

# Héctor RODRIGUEZ

Project manager | Scientist | Climate and energy policy expert

Proficiency in the fields of energy, just transitions, sustainable development, and climate change mitigation. Experience in coordinating multi-disciplinary projects together with national and local government institutions, NGOs, research organizations, and the private sector.

## Professional Experience

- Nov 21 – Current  
**Scientist and project manager**  
[Potsdam Institute for Climate Research \(PIK\)](#)  
*Member of the Leibniz Association and a leader in advancing the scientific frontier on inter-disciplinary climate impact research for global sustainability and contributing knowledge and solutions for a safe and just climate future.*
- Project Manager of the [European City Calculator](#) project, part of HORIZON 2020.
  - Co-managing the [DIALOGUES](#) project, part of Horizon 2020.
  - Facilitating policy workshops and dialogues with multiple stakeholders.
  - Engaging in multiple research activities together with the project's consortiums.
  - Managed project activities such as finances, contracting, tendering, and supervising the quality of contracted researchers, services, and assessments.
  - Leading multiple WP activities and project management for both projects.
- Sep 18 – Dec 20  
**Research Associate and country coordinator**  
[Research Institute for Sustainability \(RIFS\)](#)  
*The RIFS is a joint initiative of the German Government, the Federal State of Brandenburg, and the German Science Alliance research organisations to conduct research on societal change towards sustainable development.*
- Led the COBENEFITS Mexico and Turkey councils integrated by the ministries of Energy, Environment, other ministries, and the countries focal partners.
  - Co-authored, edited, and reviewed assessments, reports, and policy briefings.
  - Engaged in outreach activities as a speaker, panellist, and moderator at high-level events such as the UNFCCC COP, BETD, and other forums.
  - Managed the “Co-benefits knowledge Commons”, a platform for knowledge sharing between expert organizations and policymakers.
  - Managed project activities such as finances, contracting, tendering, and supervising the quality of contracted researchers and assessments.
  - Organized regular high-level meetings and workshops with federal and local government stakeholders, expert organizations, and the private sector.
  - Facilitated professional government training and policy dialogues
  - Presented project findings at international events and regularly at the partner countries jointly with the relevant government stakeholders.
- Jul 16 – Mar 18  
**Analyst (Renewable energy & Climate Policy consultant)**  
[the greenwerk](#)  
*Consultative firm for climate and sustainable energy policy.*
- Analysed and shaped climate finance and energy scenarios through data gathering, data analytics and big data management.
  - Collaborated with the creation of green banking courses for Southeast Asia.
  - Organized and held workshops and expert study trips international delegations.
  - Consulting in different climate instruments and projects such as CDMs, NAMAs, climate MRV, carbon and aviation tax, and sustainability reports.
- Apr 16 – July 16  
**Research Assistant (internship)**  
[German Institute of Global and Area Studies \(GIGA\)](#)  
*Public social-science research centre with real-world relevance on Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East, and on global developments.*
- Mar 12 – Oct 12  
**Foreign trade regulation consultant (NAFTA)**  
[Emerson](#)  
*Multinational corporations manufacture products and provide engineering services for a wide range of industrial, commercial, and consumer markets.*
- Supported in the indexation and regularization of the plant machinery and goods under the NAFTA temporal imports scheme.
  - CRM integration for the sale and maintenance of new or used equipment and machinery

## Contact

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## Education

**M. Sc. in Economics, Politics, and Philosophy**  
University of Hamburg  
Oct 14 - Nov 17

**Licentiate in Economics and International Business**  
University of Guadalajara  
Aug 08 - June 12

## Languages

**Spanish:** Native  
**English:** Proficient  
**German:** Intermediate (B2)  
**Portuguese:** Intermediate (A2)

## Certificates and software

**PRINCE2** Agile and foundations Project Management certificate, **RENAC** COBENEFITS specialist. **CRM** (Zoho and Salesforce), **R** and **Python** (intermediate), MS Office, Illustrator, InDesign, and Photoshop.

## Publications (extract)

**Discussion paper:** The Social Performance Index (SPI). [DOI: 10.48481/iass.2021.041](https://doi.org/10.48481/iass.2021.041)

**Assessment:** Contributions to the energy transition for sustainable development of Mexico. [DOI: 10.2304/iass.2019.074](https://doi.org/10.2304/iass.2019.074).

**Assessment:** Securing Turkey's energy supply and balancing the current account deficit through renewable energy. [DOI: 10.2312/iass.2020.035](https://doi.org/10.2312/iass.2020.035).

**Briefings:** COBENEFITS Mexico, COP24 and COP25 briefings (2018, 2019).

## Awards & Interests

Master's thesis award (2017). Merit-based scholarship CONACyT (Mexican Government) (2014-2016). Licentiate award “outstanding performance” CENEVAL examination (2012).

Pastimes:  
Biking, Padel-tennis, and carpentry.