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Xavier Matheu was born in 1961 in Barcelona (Spain) and holds degrees in geography and history, followed by postgraduate studies in social education and in-company training management and qualification as researcher in compared history.

For 14 years he worked at Fundació CIREM (Barcelona, Spain), where he was director of the International Centre and worked on technical assistance projects in the fields of VET reform, employment services, local development and the promotion of small and medium-sized enterprises. Xavier Matheu acquired experience in all phases of the EU external assistance project cycle, from needs identification to project design, bridging technical assistance, tendering procedures, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

In 2004, he joined the ETF where he became country manager for Ukraine. In 2006 and 2007 he was the Regional coordinator of the ETF work in pre-accession countries (Western Balkans and Turkey). From January 2008 till December 2014 he has been the Head of the Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Department in the ETF and Member of its Management Team. Since 01 January 2015 he is Head of the Thematic Policy Unit under the Operations Department.