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François Arbault heads the 'Industrial property' unit ('MARKT/D-2') within Directorate-general 'Internal Market and Services' at the European Commission. Before taking-up this position he was a member of Commissioner Michel Barnier's private office (2010-2013), where inter alia he was in charge of Intellectual property.

François studied political science and law and also holds a Master's degree from the College of Europe in Bruges. He joined the European Commission in September 1995, starting out in the Directorate-General for Education, Training and Youth. In 1997 François moved to the Directorate-General for Competition, where he held various positions. In August 2003, he was seconded to the Court of First Instance (– now 'General Court') at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, where he was a 'Référéndaire' (legal clerk) in the chambers of Judge M-E Martins Ribeiro.

Back in Brussels, in January 2006 he joined the 'Competition' team of the Legal Service of the Commission. In October 2008 he became a member of the private office of Vice-President Jacques Barrot, Commissioner for Justice, Freedom and Security, where he was notably in charge of Justice, Economic and financial affairs, Competition, and the Single market until he joined Michel Barnier's team.