



## Press Release

### **Arnaud Poitou elected President of the *Conférence des Directeurs des Grandes Ecoles des Pays de la Loire***

The *Conférence des Directeurs des Grandes Écoles des Pays de la Loire* (CRGE PDL) elected its new board and president during its annual general meeting and board of governors meeting on 8th January 2019.

Arnaud Poitou, Director of Centrale Nantes, was elected president for the next two years.

The CRGE PDL is an association whose purpose is to build synergies between Higher Education Institutions in the Pays de la Loire region and to coordinate their actions related to their respective fields of activity and disciplines. It also promotes Higher Education Institutions in the Pays de la Loire region and their shared values and acts as the regional representative of the *Conférence des Grandes Écoles* (CGE).

The new board presided by Arnaud Poitou includes:

Anne Beauval (Vice-President), IMT Atlantique  
Jean Quessada (Vice-President), ENSAM Angers  
Christian Dautel (Vice-President), ENSA  
Dominique Vollet (Treasurer), Agrocampus Ouest  
Christophe Rouvrais (Secretary), ESAIP Angers

*"This mandate renews the CRGE's commitment to the group of schools which, in their diversity, contribute to the excellence of higher education in the Pays de la Loire"* – Arnaud Poitou

#### *About Centrale Nantes*

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