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Trained as chemical, material engineer, he holds a degree in Business Administration. He has worked in the chemical and electrical engineering industries before joining the European Commission in 1987

Since then, he has been working in the Research field of advanced materials, new production systems and transport technologies.

He has been, for 5 years, Head of Unit responsible for Sub-Priority 6.2 "Sustainable Surface Transport" in the FP6 Specific Programme "Integrating & Strengthening ERA".

In 2004, he was appointed responsible for the Unit "New generation of products" within Directorate "Industrial Technologies" of "Directorate General "Research".

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