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● ABOUT ME

I am an MDP Development Practice with Environment stream graduate with a strong passion for sustainability and environmental protection.

I am currently building my experience in managing and developing EU-funded projects on climate change mitigation and adaptation that focus on implementing the life-cycle methodology (LCA/PEF) to assess the environmental impacts of economic activities and on encouraging nature-based solutions.

● WORK EXPERIENCE

01/09/2021 – CURRENT Pisa, Italy

NATIONAL AND EU PROJECT ASSISTANT IN SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT SCUOLA SUPERIORE SANT'ANNA

- Supported the writing and project design of the **Interreg Maritime Italy-France AMMIRARE** (Thematic strategic project) aimed at increasing the resilience of the dune-beach system towards coastal erosion and sea-level rise due to climate change in the Tyrrhenian area by adopting nature-based solutions and introducing the management model of ecological beach. The project was approved for co-funding in Dec. 2023. Assisted with the definition of the consortium (15 partners, Italian and French). Prepared and organized meetings and technical/administrative documents. Translated documents and presentations and interpreted meetings in IT>FR and FR>IT.
- Supported the development of the **LIFE CO2PES&PEF** project which aimed at promoting sustainable forest management, the PEF methodology application on wooden products, and the creation of ecosystem services to mitigate climate change and improve the environmental impact of the wood supply chain. Produced and organized project deliverables on the analysis of carbon credits, on the LCA/PEF methodology and on carbon credits certification and standards. Organized the Monitoring visit in Pisa and the Final Conference in Nov. 2024. Drafted the Progress Report and Final Report of the project. Presented the project activities and results in several Italian and international networking events. Managed the consortium by organizing meetings and preparing agendas, developing and cataloging deliverables.
- Organized and conducted the scouting of the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 calls for projects of EU Programs such as LIFE, Horizon, Interreg Maritime Italy-France, Interreg EURO-MED, Interreg Europe, Interreg Central Europe, Circular Bio-Based Europe JU. Analyzed these Programs' objectives and missions and identified financing opportunities aligned with the SuMLab research interests.
- Supported the administrative design and planning of several EU projects the SuMLab applied to (e.g.: LIFE SuPER, Horizon PRIMA project, Horizon MED-IREN).
- Evaluated 40+ applicant firms' projects on circular economy for Unioncamere Lombardia. The aim was to finance firms' projects that applied circular economy and industrial symbiosis in their production processes and that applied the LCA and PEF methodology to reduce landfilled waste and environmental impacts. Organized and conducted 15+ interviews with financed firms to monitor projects' advancements, barriers encountered and success factors. Supported the final report production with the inclusion of the methodology followed and an overview of the project.
- Organized conferences of the SuMLab both in presence and online with national and international attendees.
- Performed several administrative procedures (procurement requests, missions' entry, timesheets)
- Supported the development and content creation of the new SuM Website.

13/09/2020 – 12/03/2021 Rome, Italy

INTERN INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (IFAD)

- Assisted the research and draft of a Modular Training Program in the framework of the UN Decade of Family Farming
- Supported the organization of the Global Exchange Meeting with Parliamentarians & moderated the French debate
- Developed communication materials, briefing notes and small translations EN>FR and FR>EN for the division
- Assisted the administration Global Donor Platform by organizing meetings, drafting agendas and preparing briefings

01/10/2019 – 30/05/2021 Dublin, Ireland

PROJECT COORDINATOR FAIR AND SUSTAINABLE FASHION PROJECT UCD

- Researched the negative social and environmental costs of fast fashion and advocated for upcycling and recycling
- Organized conferences and webinars to raise awareness on the socio-environmental impacts of the fast fashion industry
- Liaised with several NGOs and small businesses involved in sustainable and circular fashion
- Supported the organization and moderated the webinar "From Fast to Fair Fashion"

01/10/2017 – 30/04/2021 Rome, Italy

RESEARCHER AND MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SUPERVISOR THINK TANK TRINITÀ DEI MONTI

- Researched independently on matters of sustainability, circular economy, environment, international development
- Head of Operations of the Young Researchers, creating a coherent work plan, providing guidance and leadership
- Developed monthly newsletters and published articles and other contents on the Think Tank website

01/12/2019 – 30/05/2020 Dublin, Ireland

STUDENT COORDINATOR UCD - WASTE REDUCTION UCD GREEN CAMPUS

- Developed the project "Pack Your Lunch" to raise awareness among students on single-use items consumption
- Coordinated the work of student/staff groups to implement the project and monitor its benefits and results

● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

01/09/2019 – 31/08/2021 Dublin, Ireland

MPA IN DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL STREAM University College Dublin

Final grade Grade Point Average (GPA): 3.80/4 awarded with First Class Honours |

Thesis A Small Bean Yet a Global Commodity: Assessing the Sustainability of Soybean Production in Brazil

31/08/2016 – 17/07/2019 Rome, Italy

BA IN POLITICS, PHILOSOPHY AND ECONOMICS LUISS Guido Carli

Final grade 110 cum Laude/110 | **Thesis** Political Economy of Land Grabbing in Sub-Saharan Africa

31/08/2018 – 30/12/2018 Montréal, Canada

EXCHANGE SEMESTER Université de Montréal

● **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): **ITALIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
FRENCH	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
SPANISH	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
GERMAN	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● **DIGITAL SKILLS**

IT Skills

Microsoft Office | Mailchimp (Intermediate) | WordPress (Intermediate) | Canva (Intermediate)

Attitude Skills

Organizational and planning skills | Decision-making | Public Speaking | Critical thinking |
Communication | Team-work oriented | Written and Verbal skills | Reliability