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Professional experience:

- 2021 – present: Civil Servant of the European Union.

Member of the Ethics Unit of DG Human Resources of the European Commission. In charge of ethics policy issues, cases of conflict of interests and ethics requests in accordance with the EU staff regulations.

- 2012 – 2020: Civil Servant of the European Union.

Member of the Legal Team of the European Personnel Selection Office.
In charge of administrative complaints concerning the EU staff regulations before the Appointing Authority, the European Ombudsman, the European Data protection Supervisor, and preparation of cases before the European Court of Justice.
EPSO Delegated controller with regard to the processing of EPSO candidates' personal data.

- 2006 – 2011: Sports Lawyer, member of the Bar in Avellino.

Practicing in the field of Sports law and EU law.
Defending clients (players, clubs, sports federations) before national and international ordinary and sports judges.
Providing them with legal advice on transfer of players, employment issues, image rights agreements, training compensation, and doping.

- 2002 – 2006: Member of the Legal Service of the European Commission, Brussels.

Contractual agent, in charge of the simplification of the *acquis communautaire* (the EU set of legislation).
Dealing with sports cases before the European Court of Justice.
Co- representing the Legal Service in the drafting of the *White Paper on Sport* (the first comprehensive document on EU policy and legal framework in the field of Sport).

- 2001: Associate at *Tonucci Law Firm*, Rome, (Italy).

Member of the Labour Law and Sports Law Department.
Representing clients (clubs, players and federations) before ordinary and sports judges.

- 1998- 1999: Associate at *Baker & McKenzie Law Firm*, Rome (Italy).

Positions in International Sports Dispute Resolution and Arbitration Panels:

- 2021 – present: Single Judge and Member of the *Dispute Resolution Chamber* of the recent established [FIFA Football Tribunal](#).
Passing more than 100 decisions per year in relation to international football disputes and regulatory applications.
- 2018 – present: President of the [Council of the European Handball Federation – European Handball Court of Arbitration \(ECA\)](#). Responsible for the administration and management of the ECA composed of 63 Arbitrators.
- 2018 – present: Member of the [FIFPRO Dispute Committee](#).
In charge of the compliance of FIFPRO members with the statutes and regulations of the International Football Trade Union Association.
- 2008 – present: Member of the *EHF- ECA* (European Handball Federation - Court of Arbitration).
Deciding on employment related disputes in handball.
- 2001 – 2011 and 2018 – 2020 : Member of the *FIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber*.
Judging on more than 100 cases per year on international transfers of players, training compensations and solidarity mechanism issues.

Further Experience in the field of Sports Law:

- 2015 – present: Co- founder, Member of the Board, and Honorary President of the *Italian Association of Sports Lawyers* (www.avvocatisport.it) composed of 800 members in Italy and abroad.
- 2018 : Member of the FIGC (Italian Football Association) commission for the reform of the FIGC code of sports justice, adopted in March 2019.
- 1998- 2011: “Fiduciario” (certified sports lawyer) for the Italian Football Trade Union Association.
Representing Players before national and international sports judicial bodies.

Scientific activities in the field of Sports Law:

- 2010 – 2014: Scientific director of the *Sports Law and Policy Centre*, www.slpc.eu
Research Centre (non-for-profit organization) in the field of Sports Law and Policy.
- 2010 – 2014: Scientific co-ordinator of the *International Sports Law Programme* (Ravello – Italy).
- 2010 – 2014: Scientific director of the *Master Program on Sports Law and Management – SLPC-* (Rome).
- 2010 – Co-ordinator of the Study Group on “Employment Relationship in Sport”, International Labour and Employment Relations Association (ILERA).

2010: Co-Director of the *Certificate of Advanced Studies on European Sports Law – SLPC – KULeuven*.

Affiliation to and Director of Scientific Journals in the field of Sports Law:

- 2010 - present: Director and Founder of the *European Sports Law and Policy Bulletin*, (www.sportslawbulletin.com) SLPC.
Yearly publications in the field of Sports Law and Economics (international sports justice, transfer of players, training compensation, employment relationship, intermediaries/agents).

- 2007 – present: Editor of the *International Encyclopaedia of Sports Laws*, composed of 65 national monographs on Sports Law (www.ielaws.com), Kluwer Law International. Co-ordinating 96 Authors (Sports Lawyers and Academics) worldwide.
- 2004 – present: Director and Founder of *Rivista di Diritto ed Economia dello Sport* (www.rdes.it). (Scientific Journal on Sports Law and Economics). Directing a Scientific Board and an Editorial Board of respectively 18 Law Professors and 30 Editors.
- 2004 – present: Member of the Advisory Board of the *International Sports Law Journal*, Asser Instituut, The Hague.

Academic and teaching experience:

- 2024: Lecturer in *European Sports Law*, Universidad Europea de Madrid y Real Madrid Graduate School.
- 2024: Lecturer in *European Sports Law*, ITTI Sports Institute, Barcelona.
- 2024: Lecturer in *International Transfers of Players*, FIFA Management Programme, FIFA, Zurich.
- 2023 – present: Visiting Professor of *International and European Sports Law*, ISDE – Madrid.
- 2023 – present: Lecturer in *International Sports Law*, University of Antwerp - Proleague Programme.
- 2023: Lecturer in *International and European Sports Law*, IMT School for Advanced Studies Lucca (Italy).
- 2023 – present: Lecturer in *International and European Sports Law* in the Master of Sports Management, University of San Marino and University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (Italy).
- 2021- present: Visiting Professor of *International and European Sports Law* at Swiss School of Business and Management - SSBM of Geneva and Rexsport Academy.
- 2014 - present: Lecturer in *European Sports Law* at MESGO - UEFA Programme.
- 2017 - 2020: Visiting Professor of *International and European Sports Law* at University CEU Cardena Herrera and Rex Sport Academy, Madrid -Valencia.
- 2008 – 2010: Adjunct Professor of *European Union Law*, John Marshall Law School of Chicago, USA.
- 2006 – 2016 Professor of *European Law and Sports Law* at the College of Europe, Parma, Italy.
- 2006 – 2016: Lecturer of *International and European Sports Law*, ISDE – Madrid.
- 2009 - 2010: Lecturer in *European Union Law and Social Policy*, Lessius, Antwerp, Belgium.
- 2007 – 2012: Professor of *International and European Sports Law*, Tilburg University (The Netherlands).
- 2007 – 2010: Lecturer in *International Labour Law* at Marco Biagi Foundation (Modena, Italy).
- 2008 – 2009: Visiting Professor of *International Sports Law* at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (USA).

Research Area:

European Union Sports Law and Policy, International and Comparative Sports Law, Ethics and Safeguarding in Sport.

Education:

- 2002: University of Salerno, Italy, Ph.D in *International and Comparative Labour Law*. (first three years under the supervision of Prof. Roger Blanpain at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)
- 2001: University of Illinois, College of Law, USA, LL. M. in *Cyber Law*.
- 1997: Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium, D.E.S. in *European Law*, cum laude.
- 1997: Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium, LL.M. in *International Law*.
- 1996: Katholieke Universiteit Brussel, Belgium, LL.M. in *Legal Theory*, cum laude.
- 1995: University of Salerno, Italy, Law degree, 110/110.

Language skills:

Italian mother tongue.
Fluent in English and French.
Good knowledge of Dutch and Spanish.

Merits:

I am particularly proud to have conceived and launched the idea of an [Erasmus sports Programme](#) before the European Parliament in November 2010 which eventually led to the creation of a specific section on Sport in the *Erasmus + programme* of the European Commission.

I conceived and promoted the pilot project ["Schools in movement"](#) gathering professionals with different background (doctors, lawyers, trainers and coaches, referees, sociologists, psychologists, professors of sport) sharing their knowledge and experience with students of secondary schools.

I recently created and developed the ["Seneca Programme"](#) an exchange programme for Sports Lawyers in collaboration with the sports lawyers associations from Portugal, Spain, and Switzerland.