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Albert Royo (Barcelona, 1977) was named Secretary General of the Public Diplomacy Council of Catalonia in February 2013. He was Secretary of Foreign Cooperation and secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Catalonia from 2004 until 2007 when several cooperation agreements with the United Nations were signed and the network of government delegations abroad was set up. Since 2001, Mr Royo had worked for the European Commission as head of the press and communication unit, as well as head of the political reporting unit at the Representation in Barcelona. Previously, he had worked for the Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to the European Union in Brussels. He holds a BA in Political Science and a

Master's degree in Applied Economic Analysis from University Pompeu Fabra (UPF), as well as a degree in European Affairs from London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Moreover, he is a lecturer of European and International Institutions at UPF. As an electoral observer he took part in several international missions organised by the OSCE or the Government of Catalonia.