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In 1985 he joined the European Commission in the launching of the European Union Telecommunications R&D Programmes (RACE, ACTS). He was responsible for the technical co-ordination of the whole Programme, directed research in Optical communications, networks, UMTS, etc. and held the position of the Acting Director of the ACTS Programme in its final phase.

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