



Captain Esteban Pacha-Vicente  
Director General

### ***Curriculum Vitae***



Capt. Pacha was born in 1962 in Barcelona (Spain) and holds a Master Degree (MSc) in Nautical Sciences and Maritime Transport. He is Extra - Master Mariner and also holds a Diploma in Public Management and a Master of Philosophy Degree (MPhil) in Industrial Engineering.

He has served as deck officer and master on board merchant vessels and in 1987 he co-authored the 'Spanish Maritime Search and Rescue Plan'. From 1988 he has been appointed to several technical and managerial positions within the Spanish Maritime Administration. In 1992 he coordinated the maritime safety and security of the Olympic Games that took place in Barcelona as Head of its Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre. In 1993 he was appointed Harbour Master of Ceuta and became Vice-President of that Port Authority. In 1995 he was promoted to the post of Regional Director of the Ministry of Public works, Transport and Environment, with overall competences in infrastructure, housing, transport, telecommunications, hydrology, coasts and environment.

From 2000, he was the Counsellor for Transport at the Embassy of Spain in London and Representative of Spain to the International Maritime Organization (IMO). He also represented Spain at the IOPC Funds, IMSO, the Consultative Shipping Group and the Management Unit of *Equasis*. He was Head of the Spanish delegations in eight Diplomatic Conferences and in many other international meetings.

He has also served as Chairman of the Supplementary IOPC Fund Assembly, Chairman of the IMO Flag State Implementation (FSI) Sub-committee and Chairman of the IMSO Advisory Committee. He was the President of the Maritime Attaches' Club in London from 2004 to 2006, which is a position of a more social nature.

Since April 2007, he has held the post of Director General of IMSO, having been elected by the 18th Session of the IMSO Assembly in September 2006 and reappointed by the 20th Session in July 2010.

He has experience as auditor of the IMO Audit Scheme and also serves as Governor of the World Maritime University. In 2010, he was appointed as Founder Commissioner of the UN Broadband Commission for Digital Development, a joint initiative by ITU and UNESCO to achieve universal broadband access, in which mobile satellite communications at sea, land and air, are fundamental.

Capt. Pacha is Fellow Member of the Nautical Institute, Fellow Member of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology, Fellow Member of the Royal Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers and Member of the International Institute of Space Law. He lectures in postgraduate courses, participates in different international conferences and publishes articles in various professional publications.

In 2008 was awarded with the decoration of the Spanish Order of "*Isabelle the Catholic*" and in 2010 was presented the "*Lifetime Achievement Golden Anchor Award*".

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