

# Juan Tomás Hernani



Juan Tomas Hernani is the General Secretary for Innovation within Spain's Ministry of Science and Innovation since April 2009 and the President of CDTI. He is married with 3 children. He is an Industrial Engineer from the University of Bilbao; he is an economist and also hosts a Master of Science (M.Sc) in advanced manufacturing from the Cranfield Institute of Technology (UK).

Within the Ministry, he has been President of The Genoma Foundation, President of DDI and Vicepresident and General Manager of the Foundation for Science and Technology, FECYT.

He has more than 17 years of experience acting as General Director of various companies. He was the founder and CEO of KEON AZERTIA, a leading IT company specialized in the field of document processing. He was also General Manager of ISABEL (Conservas Gravilla). These activities were coached by the BBVA industrial group, where Mr Hernani worked for 11 years. He has extensive experience as Chairman and Board Member of a number of companies operating in the fields of Information Technology, Food, Fashion and Design, Biotechnology and Real State. He was Technical Director of Robotiker Research Centre. He has also worked at Hewlett Packard and the 'Ente Vasco de la Energia'.

He has been Secretary of the Foundation metalingua-Unesco and he has been professor of marketing and e-business at the Finance School of the BBVA, in the University of Deusto (masters and degree) and the University of the basque country. He is also an amateur opera singer.