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He has mostly developed his career on the field of the environment. He started working at the Ministry of Environment in 2000 on coastal management. He also worked on environmental legislation between 2003 and 2004. In June 2006 he moved to the Ministry of Economy and Finance, where he worked as advisor to the Secretary of State for Finance. In 2007, he returned to the Ministry of Environment. Since then, his career focused on climate change policies. He was Deputy Director General for Carbon Markets between 2007 and 2013. After that period, he worked for more than 4 years at the DG Climate Action at the European Commission as a seconded national expert. Back in Spain since July 2018, he was appointed Head of Cabinet of the Secretary of State for the Environment until January 2020.

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