistelli was appointed Regional Director for Foreign Trade for the Ile-de-France region. In 1999, he became director with responsibility for innovation, competitiveness and industrial property policy at the Ministry of the Economy, Finance and Industry. Mr Battistelli acted as Chief Advisor to Nicole Fontaine (President of the European Parliament from July 1999 to January 2002 and Minister for Industry in the French government from June 2002 to May 2004), before being appointed Director General of the French National Institute for Industrial Property (INPI) in May 2004.

Mr Battistelli also chaired the Supervisory Board of the European Patent Academy from July 2005 to July 2008 and held the position of Chairman of the Administrative Council of the European Patent Organisation from March 2009 to June 2010, after serving as the Council's Deputy Chairman from December 2006 to March 2009.

Mr Battistelli plays an active role in public and community life. He was the deputy mayor of Saint-Germain-en-Laye from 2008 to 2014, and is now on the City Council there.

In 2013, Mr Battistelli received the title of Professor honoris causa from Renmin University of China, Beijing, and in 2014 he received an honorary doctorate in economics from the Menéndez Pelayo University in Santander.