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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Legislative, Research and Administrative High-Level Schuman Traineeship **Brussels, Belgium**
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT | Secretariat of the ENVI Committee **09/2022 - 03/2023**

- Produced **background analysis & briefing notes** on EU Commission proposals: Deforestation, Soil Degradation, Fit for 55 package, Nature Restoration Regulation, Industrial Emission Directive;
- Attended and helped facilitate technical meetings with advisors for the political groups of the Parliament, as well as contributing to the planning of Committee meetings and hearings through speech writing, language editing, and research
- Assisted with ongoing **legislative and non-legislative reports and opinions**, and with preparations for fact-finding missions through research, agenda drafting, and language editing
- Processed **petitions** in English and created recommendations on how to proceed with processing the petition in question
- Supported in fulfilling other horizontal tasks: drafting of the newsletter on implementing acts (scrutiny); daily email with a compilation of ENVI press reports, and website management.

Research and Communication Intern **Stockholm, Sweden**
SEI – Stockholm Environment Institute | Development and Aid Policy Team (DAPT) **01/2022 - 06/2022**

- Participated in research and projects evaluation, such as GESEP: studying the interconnections between gender, social equity, and poverty from the lens of power;
- Fact-checked, analysed, and drafted material for external communications on **Aid flows analysis**: used analytical tools (e.g., OECD CRS - Creditor Reporting System) to monitor development assistance flows;
- Collaborated with colleagues from various other teams within the **Communications Division** (e.g. Twitter +2k, editorial) on various projects; as well as oversaw the communication (Twitter, website and newsletter) for the Swedish Development Research Network (SweDev);
- Supported media outreach; performed research and provided support for media interviews and materials, drafting and writing publications

Research collaboration **Turin, Italy**
CREA – Research Council for Agricultural Research and Economics | Bioeconomy Department **06/2021 - 09/2021**

- Contributed to comparative analysis and published scientific papers on how different EU Member States decentralize decision-making processes;
- Carried out structural analyses on the national agri-food system and on the impact of policy instruments.

OceanLiteracy, Research and Communication Trainee **Venice, Italy**
UNESCO | Oceanographic Intergovernmental Commission (OIC) **02/2021 - 09/2021**

- Assisted in the implementation and contributed to Ocean Literacy activities, such as **literature review** and **production of public communications**: social media outreach, summary briefs and presentations;
- Took part in the organization of events related to the **UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development 2021-2030**: the Ocean Decade Event in Sardinia and PreCOP26 in Milan;
- Joined the **Liaison Office** with research institutions, universities, NGOs, governmental authorities and other UN agencies interested in developing sustainable projects

Parliamentary Assistant (PA) and Press Officer **Rome, Italy**
ITALIAN PARLIAMENT – Chamber of Deputies **08/2020 - 09/2021**

- Contributed to controlling the legislative activity and press releases;
- **Drafted motions, resolutions, questions, agendas, and position papers** on relevant focus areas: youth, gender pay gap, labour market, rural development, transportation, retirement;
- **Oversaw media relations** and management of social media (Instagram, Twitter and Facebook);
- Liaison activities with territorial institutions and stakeholders; and **responsible for secretarial and clerical tasks**: press review, as well as the organization of conferences and events (live and IRL)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Development Economics - Sapienza University | Rome, Italy Oct 2023 - present
Doctoral School in Social Sciences and Economics - DiSSE Department

- 3-year free-standing fellowship
- Areas of interest: socioeconomic and environmental impacts of food systems governance and transformation, smallholder producers affected by climate change, analyzing aspects like employment, income diversification in rural areas, and gender empowerment.

MSc in Business and Economics - Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) | Uppsala, Sweden Aug 2020 - Sept 2022

- *Majors*: Environmental and Natural Resource Policy
- *Thesis*: Agricultural official development assistance: an assessment of empirical aid determinants. Trends and Shocks of aid activity to Agriculture 2002-2018

MSc in Food and Agricultural Economics - Catholic University of Milan (UCSC) | Cremona campus, Italy Oct 2020 - Oct 2022

- *Majors*: Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Policy Analysis (AFEPA) - 110/110 (First class with honours)
- Awards: 2° year scholarship - Roles: Class Representative

BA in International Studies, Development and Cooperation - University of Turin | Turin, Italy

Sep 2017 - Jun 2020

- **Erasmus Exchange Program - Institut d'Etudes Politiques (IEP) - SciencesPo Lille | France 2019 - 2020 - Scholarship holder**
- *Thesis:* "Embedding Climate Change Consequences on Tangible and Intangible Cultural Heritage" – Political Economy Department - 110/110L (First class with honours)
- Lead Student Representative in the Tutoring and Placement Unit (International Office)

LANGUAGES AND IT SKILLS

Italian: Mother tongue | *English:* Fluent (C1-IELTS) | *French:* Intermediate (B2 - FLE)

MS Office and Outlook and Google workspace - Professional proficiency and ECDL 2015

Collaborative tools: WordPress, Mailchimp, Canva, Mentimeter & virtual meeting platforms- professional independent user

Statistical software: R STATA, SPSS - sufficient user

COURSES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2023: **IFAD "Impact Assessment"** - e-learning course
- 2023: **Food Systems Course**, Wageningen University (The Netherlands) - selected
- 2022: **Project Management course** offered by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) - selected
- 2022: **European Forum Alpbach**, Alpbach (Austria) - Scholarship winner and Italian representative
- 2022: **University of Bonn Summer School** - "Introduction to Experimental Economics"
- 2021: **University of Bonn Summer School** - "Learning policy impacts from data: applied econometrics of causal inference"

PUBLICATIONS AND LESSONS

Publications

Giacardi, Alessandro (2022). Agricultural official development assistance: an assessment of empirical aid determinants: Trends and shocks of aid activity to agriculture from 2002 to 2018. Uppsala: SLU, Dept. of Economics.
Available at: <https://stud.epsilon.slu.se/18341/>. [Accessed 28 December 2022].

Giacardi, A., Manzoni, P., Pierangeli, F., Mazzocchi, G. and Cagliero, R. (2021). The path of defining the National Strategic Plans CAP 2023-2027 in regionalized Member States: a comparison between Italy, France and Spain *Agriregionieuropa*. Available at: <<https://agriregionieuropa.univpm.it/it/content/page/agricolabriaeuropa-0>> [Accessed 18 October 2021].

Giacardi, A. and Cagliero, R. (2021). PSN, From diagnosis to definition of intervention needs in regionalised Member States. *Pianeta PSR*. Available at: <http://www.pianetapsr.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/2598>> [Accessed 5 October 2021].

Cagliero, R., Giacardi, A., Manzoni, P., Pierangeli, F., and Mazzocchi, G. (2021). The determination of CAP Strategic Plan need's priorities in four Mediterranean Member States. Background paper for the 12th AIEAA Conference on "Guns, Germs and Climate: Food Security and Food Systems in a Risky World" will take place on 22-23 June 2023 (*unpublished - working paper*)

Lessons given

(09 June 2023) "Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) - Regional strategies, first pillar and new design" - II Level Master's degree in Agri-Food Markets Law, University of Turin and COREP

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 2022: Selected (first 40) for the Project Management course offered by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
- 2015-2019: Volunteer – Italian Red Cross – Turin committee: 112 Emergency volunteer & Basic Life Support (BLS) and Defibrillation (AED) Certificate
- 2018-2022: Volunteer – Public advocacy at "Torino Pride Coordination Committee", a-political registered association promoting LGBTQIA+ rights
- 2015-2016: international volunteering in local community centers: Okinawa (Japan) and Queensland (Australia)