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He joined the services of the Prime minister in 2000 at General Secretariat for National Defence (SGDN) as Deputy Director of the Central directorate for information system security (DCSSI). He has had a leading role in the elaboration of the national IT security policy and later its inter-ministerial implementation.

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Over the last thirty years, Alain has been author of many articles and several books on a wide variety of topics related to high-tech development, scientific research and international security. He has been lecturer in various Universities in Europe, Canada and USA. He gave training courses on network and information security.