

Press release

A new three-year term for Manuelle Vertot, ANSES's Ethics Officer

Manuelle Vertot, Ethics Officer at ANSES, has been reappointed for a new three-year term by decision of the Director General, Roger Genet. Manuelle Vertot was first appointed Ethics Officer in 2016. The Agency is restating its confidence in her in view of what she has accomplished during her first term.

On 16 October 2019, the Director General of ANSES, Roger Genet, reappointed Manuelle Vertot, ANSES's Director of Legal Affairs, for a new term as Ethics Officer, which she will carry out until October 2022.

In accordance with the provisions of the French Act of 26 January 2016 on the modernisation of the health system, the Ethics Officer is responsible for overseeing compliance with the requirements to prevent conflicts of interest within public bodies, as well as ensuring that public declarations of interest are obtained and that any resulting management measures are implemented.

To provide scientific expertise that is independent of any particular interest, ANSES relies heavily on a rigorous system of ethics.

During her first term of office from 2016 to 2019, Manuelle Vertot focused on strengthening ANSES's ethical framework, in order to guarantee the transparency and independence of the Agency's scientific expertise.

In particular, the Ethics Officer worked on adopting a guide for analysing personal connections, strengthening the traceability of the analysis of public declarations of interest, and setting up audits of declarations of interest. These achievements have contributed to the transparency of the Agency's processes and the strengthening of its ethical framework.

For Manuelle Vertot *"ANSES's credibility and scientific excellence are based on a solid and exacting ethical framework. The continuation of my mission will make it possible to consolidate all the resources deployed to prevent any risks of conflict of interest, thereby reconciling the Agency's requirements of competence and independence."*

In addition to an impeccable knowledge of legislation and case law in the field of ethics, Manuelle Vertot holds a DEA postgraduate degree in Private Law and a professional lawyer's certificate.