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# **Eutelsat appoints Gary Donnan as Chief Innovation Officer**

**Paris, 16 October 2018** – Gary Donnan will join Eutelsat Communications (Euronext Paris: ETL) on 29 October as Chief Innovation Officer, reporting to Chief Executive Officer Rodolphe Belmer.

In this role, Gary is tasked with defining Eutelsat's innovation roadmap and the identification and cross-functional development of innovation initiatives across the Group. He will also focus on forging stronger links between Eutelsat and the external innovation ecosystem to step up the roll-out of emerging technologies throughout the company.

## A wealth of experience in the fields of innovation and transformation

Gary Donnan brings significant experience in cross-functional and collaborative management. He joins Eutelsat after eleven years at Technicolor where he conducted large-scale transformation projects and held several key positions in the fields of technology, research and innovation, gaining expertise in the broadcasting industry. As a member of Technicolor's Executive Committee, he was successively Executive Vice President (EVP) for Research and Innovation, then EVP for technology and standards. Prior to joining Technicolor, Gary held similar research and innovation positions at Alcatel, including research and development for the deployment of fibre, cable, radio and satellite networks in various parts of the world. He is therefore well versed in telecom technologies as a whole.

Of Irish nationality, Gary holds a degree in computer science and data processing and a postgraduate degree in distributed and parallel systems from the University of Ulster (United Kingdom).

Rodolphe Belmer, Eutelsat CEO, said: "The appointment of Gary to Eutelsat offers a remarkable opportunity for all of us. His extensive experience within leading companies within the video and telecommunication industries will be invaluable in further aligning our innovation roadmap with the evolving requirements of our customers. This appointment is part of our strategy to accelerate our transformation in order to be more open and agile to a constantly changing environment."

#### **About Eutelsat Communications**

Founded in 1977, Eutelsat Communications is one of the world's leading satellite operators. With a global fleet of satellites and associated ground infrastructure, Eutelsat enables clients across Video, Data, Government, Fixed and Mobile Broadband markets to communicate effectively to their customers, irrespective of their location. Over 6,900 television channels operated by leading media groups are broadcast by Eutelsat to one billion viewers equipped for DTH reception or connected to terrestrial networks. Headquartered in Paris, with offices and teleports around the globe, Eutelsat assembles 1,000 men and women from 46 countries who are dedicated to

delivering the highest quality of service.

Eutelsat Communications is listed on the Euronext Paris Stock Exchange (ticker: ETL).

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