

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Karine Wecker appointed Head of Brand and  
Communication at Université Paris-Saclay**

**Karine Wecker has been appointed Head of Brand and Communication at Université Paris-Saclay as of 1 January 2023.**

Karine Wecker has a PhD in molecular biophysics from Sorbonne Université (formerly UPMC). After a post-doctorate in the Laboratory of Molecular and Structural Pharmacology (CNRS/Inserm/Univ. Paris-Descartes) at the Faculty of Pharmacy of Université Paris Cité (formerly Université Paris-Descartes) and teaching activities at the same university, the HIV specialist joined the Institut Pasteur, first for a post-doctorate and then as a CNRS staff member (French National Centre for Scientific Research), where she carried out her research for almost ten years.

Karine Wecker then joined the CNRS's Department of Innovation and Corporate Relations, where she served as Acting Deputy Director of Innovation and Corporate Relations before joining the Department of Communication in 2013 as Head of Innovation, Development and Corporate Relations. In 2017, she became Deputy Head of the CNRS Department of Communication, in charge of the institutional publications office.

*"I am delighted to join the great and prestigious university that is Université Paris-Saclay, to continue and develop its communication as a university that is well established in both national and international academic arenas,"* says Karine Wecker.

Karine Wecker has replaced Marie-Pauline Gacoin, who joined the CNRS as Chief of Staff to its CEO, Antoine Petit.

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Université Paris-Saclay was born from the shared ambition of French universities, *grandes écoles* and national research organisations. As a leading university in Europe and the world, it covers the fields of science and engineering, life sciences and health, and humanities and social sciences. The university's science policy closely intertwines research and innovation, incorporating both basic and applied science to tackle major societal challenges. Université Paris-Saclay offers a varied range of undergraduate to doctorate level degrees, including programmes with its *grandes écoles*, all of which are focused on achieving student success and employability. The university prepares students for an ever-changing world where the ability to think critically, remain agile and renew one's skills are crucial. Université Paris-Saclay also offers a comprehensive range of lifelong learning courses. Located to the south of Paris, the university extends across a vast and rich local area. Its location strengthens both its international visibility and its close ties with its socio-economic partners (major companies, SMEs, start-ups, local authorities, charities). [www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en](http://www.universite-paris-saclay.fr/en)



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