

Philippe Malbranche est diplômé Ingénieur de l'Ecole Centrale des Arts et Manufactures de Paris. Il a commencé à travailler dans le Pacifique Sud sur des programmes d'électrification rurale à partir des énergies renouvelables. Il a ensuite rejoint la Direction Générale de l'Energie au Ministère de l'Industrie en tant que Conseiller sur les énergies renouvelables, puis l'entreprise Photowatt, fabricant français de cellules et modules solaires photovoltaïques et le laboratoire de recherche CEA-GENEC sur les systèmes solaires photovoltaïques, qu'il a dirigé jusqu'en 2004. A partir de 2005, il a participé au montage d'INES, l'Institut National de l'Energie Solaire, qui rassemble maintenant 400 chercheurs couvrant l'ensemble des thématiques liées à l'énergie solaire, et où il occupe la fonction de Directeur Général.

Philippe Malbranche got an engineering degree at the Ecole Centrale de Paris. He started working in 1980 in the South Pacific on rural electrification projects with renewable energies, during 8 years. He joined afterwards successively the French Department of Energy as advisor on renewable energy policy, Photowatt, the French PV cell and module manufacturer, and CEA-GENEC, a research laboratory with 25 people focused on PV systems and storage systems, which he managed until 2004. Then, he participated to the setting up of INES, the French Solar Energy Research Institute, which hosts 380 researchers involved in all the value chain of solar energy, and where his position is now General Director.

Philippe Malbranche's main fields of expertise are: PV materials, PV cells and modules, PV systems, storage technologies and systems, solar thermal systems, zero-energy buildings, and smart grids.

Main international involvements:

- Coordinator of the European Energy Research Alliance Photovoltaic Joint Programme
- Coordinator of a European Photovoltaic Research Infrastructure project
- Member of the Steering Committee of the European Photovoltaic Technology Platform
- Member of the Scientific Committee and Topic Organizer of the European Photovoltaic Conference EUPVSEC.
- French Technical National Focal Point for the International Solar Alliance