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This is Martin Nagelsmit

Since the 1st of June 2025, Martin is Chief Technology Officer of Royal NLR (Netherlands Aerospace Centre).

Together with Tineke van der Veen (CEO) and Jan Lintsen (CFO), he forms the collegiate Board of NLR.

Martin studied Aerospace Engineering at the Delft University of Technology. Following his graduation, he did a Research Internship at the Pennsylvania State University before joining NLR. Martin started as a PhD researcher at NLR. The topic of his thesis was 'improving the damage tolerance of composites by using non-conventional laminates', which led to a successful patent application. Subsequently he managed and worked in numerous projects, ranging from European framework projects to commercial R&D, all in the field of automated manufacturing processes for composite structures.

Before being appointed as CTO, Martin served as Head of the Sustainability and Environment department at NLR. Previously, he was Business Manager at the Aerospace Vehicles Division of NLR and led NLR's electric flight research.

Martin is a board member of the Association of European Research Establishments in Aeronautics (EREA), the Association of European Space Research Establishments (ESRE), the International Forum for Aviation Research (IFAR), German-Dutch Wind Tunnels (DNW) and the European Transonic Windtunnel (ETW).

Martin is married and has three children.
