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As of 16 April 2015 she is Director of the EC Joint Research Centre Institute for Transuranium Elements. After the reorganisation of the JRC and the allocation of all nuclear activities under a unique directorate - spread across four different geographical sites - as 1st July 2016 she has been appointed Director G Nuclear Safety and Security and Director of the JRC Karlsruhe site.

In 2012 she was the international winner of the "Prix Monte-Carlo Femme de l'Année" for the establishment after the RIO+20 summit of the International Centre on Ocean Acidification at the IAEA office in the Principality of Monaco. From 2004 to 2008 she chaired the JRC Women and Science Network.

In November 2016 Maria Betti has been honoured with the magnificent distinction by the Ordre de Saint Charles (Principality of Monaco).