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He has previously developed a long experience at the public sector during the last twenty years. Director of European Programmes and International Cooperation of the Agency of Innovation and Development of Andalusia since 2010, where he was formerly in charge of the Agro-industrial Division (2004-2010). He has also worked as Executive Manager at the Institute of Mediterranean Food (Málaga, 2003-2004), Head of Agri-Food Division at the Public Company for Agricultural and Fisheries Development (Seville, 1999-2002) and Responsible for Agriculture and Fisheries Affairs in the Andalusian Regional Representation before the European Communities (Brussels, 1994-1999).

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