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Born in Villalba (Lugo), Eduardo Baamonde studied agronomic engineering at the UPM at Madrid, and obtained a Master degree in European Communities.

In 1993 he moved to Brussels and since 1996, he has been Manager in the Brussels office. In this phase, he participated as an expert in the European Parliament Economic and Social Committee.

Since 2000 he has been the Director General of Cooperativas Agro-alimentarias of Spain, an organisation for which he has been working since 1992. Eduardo Baamonde has worked actively for the cooperatives, encouraging participation and communication between them, with the aim of the agri-food cooperatives becoming a reference for the entire Spanish agricultural sector.

In November 2003, Eduardo Baamonde was elected as President of the General Committee for Agricultural Co-operation in the European Union (COGECA), organisation which represents the agri-food cooperatives at European Level. In this period, he promoted the relations between cooperative companies and consolidated the role of COGECA in the European Institutions. Besides that, he acted as representative of the European farming sector at the summit of the World Trade Organization (WTO) held in Hong Kong in 2005. At present, he is Vice-president of COGECA.

Eduardo Baamonde actively participates in many conferences, seminars and congresses both national and international, and has collaborated in the publication of several books and studies about the sector.

Cooperativas Agro-alimentarias is the representative organization of the agricultural cooperative movement in Spanish. Cooperativas Agro-alimentarias pursues its activity at national, community and international level, and all the forums in which interests in the Spanish cooperatives movement are settled. The number of agricultural cooperatives exceeds 3,900, with more than one million associates and 100,000 direct employees and with a turnover of 18,322 billion euro in 2011.