



Ludwig Decamps

Chief Operating Officer

Ludwig Decamps joined the NATO Communications and Information (NCI) Agency as Director Demand Management on 1 March 2017 and became full-time Chief Operating Officer (COO) on 15 February 2018.

As COO, he is responsible for aligning demand and supply to create customer value by leading business planning, prioritizing incoming requests, leading through-life cycle business development, and overseeing resource allocation to projects and services. As part of the NCI Agency's Strategic Plan, he is in charge of strengthening project, programme and portfolio management and service delivery in support of Allied and Partner Nations, NATO Headquarters, and NATO Commands.

Prior to his current position, Ludwig Decamps served as Director for Armaments and Aerospace Capabilities (2012-2017) and Director for Strategy (2011-2012) in the Defence Investment Division at NATO Headquarters. In that capacity he led a Joint Civil Military Team in support of the Secretary General's Smart Defence initiative, introduced a Total System Approach to military aviation, and promoted multinational armaments cooperation, in particular NATO's Integrated Air and Missile Defence (IAMD) and Joint Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (JISR) programmes. In his role as NATO's JISR Capability Area Manager he played a key role in delivering an Initial Operating Capability for NATO JISR and the launching of the Alliance Future Surveillance and Control project aimed at defining a successor to AWACS.

From 2008 to 2011 he held the position of Head, Armaments Programme Support Section at NATO Headquarters. His portfolio included Ballistic Missile Defence, the Alliance Ground Surveillance (AGS) programme, and NATO's Defence against Terrorism Programme.

From 2004 to 2008, Colonel Decamps was assigned as a policy adviser to the Private Office of the NATO Secretary General, where he mainly focused on issues related to defence transformation, capability development, defence planning and the reform of NATO Headquarters.

From 2001 to 2004, he was Staff Officer at the Belgian Representation to the NATO Military Committee dealing mainly with NATO outreach programmes, NATO-EU relations and the NATO Security Investment Programme.

From 1997 to 2001, he was Executive Assistant to the Director-General of the Belgian Military Intelligence and Security Service.

Prior to this engagement, he held various command and staff positions in armoured units of the Belgian armed forces in Germany (1983-1991) and on the Army Staff (1992-1996).

Ludwig Decamps is a graduate of the Royal Military Academy in Brussels (1978-1982), attended the senior course at the Royal Defence College, Brussels (1996-1997) and followed the Advanced Security and Defence Studies co-organized by the Belgian Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2007). He holds a master's degree in international politics (2001-2002) from the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

In 2017, Mr Decamps has been awarded the NATO Meritorious Service Medal for his contribution to NATO's capability development agenda.

He is married with two adult children.

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