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María del Mar España Martí was appointed Director of the Spanish Data Protection Agency (Agencia Española de Protección de Datos) in July 2015. She holds a University Degree in Law from the ICADE (Pontifical University of Comillas), is University Expert in management of not-for-profit entities (Luis Vives Foundation) and holds a Masters on International Protection of Human Rights (University of Alcalá de Henares – Madrid).

Since 1989 she is a civil servant of the Spanish General Administration, as member of the Upper Corps of Civil State Managers.

María del Mar was Vice Minister of Presidency and Public Administrations in the Regional Government of Castilla La Mancha from January 2012 until June 2015. Among other responsibilities in this position she was Deputy Secretary of the Council of Ministers, with functions that included the coordination of the legislative activity of the Regional Government. She chaired the Commission for the Coordination of Local Police Forces and the Commission for e-Administration and Simplification of Administrative Procedures which comprised the Committee for the Security of Information, charged with the promotion of data protection policies within the regional administration. She was also responsible for the coordination of policies related to modernization of public administration, transparency and good governance.

Prior to joining the Spanish DPA she was also General Secretary of the Spanish Ombudsman (2002-2010) and of the Institute of Women (1994-1997), an independent public body that seeks to promote the conditions that allow social gender equality and the full participation of women in political, cultural, economic and social life.

She has held other positions in Public Administration such as Member of the Management Board of the Andalusian Public TV (2000-2002) and Representative for Supervision of the Ministry of Education in Andalucía (1999-2000).

She has been involved in academic activities, participating as lecturer, among others, in the Master on International Protection of Human Rights at Alcalá de Henares University (2004-2010) and in the Master on Political Action, at Madrid's Rey Juan Carlos University (2004-2009).