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A graduate of the HEC business school and the Paris-I/Sorbonne University, post graduate in Econometrics, Gabriel Mergui began his career at INRA, French National Institute for Agronomic Research (9000 employees), as an Economist specialized in technology transfers in the food processing sector. He then, served as a Diplomat at the French Embassy in Mexico City (Agricultural Attaché). Back in France he co-founded the Technology Transfer Office of INRA.

In the private sector, he worked successively in a Venture Capital company, Idianova, before becoming European Venture Manager for Euro-America-I, a transatlantic Venture Capital fund based in Paris and in the Silicon Valley. He also served as Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of Clonatec; a Start-up company specialized in biomedical tests.

Since 1998, he co-founded the Incubator of the Genopole Science Park at Evry in the south of Paris and served as a member of the Board of Managing Directors of Genopole 1er Jour, the Seed Fund he has designed and helped to structure. On March 2003 he became Managing Director of the International Department of Genopole.

Since March 1st, 2009 he coordinates the EU-FP7 Consortium “**Bio Common Tools**” (Bio-CT) aiming at sharing several tools between EU Bio-Regions, for the benefit of innovative SMEs.

His experience gathered in different fields: Economic research, International trade, Industrial commercialization of Research, Venture Capital early stage financing of biotechnology start-up companies, Company management and international development of young innovative Companies. International Department of Genopole. Coordination of EU projects - is available for boosting international cooperation between Bio-Clusters’ operators, primarily SMEs.