

# Eduardo Baena

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## SUMMARY

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A multifaceted academic and industry professional who uniquely combines a background in telecommunications engineering and music with a fervor for the transformative potential of AI. With expertise in AI-driven Mobile Network Management, I've honed my skills to optimize next-gen cellular networks. My distinguished academic journey is marked by over 18 JCR journals and +25 papers in renowned conferences such as ICC, Globecom, and MWC, bolstered by my rich experience in diverse teaching roles, from audio engineering to biomedical. Having ventured beyond the academia, my roles in the private sector, including positions as a pre-sales engineer and project manager, have enriched my practical insights. As a globe-trotter, having traveled to over 20 countries and a proficient violinist, my diverse experiences provide a fresh perspective. Check my [Google Scholar profile](#).

## EDUCATION

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2017 - 2022 PhD Telecommunications Engineering at **University of Malaga** (GPA: 4.0/4.0)  
2003 - 2010 BEng and MEng in Telecommunications at **Universidad de Granada** (GPA: 3.0/4.0)  
2003 - 2008 BMus Violin at **RCSM Victoria Eugenia de Granada** (GPA: 2.0/4.0)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Postdoc Research Fellow, Institute for the Wireless Internet of Things@Northeastern** Current  
Under the supervision of Prof. Dimitrios Koutsonikolas, I am actively engaged in several cutting-edge projects including x5G (<https://x5g.org/>), OTIC Center, and research focused on ORAN and 5G/6G measurements. My work involves:

- Contributing to the development and implementation of 5G and 6G technologies.
- Engaging in multidisciplinary projects aimed at advancing the infrastructure and applications for next-generation wireless systems.
- Conducting in-depth analyses and measurements in ORAN environments to enhance network performance and capabilities.

### **Researcher, Lecturer University of Málaga**

2017–03/2024

I am currently teaching various undergraduate courses in Biomedical, Telematics, and Sound Engineering, related to signal theory, networks and services, and electrical circuits and machines. Additionally, I am the Co-Principal Investigator for the MAORI-2 project, focusing on the management of virtualized OpenRAN radio, with a budget of 600k €

- Participated in writing and designing winning proposals as H2020 Locus and securing 2M in mobile networks infrastructure funding.
- Developed innovative strategies to optimize 5G/LAA Mobile Networks, enhancing user awareness and context
- Published multiple papers in reputed journals, sharing insights on machine learning applications in network management.

## Diverse Roles in Telco Ecosystem: From Technical, Design to Presales

2010–2017

Embarked on a global career with roles in various countries, including the Czech Republic and Mexico, holding positions such as *Telecommunications Engineer* at 2N TELEKOMUNIKACE a.s., *Senior Telecommunications Engineer* at NUNSYS, *Telecommunications Engineer* at Wellness Telecom, and *Sales Engineer* at Interoute Iberia, where I:

- Led and mentored teams, enhancing productivity and client satisfaction through expert solution delivery and customer-centric approaches.
- Orchestrated bid preparation, RFP/RFI responses, and coordinated with technical teams, securing key contracts and ensuring optimal solution delivery.
- Managed Pre-Sales for the Spanish SME market, achieving and exceeding sales targets, and enhancing customer satisfaction through diligent order processing and communication.
- Provided technical support and managed installations of Netstar PBX and Gateways products globally, enhancing company reputation and customer satisfaction.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS (TOP 3)

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### H2020 LOCUS

01/11/2019 - 30/12/2022

LOCUS, backed by HORIZON 2020, aimed to embed Localization and analytics on-demand in the 5G ecosystem for Ubiquitous vertical applications. Spearheaded by Raquel Barco Moreno and involving a consortium of entities like Orange, OTE, NEC, Samsung, and IBM among others, the project, with a budget of €487,500, sought to integrate localization and analytics into the 5G ecosystem, enhancing the user experience and application ubiquity in 5G networks.

### H2020 ONE5G

01/06/2017 - 30/06/2019

Funded by HORIZON 2020, ONE5G focused on optimizations and advancements for the Network Edge of 5G New Radio, under the leadership of Principal Investigator Raquel Barco Moreno. Engaging 20 researchers and securing a total budget of €341,250, the project was a collaborative effort with entities such as UMA, Samsung, Nokia, and Huawei, aiming to pioneer advancements in 5G technology.

### H2020 MONROE

01/03/2017 - 31/07/2018

Measuring Mobile Broadband Networks in Europe. Funding Entity: HORIZON 2020. Call Type: European Union. Participating Entities: UMA, Simula Research Lab, UC3M. Principal Investigator: Raquel Barco Moreno. Number of Participants: 20. Total Budget: €100,000. Role: Investigator. Commitment: Full-Time.

# R&D MANAGEMENT

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## **MAORI-2**

01/01/2022 - 01/01/2025

Intelligent Management of Virtualized Resources in Open Radio b5G/6G. Funding Entity: Next Generation Funds. Call Type: European. Participating Entities: UMA, Companies to be contracted (tender not resolved). Principal Investigator: Raquel Barco Moreno. Co-PI: Eduardo Baena. Number of Participants: 20. Total Budget: €662,175.

## **IA2MON-5G**

16/05/2020 - 31/12/2021

Artificial Intelligence for Analysis and Monitoring of 5G Communication Networks. Funding Entity: Junta de Andalucía. Call Type: Regional. Unique Project for knowledge transfer actions of the International Excellence Campus Andalucía TECH. Innovative ecosystem with artificial intelligence for Andalucía 2025. Participating Entities: UMA, Keysight Technologies Spain, S.L. Principal Investigators: Eduardo Baena Martínez, Raquel Barco Moreno. Number of Participants: 5. Total Budget: €30,587.40.

## **MUSE**

01/06/2020 - 31/12/2021

Massive USer Experience Assessment and Prediction for Mobile Networks. Funding Entity: Universidad de Málaga. Call Type: Local. Participating Entities: UMA. Principal Investigator: Eduardo Baena . Co-PI: Sergio Fortes. Number of Participants: 3. Total Budget: €30,000.

## **5G-SCARF**

16/05/2020 - 31/12/2021

5G Smart Communications for the AiRport of the Future. Funding Entity: Junta de Andalucía. Call Type: Regional. Unique Project for knowledge transfer actions of the International Excellence Campus Andalucía TECH. Innovative ecosystem with artificial intelligence for Andalucía 2025. Participating Entities: UMA, Aertec Solutions. Principal Investigators: Eduardo Baena- Sergio Fortes. Number of Participants: 5. Total Budget: €30,587.40.

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## SKILLS

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Wireless Communications	I am proficient in deploying and improving wireless networks using Software-Defined Radios (SDRs) and have hands-on experience with technologies like Amarisoft and srsRAN.
Project Management	I have managed and secured approximately 2M€ for research groups through European Union funded projects such as Cloud5G, POSEIDON, and PAN-DORA.
AI and Machine Learning	I have led initiatives employing a wide range of AI algorithms, notably in optimizing unlicensed spectrum cellular networks and managing diverse challenges in cellular network management.
Interdisciplinary Approach	I apply a multifaceted approach to projects and teaching, blending diverse fields like electrical engineering and music to innovatively navigate technical and educational scenarios.
Academic Diversity	I teach a wide array of subjects such as electrical circuits, health engineering, sound engineering, and telecommunication, applying tailored methodologies to each domain.
Global Perspective	I speak fluent English (CAE Certified) and Italian, also understand French and elementary German and Czech. I have traversed over 20 countries, absorbing various cultural and technical insights to enhance both my professional and academic undertakings.
Technological Advocacy	I promote the transformative power of generative AI through educational frameworks and beyond, advocating for its constructive utilization and development in academia.
Entrepreneurial Initiatives	I have navigated through different entrepreneurial endeavors, including freelancing and initiating startup ventures like AIwhere, intertwining technical knowledge with business strategy.
Public Speaking	I capably communicate complex technical concepts to diverse audiences through various formats such as lectures, workshops, and international presentations.
Scholarly Contributions	I have authored more than 25 conference publications, comprising conference proceedings, workshops, technical meetings and posters, presenting at prominent conferences such as ICC, Globecom, and MWC.

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

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Ph.D. Thesis Recognition	My doctoral thesis was distinguished with the <i>Cum Laude</i> mention, recognizing the exemplary quality and significant contributions to the field.
Shark Tank IMFAHE	Winner of the first edition of the Shark Tank competition organized by IMFAHE. My project jointly with neuroscientis from University of La Laguna, <i>DemVir</i> , a virtual reality software designed for dementia study, was mentored by Carlos Castro from MIT and was lauded for its innovative approach towards understanding and exploring dementia-related studies.
UMA Spinoff Awards 2023	My spinoff project, <i>AIwhere</i> , which proposes a communications software tailored for critical applications, was honored in the UMA Spinoff Awards 2023, securing a prize of €3000. The project was recognized for its innovative approach to ensuring reliable and adaptive communications for critical applications.