Colonel Jean-Gabriel Herbinet

Head of the Digital and Data Branch within the French Army Staff

Colonel Herbinet *possesses extensive experience in operational command at various levels, coupled with expertise in* AI*, data and digital domains. He currently serves as Head of the Digital and Data Branch within the French Army Staff.*

He joined the armour branch after graduating from the Ecole Polytechnique in 1997*. He hold various positions as platoon leader and company commander between* 1998 *and* 2004*.*

After an assignment as staff officer in the armour branch directorate in Saumur he had a general staff training between 2006 *and* 2009*. During this training he also graduated from the* ENSTA *in Paris with an engineering degree and a* MS *in optimisation and operations research in* 2008*. From* 2009 *to* 2012 *he had a position as project officer in modelling and simulation where he was in charge of simulations for decision making support at the tactical (brigade) level and of interoperability between* C2 *systems and simulations. In* 2012 *he was assigned to the 3rd hussars regiment (light armoured battalion in the French German brigade) as executive officer. In* 2014 *he was transferred to urban warfare training centre as training director. From* 2016 *to* 2018 *he hold the position of section head defence planning analysis in the* NATO *Allied Command Transformation where he took part to the long term military roadmap effort.*

From 2018 *to* 2020 *he commanded the urban warfare training centre – 94th infantry regiment in* SISSONNE*. Then from* 2020 *to* 2022 *he served as chief of staff of the French German Brigade and* VJTF22 *brigade as part of* NRF 22*. At the summer* 2022 *he joined the army staff as deputy branch head and digital and data branch head. His branch is currently un charge of operationalising Data and AI in the French army.*

He had various operational deployments in Lebanon (1999)*, in Bosnia* (2000) *and in Mali* (2014)*.*