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Master in IPR Management. Maurizio has over 10 years' experience in companies support for technology transfer and in industrial R&D project development. He currently works as R&D Grants manager in CRIT Research (www.crit-research.it), an innovation company owned by 26 large manufacturers in Northern Italy.

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