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Research management and innovation policy have been my main professional focus and prime cultural interest for the last 15 years. I have been for ten years in the managing team of an Italian leading research centre, working on ICT, material science, microtechnology. In the last five years I was Commissioner in charge of research and innovation in the government of Trentino, one of the two Italian autonomous provinces. In this role I have launched several major initiatives in the area of renewable energies and sustainable building (as the Italian Green Building Council and the “Habitech” cluster of green companies).

In 2009 I was appointed President and Ceo of *Manifattura domani*, a company established by Trentino’s government with the mission of re-developing an old industrial site to host an “innovation hub” on green and clean technologies.