

BIOGRAPHY



Antonio Calderon

Chief Technology Officer (Acting)

Antonio Calderon was appointed Chief Technology Officer (Acting) at the NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCI Agency) on 1 December 2020. In his role, he is responsible for developing the Agency's innovation and C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance) technology strategies, as well as designing and executing their associated roadmaps. His mandate is to address the power of emerging and disruptive technologies, bringing the business benefits of digital innovation with its opportunities and challenges to the NATO enterprise.

Between 2017 and 2020, Calderon served as Chief of the Network Services and IT Infrastructure Service Line, supporting deployed operations and exercises for NATO Joint Forces, as well as political consultations between NATO Headquarters and Nations' capitals. He led a team of 300+ highly skilled and motivated professionals, including NATO civilians, military and contractors, geographically distributed over 15 locations worldwide. His mission was to provide strategic leadership for the planning and execution of all lifecycle management activities enabling NATO networks and mission-critical collaboration services worldwide.

He was previously the acting Chief for the NCI Agency Core Enterprise Service Line, leading the team delivering capability areas related to corporate IT services, hybrid private-public cloud infrastructure and platform services, supporting NATO applications, data centres and secure information exchange services.

Before taking up executive positions in the Agency, Calderon was a Principal Project Management Officer based in NATO Headquarters Brussels. In that role, Calderon was responsible for the implementation of complex projects and programmes in different domains, specifically focused on improving our NATO enterprise cyber security and optimising – via synergies and outsourcing – our mission-critical CIS services in our major theatres of operations.

Before joining NATO in 2006, Calderon began his career working for a telecommunications service provider, engineering the initial rollout of mobile networks in Spain. After a short period studying in London, United Kingdom, he moved in 2002 to a global telecommunications operator based in the Netherlands. In his new role as a Project Manager, he led an engineering team designing and introducing one of the first 3G services in Europe.

Calderon has a master's degree in Telecommunications Engineering, he is a certified cybersecurity professional and attended several post-graduate business and management programmes.

He is married with three children, and has enjoyed playing international football in national amateur leagues in the Netherlands and Belgium. He now plays paddle, a relatively new sport combining tennis and squash principles. In his spare time, he also enjoys exploring the principles of open-source machine learning algorithms in the cloud.

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