

Biography

Formal education

Industrial engineer

Professional background

Since July 2018, Manel Villalante has been the Chief Strategy & Development Officer of Renfe Operadora. In addition, since January 2019, Manel has been the Chairman of UIC's Global Passengers Forum.

Previously, Mr. Villalante was the Mobility and Transport Infrastructures Director at Barcelona Regional, Urban Development Agency (2012-2018), General Director of Inland Transport at the Ministry of Development of Spain (2010-2012), General Director of Inland Transport at Generalitat of Catalonia (2007-2010) and Mobility Director at Barcelona City Council (1991-1997). Additionally, he has held several management positions at Ferrocarriles de la Generalitat de Catalunya (FGC), from 2004 to 2007, and Transportes Metropolitanos de Barcelona (TMB), between 2000 y 2004.

He has also been member of different boards of directors, in companies such as Renfe Operadora, TMB, FGC or Sagrera High-Speed Consortium. Mr. Villalante is currently managing the postgraduate program of "Smart Mobility: Intelligent Systems of Transport" at Universidad Polit cnica de Catalunya and he has also been professor of Transport Economy & Planning at the same university.