



Mr. José Luis Curbelo
Chairman and CEO of COFIDES

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ph.D. - Dept. of City and Regional Planning, University of California at Berkeley, 1987
 MSc. - Urban and Regional Studies. University of Wisconsin at Madison .University of Wisconsin at Madison. Dept. of City and Regional Planning, 1983
 BSc. - School of Economics and Business, Basque Country University, Bilbao, 1979

Other training:

- 'International Economics', Harvard University, USA, 2016-2017
- 'The Future of Europe: Politics, Economics and Foreign Policy', London School of Economics, 2016
- 'Microeconomics of Competitiveness', Harvard Business School, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2016
- 'Analysis and Evaluation of Investment Projects', Harvard University/World Bank, Washington, D.C., 1997
- 'Infrastructure in a Market Economy', Harvard Kennedy School of Public Policy & International Affairs, 1998
- 'Project Finance', Amsterdam Institute of Finance, Amsterdam, 2002
- 'Credit Risk Assessment, Control and Management', Analistas Financieros Internacionales, Madrid, 2001
- 'Leadership and Management', Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, D.C., 1995

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Since 07/2018 - President and CEO

COFIDES (Spanish development finance company)

COFIDES, a publicly/privately owned financial institution (47 % Spanish banking sector) with around 100 employees, structures equity, quasi-equity and debt operations.

- M€1400 performing portfolio in foreign investments with Spanish companies
- Asset managers for the Spanish Government's cooperation for development finance portfolio
- Asset managers for the M€1000 Fund for Recapitalising Medium-Sized Companies affected by COVID

Board member, European Development Finance Institutions (EDFI).

Board member, developing country investment funds:

- EFP (European Financial Partners). Performing portfolio: M€150
- ICCF (Interact Climate Change Facility). Performing portfolio: M€250

Earlier professional experience:

2016-2018 - Tenured Scientific Researcher

Institute for Public Policies, National Research Council (CSIC), Madrid

(Presently on leave of absence)

Fields of research:

- Digital transformation and globalisation: Economy and industry 4.0
- Public and development banking
- Policies for the digital transformation of the economy and business
- Competitiveness and industrial policy; transformation of production
- Financial instruments to support innovation and internationalisation
- Business models and global competition
- Impact of foreign investment on the Spanish economy

Associate professor - International MBA

La Rioja International University (UNIR)

- Strategic Planning: Management and Operations
- Leadership and Negotiation Skills

Consultant in topics such as:

- Innovation and competitiveness
- Trade and investment policy
- Competitive cities
- Foreign investment
- Local/territorial development
- Entrepreneurship / leadership

Most prominent consultancy projects:

- Small and Medium Enterprise Competitiveness: Implementing the Cluster Policy in the Regions of the Republic of Kazakhstan (WorldBank)
- Digital Transformation of SMEs: A Review of Policies in the European Union and Latin America. (ECLAC-CEPAL and EUROMIPYME-EC)
- Santa Cruz Innova: Una Agencia Regional de Innovación para Santa Cruz de la Sierra (Bolivia) [Santa Cruz innovates: regional innovation agency for Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia], 2017
- Innovation agency assessment: case study of Spain's Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology (CDTI) (IDB), 2017
- Impact of foreign investment on the Spanish economy (AMME), 2016
- Competitive transformation of Chilean regions (IDB), 2015
- Attracting foreign investment to Ecuador (IDB), 2015
- Generating knowledge products to support the implementation and dissemination of local economic development policies through LAC (IDB and Orkestra), 2012-2013
- European Cluster Observatory-II, (project awarded to Orkestra under FP7, the EU's 7th Framework Programme), 2009- 2012
- Strategic action to enhance competitiveness (Basque Regional Government and Orkestra), 2011
- Entrepreneurship and business angels, 'Crece+' [Growth+] (Basque Regional Government and Orkestra), 2010
- Governance in the worldwide knowledge society (Basque Regional Government and Orkestra), 2010

2014-2016 - Dean, School of Law and Economics

Camilo José Cela University, Madrid

2012-2014 - Vice President for Development Strategies and Public Policy and Chief Economist

Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), Caracas, Venezuela

2009-2012 - General Manager

Orkestra-Basque Competitiveness Institute, Deusto University, San Sebastián, Spain

2006-2009 - Incumbent, BBVA Chair of Entrepreneurship

Antonio de Nebrija University, Madrid

1999-2009 - Chief Investment Officer

COFIDES (Spain's development finance company), Madrid

1993-1999 - Head of Small Business Development Facility

Interamerican Development Bank – Multilateral Investment Fund, Washington, D.C.

1991-1993 - Tenured scientist

Institute for Applied Economics, National Research Council (CSIC), Madrid

1989-1991 - Chief Economist

Banco Hipotecario de España, Madrid

1988-1989 - Associate Professor, Economic Policies

University of the Basque Country, School of Economics, Bilbao

1987-1988 - Visiting Professor

Federal University of Minas Gerais-Belo Horizonte, Brazil

1979-1981 - Assistant professor, Economic Policies

University of Seville, School of Economics and Business Administration, Seville, Spain

Lecturer/researcher at:

- United Nations/ECLAC (Chile and Bolivia)
- Carlos III University of Madrid
- Rey Juan Carlos University, Madrid
- Ortega y Gasset Institute, Madrid
- University of California-Berkeley
- University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison

BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

Seat on the Boards of the following foreign companies:

- Bakwena Platinum Corridor concessionaire (Pty.) Ltd., South Africa, toll road
- CONMEX- Circuito Exterior Mexiquense, SA. de CV. toll road
- Mayakoba Fairmont Hotel-Resort. Mexico, tourist resort
- Gestamp México SA. de CV. Mexico, automobile parts
- Chupa Chups Invest, Mexico, candy
- Losan Rumania Spa., Romania, wood panelling
- Américo Vespucio Norte Chile, toll road

PUBLICATIONS

Author/editor of books, monographs, scientific papers and reports, most prominently:

- 'Políticas e Instrumentos de la UE para apoyar la Transformación Digital de la Economía y la Empresa Europea', in Lucio, J. (ed): Empresa e Internacionalización (Madrid, Thomson-Reuters) 2018
- 'Políticas para hacer frente al desafío de la Transformación Digital de la empresa española' in Huerta E. et al (eds) Innovación y Competitividad: Desafíos para la Industria Española (Madrid, FUNCAS) 2018
- 'Malestar en la Economía 4.0: Transformación Digital, Nueva Globalización y Desigualdad' in Mancha, T. (ed) Política Económica, Economía Regional y Servicios. (Madrid: Thomson-Reuters) 2017

- 'Política Económica para la Competitividad de España' in Quo Vadis, 2016
- 'Políticas Industriales para la Competitividad de España' (Madrid, Revista de economía, 10) 2016
- Innovation, Global Change and Territorial Resilience (Cheltenham, Edward Elgar) 2012
- Territorios Innovadores y Competitivos (Madrid, Marcial Pons) 2011
- Los Retos del sector energético (Madrid, Marcial Pons) 2011
- El Arte de Emprender: Manual para la Formación de Emprendedores (Madrid, Universidad Antonio de Nebrija- BBVA) 2007
- Las Grandes Ciudades: Debates y Propuestas (co-ed with Manuel Castells)(Madrid., Economistas) 1991
- Andalucía: Crecimiento y Equidad (Seville, Regional Development Institute) 1998

Articles on economic and international issues published routinely in the most prominent Spanish press, (El País, ABC, Expansión, El Mundo, Cinco Días, El Economista, El Correo, El Huffington Post, El Español, etc.)

GRANTS AND DISTINCTIONS

- National Science Foundation Dissertation Grant, USA, 1985-1987
- Fundación Juan March, University of California-Berkeley, USA, 1984-1987
- Newhouse Foundation, University of California-Berkeley, USA, 1983-1987
- Fulbright/Banco de Bilbao, Universidad de Wisconsin-Madison, USA, 1981-1983
- Fulbright/Salzburg Seminar Fellowship, Salzburg, Austria, 1991
- Member of International Advisory Board for the Baque Competitiveness Institute-Orkestra, San Sebastián, Spain, chaired by Prof. Michael Porter (Harvard Business School)
- Chairman of World Competitiveness Summit, San Sebastián, Spain, 2012

LANGUAGES

Spanish; fluent in English, Portuguese and Italian; French.