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Joining Clusterland Upper Austria (March 2011)/ Business Upper Austria – OÖ Wirtschaftsagentur GmbH, where he is coordinator of international- and national projects, responsible for international project development (Clusterland), International Affairs (Clusterland) and is and was in charge of EU-projects such as the European Cluster Collaboration Platform phase 1 and 2 (phase 2 as lead partner), the European Cluster Excellence Initiative, CLUSTRAT, SME-Internationalization through Clusters etc.

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