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As **Vice president for concept and capabilities development at General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. (GA-ASI)**, Christophe "Taraz" Fontaine is primarily responsible for liaising with current and future customers, advise for CONOPS and capability building of an ISR force, and to promote opportunities for the company's family of Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) systems, radars, and electro-optic and related mission systems to European customers individually as well as at NATO/EU level.

Prior to joining GA-ASI in 2018, Mr. Fontaine served in the French Air Force for over 30 years as an intelligence officer and retired as Colonel. In 2013, he became the French Air Force's first MQ-9A Reaper Squadron Cdr, conducting numerous anti-terrorist missions in Sahel, middle east & Africa. Mr. Fontaine was deployed 28 times around-the-world from 1992-2017 as support to French, NATO, and/or U.S.-led operations, including occupying the position of Deputy CJ2 ISR during Operation Inherent Resolve in 2017. His last position before retiring was senior ISR Division Chief and Advisor to the French Air Force and the Joint Staff.

Mr. Fontaine is a graduate of the French Joint War College and holds Master's degrees in Criminality and Modern History. He has written and published more than 30 articles on ISR. He also has been honoured numerous medals to include the U.S. Army Achievement medal, the French Légion d'Honneur, the Légion du Mérite and two gold national defense medals for combat action.