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He graduated in Agricultural Sciences from the University of Palermo in 1992, where he later obtained a PhD in Agricultural Economics and Policy in 1998.

From 2004 to 2006, he was a lecturer in “Agri-environmental Policy and Regulation of Organic Production” at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Palermo.

He is currently Senior Researcher at the CREA Research Centre for Agricultural Policy and Bioeconomy in Palermo. He also serves as the coordinator of the permanent working group on agroecology and organic farming established within the Sicilian Region's Department of Agriculture.

He is the author of over 90 publications on various topics related to agricultural economics and policy, agribusiness, organic farming, and rural development. He has taken part in various regional, national, and international projects as either a coordinator or a member of the working group. Notably:

Since December 2022, he has been co-leader of WP8 “Science to Policy” and coordinator of research activities for CREA PB within the H2020 **EJP SOIL** programme.

Since January 2021, he has coordinated Task 8.3 “Support and Translate” within the H2020 EJP SOIL programme, which aims to assist policymakers in aspects of soil carbon accounting and best practices in soil management within the EU.

Since November 2022, he has been responsible for WP4 “Participatory Initiatives in Policy Formulation on Soil-based Sustainable Agroecological Systems” and for Task 5.2 “Communication and Dissemination” in the research project Into-Dialogue, funded by the EJP SOIL programme.

Starting in May 2023, he will contribute to the Interreg Europe **3F Green Model** project, as a member of the advisory structure and scientific leader, in which the Sicilian Region's Department of Agriculture is a partner. The project is led by the Regional Ministry of Rural Affairs and Territorial Cohesion (Government of the Principality of Asturias, Spain).

Since July 2023, he has been a member of the working group of the H2020 **Support** project, in which CREA is a partner and leader of WP4.

From 2010 to 2012, he was a member of the Transfer Team in the Ruraland project (Rural Development Players) for the implementation of Good Agricultural Practices in EU countries, a project in which the Sicilian Region participated under the INTERREG IVC programme, led by the Region of Andalusia.