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He is a mechanical engineer with an extensive background in heat transfer, complex systems design, and multidisciplinary optimization with about 40 years' experience both in research and real projects in aeronautics, defense, materials, digital and electronics. From end 2024 he is a senior adviser of AIRI a more than 50 years old Italian association that elaborates R&I strategies and support members into implementation working closely with Italian and EU bodies. He is following FP10, GBER revision and new Italian research frames.

Until 2024 he coordinated Leonardo Aircraft activities into European and national research, both civil or military. He has been member or chairman of several international and national working groups in aeronautics and sustainable mobility (ACARE, EUMAT, IMG4, EUROMART, ACARE Italia, ASD, BEPA, AZEA). As private stakeholders' expert, he supported since FP6 EC in definition of EU framework programs and in elaborating Single Basic Act of Horizon Europe partnerships. He has been member of technical bodies and Governing Boards of Clean Sky1 and 2, Clean Aviation and BEPA partnerships. He participated in elaborating the relevant Strategic Research and Innovation Agendas (SRIA) and has been member of Steering Committees in several large EU research (POA, MOET, TATEM).

Within Leonardo Engineering he has been the On-Board Systems R&I coordinator, Head of Environmental Control Systems, chief engineer and chartered ISO 9001 auditor. The main projects include: design, integration, certification of ATR 72/42 ECS and derivative versions; design, integration, certification both civil and military of C27J aircraft ECS; leading ATR working group on in-service issues; design, integration, certification both civil and military of ice protection systems for G222/C27A with USAF; A330 PW 4000 and Falcon 2000 engine nacelles.