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Biography:

Christian Suojanen is Secretary General of the European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB), and a strategic advisor on biotech sector initiatives, new ventures, venture capital and business development. He maintains a particular focus on industrial biotechnology and chairs the new pan-European Industrial Biotech & Finance Forum initiative. The EFB is the pan-European federation of national and cross-national learned societies, universities, institutes, corporations, companies and individuals in the biotech sector, with over 4,600 members and 225 institutional members across Europe and worldwide (see <http://www.efb-central.org>). Prior to his appointment as Secretary General of the EFB in March 2005 he was active as an independent consultant and advisor to new ventures and biotech initiatives, and to Europe Unlimited, the leading pan-European provider of investment and partnering initiatives in support of entrepreneurial tech and biotech companies and entrepreneurship. Previously an Executive Director of Europe Unlimited, which he joined in 1999, as Director of Business Development he created, trained and managed the sales team and focused on pan-European business development, particularly in developing new business activities in the areas of biotech finance and entrepreneurship, working extensively with leading venture capital funds, legal and consulting firms, European, national and regional development agencies, and entrepreneurs across Europe.

He holds degrees in Business, in Political Science from Bishops University in Québec, and an M.A. in International Relations from Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, where he specialized in International Political Economy. Based in Barcelona, Christian speaks English, French and Spanish. In preparation for the 2004 US elections he founded Democrats Abroad in Spain and in 12 months grew it into the 5th largest Democrats Abroad organization out of the 73 country committees worldwide. He continues to serve as Founder & Chairman of Democrats Abroad Spain and as co-Chair International Fund-Raising for the Democratic Party Committee Abroad.