

Richard Elelman

Richard Elelman studied Politics in the UK before living in France, Spain, Portugal, Sudan, the Middle East and India. A former teacher, journalist, actor and director of theatre, he is currently Head of Politics at EURECAT, and is the founder and Director General of the Network for Water in European Regions and Cities, NETWORK H2O. The former Deputy Mayor of Figueres, he is a political analyst who has, in recent years, specialised in Environmental and Scientific Policy and the links between Politics, the world of Research and Development and Citizen Engagement. He works in collaboration with many supranational organisations such as the UN Environment Programme, (as the leader of the Social Engagement Programme of the World Water Quality Alliance) The OECD, the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission as an External Expert (for whom he is co-leading the establishment of the RENAISSANCE approach to Science-Culture-Sustainability), the World Bank and the Union for the Mediterranean (Water-Employment-Migration Group). A Director of Water Europe and a former member of the Steering Group of EIP WATER, he is currently co-editing the books entitled 'The Gateway to the Future of the Mediterranean' (for the European Commission) and is writing another regarding the domino effect which links Climate Change to migration, conflict and the increase in gender inequality.

As a politician, Elelman was actively involved in the establishment of the Covenant of Mayors and created the first public electric bus service in Spain inaugurated in 2010. As a result, he was awarded the PREMI CILMA for the best environmental policy of 2010. He has received several other awards including the Medal of Excellence, Saint Petersburg, Florida, 2011 and the Premi John Shields, 22@Network, 2011 for the creation of *La Comunidad de Desarrollo e Investigación Medioambiental* CODIM, a technology park project in the Empordà in Spain. He has coordinated European funded projects and has served as a member of the External Advisory Board on a number of European environmental programmes concerning public transport, smart city applications, energy and water.

He is a regular speaker at numerous international conferences (over 200) in the United States, Europe and the Middle East.

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