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Current professional activity

Prof. Dr. José Domingo Villarroel is a full professor at the Department of Didactics of Mathematics and Experimental and Social Sciences (University of the Basque Country, UPV/EHU).

Prof. Dr. José Domingo Villarroel has a permanent position since 2013 in the Faculty of Education Bilbao and his teaching activity, both in undergraduate and postgraduate levels, is related to the field of science education.

Experience in management

Vice-Dean of International relation at the University of the Basque Country. Faculty of Education in Bilbao (02/05/2013-->24/05/2018).

Deputy director of international relations at the University of the Basque Country. University College of Teacher Training in Vitoria (15/05/2008--> 18/09/2011)

Previous professional activity

Science and mathematics teacher at Secondary and Primary Education (12/9/1991-12/10/2006).

Academic background

2002 - PhD in Science Education. Thesis Advisor: Dr. Alfredo Goñi. The University of The Basque Country (Spain).

Graduated in Science (Biology) in the Faculty of Science and Technology. University of the Basque Country.

Editor

Editor-in-chief of the IKASTORRATZA. e-journal on Didactics journal (ISSN: 1988-5911).

Former member of the editorial board of the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Education journal, ISSN:1539-3429, (from 08-02-2019 to 03-06-2023).

Research

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