

CURRICULUM VITAE

Proposed Position in the project:

1. **Family name:** ATAZ GOMEZ
2. **First names:** RAFAEL
3. **Date of Birth:** 4/7/1965
4. **Nationality:** Spaniard
5. **Civil Status:** Married
6. **Education:**

<i>Institution: Date from – Date to</i>	Degree (s) or Diploma (s) obtained:
1983-1988	Degree in Law (5 years)
1989-90	Master in legal business advisory

7. Language skills: Indicate competence on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 – excellent; 5 – basic)

<i>Language</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Speaking</i>	<i>Writing</i>
Spanish	1	1	1
English	1	2	2
French	1	2	2
Italian	2	2	3

8. Membership of professional bodies:

9. Other skills: (eg Computer literacy, etc)

- Computer literacy: WORD, EXCEL, ACCESS, Internet navigators, ...
- Introduction to the European Community Law (University of Murcia, january-may 1990)
- Application of European Law in Court (Spanish Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, Oct. 95)
- Stagiaire in the European Documentation Centre (University of Murcia 1989-1990)

- 10. Present position:** Instituto de Fomento Región de Murcia
 Head of Unit European programmes and projects
 Consultant on EU policies related to regional development and SMEs

11. Years with the firm: 21

12. Key qualifications (relevant to the project):

- Technical coordinator of COLUMBUS project (ERASMUS for Young Entrepreneurs programme)
- Knowledge of EU programmes and procedures.
- Experience in networking and interregional co-operation projects cofunded by EU.
- Practical knowledge and experience in business advisory services (institutional side of providing information, business planning, consultancy services, marketing, management, design, internationalisation, exporting, environmental management, purchase of technology) and regional development strategies.
- Practical Knowledge in Structural Funds management according to EU regulations: i.e. information campaigns, project elaboration, technical studies.
- Practical knowledge and experience in events concerning regional development
- Interreg IIC Medocc: "*Reti degli spazi fragili*" project. Interregional co-operation on ICT applications for economic development in rural areas. Regional co-manager responsible for technical implementation in the Murcia region.
- Phare Small Project Facility, European coordinator of the EU funded project "Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) as a tool for enhancing Small and Medium Enterprises Development (SME) within the Enlarged Internal Market"
- EU Equal Initiative: responsible for the monitoring and public cofinancing of the projects Micro and eMicro, approved in the frame of the a.m. community initiative
- Interreg III B Medocc: "*Réseau européen intermodal pour un développement intégré des espaces de la Méditerranée occidentale*". Interregional co-operation on Logistics for Promoting Freight Intermodality

within the Med basin. Regional co-manager responsible for technical implementation in the Murcia region.

13. Specific experience in the region

Country	Date from – Date to

14. Professional Experience

Date from- Date to	Location	Company	Position	Description
2013-to date	MURCIA	INSTITUTO DE FOMENTO REGION DE MURCIA		Head of Unit European programmes and projects
2011-2013	MURCIA	INSTITUTO DE FOMENTO REGION DE MURCIA	Coordinator of European Projects Unit	Fostering the participation of Instituto in projects funded by EU and other international organisations: interregional co-operation proposals and call for tenders in the EU, technical assistance projects for developing countries (CEEC, Latin America, MEDA) in those fields of Instituto's ordinary activity: regional development, support to SMEs, management of EU funds, etc. Liaison with the permanent office in Brussels.
2007-2008	MURCIA	INSTITUTO DE FOMENTO REGION DE MURCIA	Responsible for Multilateral Organisations	To facilitate the participation of Murcia region companies and intermediate business organisations in tenders opened by European Commission (EuropeAid), United Nations and other multilateral donors (IDB, ADB, ...)
1998 - 2011	MURCIA	INSTITUTO DE FOMENTO REGION DE MURCIA	Responsible for the European Projects Unit	Fostering the participation of Instituto in projects funded by EU and other international organisations: interregional co-operation proposals and call for tenders in the EU, technical assistance projects for developing countries (CEEC, Latin America, MEDA) in those fields of Instituto's ordinary activity: regional development, support to SMEs, management of EU funds, etc.
1998 - to date	MURCIA	INSTITUTO DE FOMENTO REGION DE MURCIA	Advisor on EU Funded Projects	Practical Knowledge in Structural Funds management according to EU regulations: i.e. information campaigns, project elaboration, technical studies, quality control.
1993-1998	MURCIA	INSTITUTO DE FOMENTO REGION DE MURCIA	Euro Info Centre: Information officer	Information, advice and support to SMEs in Murcia (a region whose GDP is particularly based on the agrofood sector) on business matters and European Community policies. Ordinary job: access to databases and information sources through internet, management of business documentation and internal databases, ... Services provided to the entrepreneurial sector: provision of specialised support to regional technology centres (agro-food, furniture, craft, etc) and regional economic actors, access to electronic networks, organisation of seminars and workshops, assesment & guidance,

				expert consulting and training, participation in EU projects ...
1992-1993	MURCIA	INSTITUTO DE FOMENTO REGION DE MURCIA	Information officer	Assistance and advice to regional SMEs on subsidies and loans funded by european, national and regional institutions
1991-1992	MURCIA	COMERCIAL RONDA NORTE, S.L.	Administration manager	Financial and administrative management in a trading SME of electronic equipment: account, documentation, invoicing, etc

15. Other Relevant Information (eg Publications)

- Seminar for Advisors in European R+D Projects (European Commission, CDTI, March 95)
- Training sessions for specialists on community matters (European Commission, Brussels, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1999)
- Training courses on computer literacy: Windows 95, EU databases, Internet (1994, 1997, 1999)
- Organisation of Europartenariat Spain 1998 (Valence) with the support of the Europ. Commis.
- Responsible for regional implementation of the project "Rete degli spazi fragili": fostering rural development through access to ICT (community Initiative INTERREG II C, Spain-Italy)
- Coordinator of INFO's participation within the EU funded project MEDA Industrial Parks: study visits, sectorial workshops, dissemination of best practices (2000-01)
- Coordinator of INFO's participation within the EU funded project E-Forum: access to risk capital to e-content companies through internet (eContent initiative 2000-01), Crescendo (5^o FP RTD), Industrial Parks (MEDA), Iqade II Portugal (ERDF), and others

Training course on UNE-EN ISO 9001-2000 standard (1-3/2002)

Training course on "Environmental Indicators for Tourism" (february 2002)

Participación en Misiones de Asistencia / Technical Assistance missions:

- 1993: Local development strategies within the EC LEADER programme/ (Shannon, Ireland)
- 1995: Business co-operation projects within the IV R+D Community Programme (Treviso, Italy)
- 1998: Exchange of experiences on regional economic development (Marrakech, Maroc)
- 1999: Setting-up of new services of the Euro Info Centre network in CEEC (Bucarest, Romania)
- 1999: Regional development: upgrading the professional skills of the new RDA Vale do Cavado staff (Portugal)
- 1999: Quality Certification: upgrading the professional skills of the new RDA Madeira region staff (Portugal)
- 2000: Evaluation seminar of the IQADE II programme (Chaves, Portugal)
- 2000: Marketing of rural tourism: upgrading the professional skills of the new RDA Vale do Ave staff (Portugal)
- Technical assistance on how to manage an Euro Info Centre for RDA Lower Silesia and Dobrich Chamber of Commerce (Murcia, June 2000)
- 2000: EU Regional Policy: Implications for SME and the EIC network in CEEC (Udine, Italy)
- 2000: Annual Conference of the community EIC network (Prague, Cech Rep.)
- 2001: Transnational expert workshop of EDEN project (Gyor, Hungary)
- 2001: II Congress of Regional Development Agencies from CEEC (Lublin, Poland)
- 2002: I Methodological meeting, IRE thematic network PARTNER (Timisoara, Romania)
- 2002: Transnational expert workshop of EDEN project (Ioaninna, Greece)
- 2007: United Nations offices in Roma, Stockholm and Wien

Conferencias impartidas/Conferences attended as a speaker:

- Institutions of the European Community (Murcia 1990)
- European Initiatives and Community Funds: Opportunities for companies (Murcia 1997)
- EC policy for craft sector (Murcia 1998)
- Information and documentation on european policies for public entities (Murcia 1998)
- Craft sector in Spain: current situation in the Murcia Region (Marrakech 1998)
- Employment for young people: access to information sources (Murcia 1998)
- EIC as source of support in the field of foreign trade (several municipalities 1999)
- EU programmes in the field of Environmental Protection (Murcia 1999)
- Experiences of participation within european projects/programmes funded by EU (Oviedo 2000)
- Regional development & EU support schemes to SME (Udine 2000)
- Implementation of a Interreg IIC project: practical experiences (Lorca 2000, Murcia 2001)
- La qualité environnementale des zones d'activité industrielle (Paris 2001)
- Sustainable economic development models in the Murcia region (Ioanina, Greece 2002)

- Technical assistance to EU countries (Stockholm, March 2003)
- The role of RDAs in implementing the Structural Funds. What can CEEC RDAs learn from EU RDAs ? (Krakov, Poland 2003)
- Cooperation between RDAs to transfer knowledge and models for regional development (Oviedo, 2003)
- Does partnership between Regional Development Agencies work ? (Olomouc, Czech Rep 2004)
- Economic approach within the Mediterranean basin (Salerno, Italy 2006)
- Networking experiences under EU funded projects (Portoroz, Slovenia 2006)
- Expériences de promotion du développement socio-économique Region de Murcia (Tanger, Maroc 2007)
- Role of RDAs within the New Programming Period of the EU (Sofia, Bulgaria 2007)
- Companies, actors for development aid strategies (Murcia, 2007 and 2008)
- Support to start-up and entrepreneurs in the Murcia region (Murcia, 2008)
- Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs programme - Columbus project (Murcia, 2009)

Publicaciones/Publications:

- "Agenda para la creación de empresas" (INFO-IMPI, 1993) Guide to setting-up a company
- "European funds for Smes in Murcia" (INFO-Cajamurcia,1998)
- "Support services to enterprises in the Murcia region" (Monthly magazine of the Business Development Centre in Maramures, Romania, 1999)