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Jean-Noël Durvy has a double education in Sciences (Mathematics) and Economics (Ph D). He worked for a few years in France as statistician in the Prime Minister's services and lecturer in the University of Rheims.

He joined the European Commission on October 1978, where he started in the informatics directorate.

He became head of unit in September 1988 at the DG "Information Society" where he was successively head of the unit "Evaluation and exploitation of research results" (1988-1993) and "Strategic aspects of innovation and exploitation of RTD results – Intellectual property rights" (1993-1999). He joined the DG Enterprise and Industry as head of the Innovation policy unit (1999-2004) and head of the unit "Financing SMEs, entrepreneurs and innovators" (2004 – 2007).

He became Director for Innovation Policy in DG Enterprise and Industry in 2007.

The Directorate is composed of four units: Innovation policy development, Support for innovation, Financing SMEs, entrepreneurs and innovators, Technology for innovation / ICT industries and e-business.

The Directorate is responsible of the elaboration and implementation of the strategy for innovation in the European Union and of a significant part of the Competitiveness and Innovation programme (3.6 billion Euros).