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David has now 20 years' experience in conflict resolution/mediation, corporate issues management, and risk and intervention management in transition, fragile, and violence-affected areas affected.

David's achievements are both in applied practice and innovative thinking. He was part of some of the very first non-governmental dialogue efforts between Chechen proxies and the Russian government, process-designed and implemented effective national and sub-national dialogue in Georgia, Indonesia, Mauritania, Fiji, and Kyrgyzstan, and successfully helped companies resolve disputes with communities and armed groups in Nigeria, Iraq, and Guinea. David is also well-known for his innovations in the field of conflict analysis, early warning and risk assessment. For example, he is one of the originators of 'conflict sensitivity' when the concept was first developed in 2001 and his research on early warning is widely cited. Beyond practice and innovation, David is a pretty good programme designer and fund-raiser. Over the years, he has secured over USD15M in funding for UN agencies and USD5M for regional organisations.

David regularly consults for the private sector (Rio Tinto, BP, Statoil, TAP, Imerys, to mention a few), governments (United Kingdom, Germany, and Norway), and multilateral agencies (United Nations, World Bank, European Commission, Arab League, ECOWAS). He is a pre-approved member of the specialised Mediation Roster of the United Nations Department of Political Affairs, and the Crisis Prevention and Response Roster of the United Nations Development Programme. David is also a member of the INCAS Mediation Support Team.

David has worked in over 25 fragile and conflict-affected countries in Europe, Africa, Asia/Pacific, and Central America. He has good insight and strong networks in the Caucasus, Balkans, North Africa, and CIS countries in Europe, as well as Nigeria, Somalia, DR Congo, Indonesia, Thailand, and Myanmar.

Before joining ECAS, David held several policy, programme, research positions, notably with the European Commission (European Community Humanitarian Office), the Catholic University of Louvain, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, International Alert, and the Forum on Early Warning and Early Response. He is a published author.

David is trained in economics and epidemiology (LSE and LSHTM), political science (McGill), and has tried his hand at medicine (Louvain). He is a Norwegian national, speaks English, French, Italian, and Norwegian and is based in Malta.