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Born in Madrid (Spain),

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Javier has been working in banking since 1992, with a parenthesis of three and a half years spent with the Spanish Central Government, as advisor to the Ministry of Public Works and Communications (1996 - 1999). He returned to the Bank as Subdirector General (Assistant General Manager) in charge of Operations and Business Services, leading over three thousand professionals, and integrating all the operational departments of the two merging banks (Santander and Central Hispano).

Currently, he represents Banco Santander in several national and international forums, mainly in areas related to payment systems and transaction banking. Among them: European Payments Council (EPC), Euro Banking Association (EBA), Banco de España, Spanish Banking Association (AEB), European Banking Federation (EBF), Iberpay (the Spanish Clearing House), SWIFT cooperative.

He has been a member of the Coordination Committee of the EPC since its creation and, consequently, participates in the Contact Group on Euro Payments Strategy (COGEPS) established by the European Central Bank and the Eurosystem. He has also attended the Payment Systems Market Group (PSMG) set up by the European Commission during the last years and was selected to join its successor, the Payment Systems Market Expert Group (PSMEG). In December 2009 he was elected chair of the SEPA Payments Schemes Working Group by the EPC Plenary.