

## Ruben Riestra



Along 35 years of consultancy experience in Europe, South America and Central Asia, Ruben has worked for United Nations, The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the European Commission, while cooperating with SMEs and local/regional governments active in socioeconomic development of their communities.

Among other activities, and holding roles as the Co-ordinator or as a member of the Steering Committee in charge of Communication, Ruben has been involved in managing some 50 EU-funded projects since 1992.

Ruben's expertise is centred in:

- a) mediating between funding agencies and innovative projects' promoters and stakeholders,
- b) identifying and developing commercial opportunities for inventions/R&D results, and
- c) supervising and coaching highly educated and/or innovative project managers.

Ruben holds an Industrial Engineer degree and an MBA by Universidad Pontificia de Comillas (Madrid).