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After his academic education, both in civil and industrial chemical engineering, Eric's professional career started in 2009 in a concrete research laboratory for the construction sector. He soon switched careers towards the nuclear sector and became a research engineer at the Belgian nuclear waste agency. It was there, through a collaboration with a nuclear research facility in France, that he was introduced to design of experiments.

Since 2020, he is Domain Responsible for both the Belgian nuclear waste management organization and the Belgian nuclear research center. In this role, Eric tries to coordinate research

projects to explore synergies between the two organizations, reducing the double spending of research budgets.

Up to now his career has been in an R&D-environment. Design of experiments is from his experience an important tool helping to address the research challenges in a professional way.