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Michele Capobianco is an experienced engineer with a University Degree in Electronic Engineering, specializing in System Analysis, Control & Management. He currently serves as the Managing Director of CENERGY s.r.l., a spin-off of the University of Trieste focused on hydrogen, fuel cells, and energy storage technologies. His work involves overseeing R&D on hydrogen systems, including safety and risk assessments, and directing projects like the development of liquid hydrogen (LH2) storage for maritime applications. Before this, he spent over 12 years at Tecnomare S.p.A. (ENI Group) in various roles, gaining extensive experience in the engineering and safety analysis of maritime and offshore oil & gas systems. He subsequently served as Technical Director for the start-up of the Pordenone Science & Technology Park in Italy, and then as VP of Product Management and CTO at ONDA Communication. Alongside his current role at CENERGY, he also works as a Business Innovation Manager and Technology Advisor, and he occasionally acts as an Angel Investor in high-tech start-ups.

Mr. Capobianco has a long-standing track record as an expert evaluator and reviewer for the European Commission's research and innovation programs, including Horizon 2020. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Italy and he was formerly a member of numerous technical societies such as the IEEE, Oceanic Engineering Society, and the Control Systems Society. His career combines deep engineering expertise with cross-sector innovation in marine technologies, energy systems, applications of AI, and mobile communications.