Bert De Colvenaer was appointed Executive Director of the ECSEL Joint Undertaking as of January 1st 2016. ECSEL is a public-private partnership on nanoelectronics, embedded software and smart system integration established as an autonomous European Union body through the merger of ENIAC and ARTEMIS JUs. As Executive Director, he is the legal representative of the ECSEL JU and is the chief executive responsible for its day-to-day management. Prior to his appointment he was Executive Director of the Fuel Cells and Hydrogen Joint Undertaking (FCH JU) mandated to bring the FCH technology to the point of market readiness.

Bert De Colvenaer has been involved in the automotive industry for more than 20 years, in the field of power-train production engineering and advanced research. He has been working on fuel cell research from the early 90’s and was involved in high level group activities and major EU research projects. In 2002 he established and led the Advanced Technology Division of Toyota Europe, focusing on breakthrough research in the field of fuel cell and hydrogen, robotics and new automotive production technologies. Prior to Toyota, he worked for Volvo. His academic background is in mechanical engineering and in industrial management.