PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

(2026 - now)

Visiting Fellow, MAK'IT

Montpellier Advanced Knowledge Institute on Transitions (MAK'IT), Institute for Advanced Study of the University of Montpellier, Montpellier, France

- International research fellowship hosted by MAK'IT, in collaboration with the LAMES laboratory.
- Research on the institutional dynamics and governance of Mediterranean agrifood systems, policy coordination and stakeholder interactions for resilient and inclusive territorial value chains.
- Seminars and scientific events with the Montpellier research community, including the NATAE policy conference at CIHEAM-IAMM (2026).

(2024 - now)

Visiting Professor

CIHEAM-IAMM, Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier, Montpellier, France

- Lecturer of the course "Filières et durabilité" (sustainable agrifood value chains) in the second-level Master CDVALES, taught in French, for the third consecutive year.
- Teaching also in the Master "Territorial agricultural development, environment and modelisation".
- Supervision and co-supervision of Master theses (mémoires) on agrifood value chains and logistics.

(2021 - now)

Associate Professor

University of Catania (Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment), Catania, Italy

- More than 20 years of experience in the analysis of the EU Common Agricultural Policy.
- Professor of Strategies for Enhancing Quality Productions (EU quality policy) and Principles of Bioeconomics.
- Faculty Board Member, PhD Program in Agricultural, Food and Environmental Science.

(2008 - 2021)

Researcher/Aggregated Professor

University of Catania (Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment), Catania, Italy

- Professor of Environmental Economics and Policy and Principles of Bioeconomics.

(1995 - 2008)

Junior researcher

University of Catania (Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment), Catania, Italy

- Qualitative and quantitative research and analysis of EU agricultural and rural policies, multilevel governance, agrifood quality products, food security and sustainability. The methodological approaches employed are mainly multi-criteria decision-aid approaches with the adoption of *Cognitive Mapping* techniques and the use, also integrated, of operational research tools through participatory processes for building shared scenarios in local and territorial contexts and providing stakeholders with strategy identification and decision aid to policymakers.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

(1997 - 2000)

Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics and Policy (XI cycle)

EQF 8

Faculty of Economics, University of Catania

Thesis: The impact of the opening of the free trade area between the EU and Third Mediterranean Countries on Sicilian agriculture

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(1996 - 1997) **International Postgraduate Training Course** EQF 7
Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM-IAM)
Rural development studies

(1995) **Summer school in Microeconomics and Macroeconomics**
The London School of Economics

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Italian

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	B2	B2	C1
French	C2	C2	C2	C2	C1

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Job skills

- Extensive experience in analysing statistical sources to develop socio-economic indicators for territorial evaluation.
- In-depth analyses of European agricultural policy, focusing on territorial development, quality products and sustainability.
- Evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) in line with the Performance Monitoring and Evaluation Framework (PMEF).

Organisational / managerial skills

- Led multidisciplinary teams on international rural development projects funded by the European Commission.
- Mentored PhD students and junior researchers, fostering award-winning academic achievements.
- Efficiently managed projects, ensuring timely and high-quality deliverables.
- Improved research workflows by integrating digital tools.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Other teaching activities

- Professor in History of the Environment and Rural Landscape 2010/2011, lecturing on the historical development of rural landscapes and environmental policies (University of Catania).
- Professor of Environmental Economics and Policy 2006/2009, courses on economic policies related to environmental management and green area design (University of Catania).

Recent publications

[2026] Consentino, F., McAreavey, R., & Peri, I. *Generational renewal in agriculture: What's the problem represented to be? Deconstructing policy representations in rural development programmes across Italian regions.* **Agriculture and Human Values**, 43(1), 25. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10460-025-10841-x

[2025] Peri, I., Consentino, F., Grasso, A., & Vindigni, G. *Integrating societal concern into an EU regulatory proposal for new genomic techniques in food crops using association rules.* **Agriculture & Food Security**, 14, 18. https://doi.org/10.1186/s40066-025-00539-y

[2025] Consentino, F., Peri, I., Brunori, G., & McAreavey, R. *Exploring farmer identity pathways in generational renewal: Successors, potential successors and new entrants.* **Sociologia Ruralis**. Manuscript submitted for publication.

[2024] Consentino, F., Peri, I., Litrico, M., Spina, D., & Vindigni, G. *Mapping young farmers' choice to pursue Geographical Indication in a rural context: application of fuzzy cognitive map.* **Agricultural and Food Economics**, 12(1), 44. https://doi.org/10.1186/s40100-024-00340-8

[2023] Consentino, F., Vindigni, G., Spina, D., Monaco, C., & Peri, I. *An agricultural career through the lens of young people.* **Sustainability**, 15(14), 11148. https://doi.org/10.3390/su151411148

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Projects

- Pia.ce.ri, ERRARE: Fragile Lands, Fertile Lands (2020-present). Scientific committee member of the ERRARE project, focusing on EU policies for sustainable management practices and interventions to enhance land resilience and fertility in fragile areas with a participatory approach.
- SEAMARVEL project (Save, Enhance, Admire Marine Versatile Life, Interreg Italy-Malta Priority Axis 3, Code C2-3.1-114, 2021/2023): assessment of input, output and outcome phases to determine the project's effectiveness in advancing marine protected area (MPA) sustainability. The evaluation provided strategic recommendations on MPA conservation in relation to EU sustainability policies.
- Evaluation of place-based policies in the PULP project (Place-based Unfolding, Localities and Participation in NRRPs), focusing on local participation strategies and policy impacts, with emphasis on regional development and the role of local stakeholders in shaping effective, place-based approaches to sustainable rural development.
- Policy analysis on fisheries regulations, projects DIVERSO and FRESH FISH ALERT 1&2 (PO-FEAMP 2014/2020 measure 1.26), using operational research tools to assess compliance costs and their implications on small-scale fishermen's competitiveness. This work informed adjustments to regulations, reducing the administrative burden while maintaining sustainability standards.
- Tender DG MARE-EU 2013/14.
- Managed the "Cooperation for the Development of Tourism and Regional Products (COTUR)" project, P.I.C. INTERREG III C West Zone, 2004, involving Italy, France, Poland and Lithuania, focusing on regional development strategies aligned with EU goals for sustainable tourism and local economic growth.
- TEMPUS and Erasmus+ programmes (2013-2020): "Quality in Higher Agronomic Education (QESAMED)" under TEMPUS IV and "Défis Sociétaux et Gouvernance des Universités Africaines (DAfrAli)" under Erasmus+. These initiatives enhanced higher education quality and governance in EU partner countries, including North African and Sub-Saharan regions, with an emphasis on agricultural education reforms.
- Policy research within the "Programme d'Action Régionale Politiques Agricoles et Alimentaire" with CIHEAM and EU/DG AIDCO, analysing the impacts of urbanization on local food supply and food security in the Mediterranean region.
- Territorial Governance Models and Rural Development Policies (2008-2009): coordinated research to develop governance models integrating social, economic and environmental factors to improve rural development policies.
- PRIN project: Tools for Human Capital Assessment in Agriculture (2009): contributed to methods for assessing workforce skills in agriculture, enhancing training programmes and development strategies.

Relevant conferences

- LX SIDEA Conference "From Farm-to-Fork Strategy to One-health Approach: Solutions for European Agricultural Model in Light of New Economic Scenarios". Presentation: "Exploring the Interplay of European Strategies and the Farmer Identity Construction Among the Younger Generation: A Qualitative Approach". Capri, Italy, 15-17 September 2024.
- XXXII SIEA Congress "Knowledge and information for innovative and sustainable agrifood system". Paper: "Living Lab as a knowledge system in agriculture: participatory action research approach for innovation transfer management". Ragusa Ibla, Italy, 27-29 June 2024.
- Invited speaker at the international seminar REPASTOL, Governance of Raw Milk Cheese Systems: Recognition, Qualitative Differentiations, Coexistence Modalities between Producers and Supply Chains. Presentation: "Les modalités de coexistence des systèmes fromagers et leur gouvernance". Montpellier, 15-16 June 2017.
- Speaker at the International Conference "Ecological Performance in a Competitive Economy", 10th edition, Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Faculty of Agri-Food and Environmental Economics, 8-9 March 2017.
- Jean Monnet Module "The Future of Rural Development in the EU" (2009-2014): led educational modules on the evolution of EU rural development policies, including the CAP's role in governance, multifunctionality and sustainability, and facilitated stakeholder engagement on the implications of policy reforms for rural communities.

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Other academic and consultancy activities

- Delegate of the University of Catania in AGRINATURA (The European Alliance on Agricultural Knowledge for Development) since 2019, sharing research insights and fostering collaborations with international academic institutions to support sustainable agricultural knowledge development.
- Visiting Researcher at the Directorate General for Health and Consumer Protection (DG SANCO), European Union (2004): research on cross-compliance requirements under the CAP, focusing on integrating environmental and agricultural objectives, and contribution to guidelines for the application of cross-compliance across EU member states.
- Consultancy for the OECD, Territorial Review and Governance Unit (2003): conceptual framework for reviewing place-based rural development measures, which informed CAP-related and broader EU rural policy recommendations.
- Consultancy for the ex-post evaluation of the EU Common Fisheries Policy (2007-2013), particularly regarding Article 37 of Regulation (EC) No. 1198/2006, assessing the implementation of policy measures in Italy.

Awards

- Winner of an international selection for a "Visiting Researcher" grant at the UNESCO Chair "Alimentations du monde" laboratory, Montpellier SupAgro, Institut des Régions Chaudes (IRC), February-March 2014.

Networks and membership

Affiliations to national and international scientific societies and networks

- Member of SIDEA since 2001.
- Since 2013, member of the UNITWIN network, UNESCO Chair "Alimentations du monde", Montpellier SupAgro, Institut des Régions Chaudes (IRC).

Participation in editorial committees of journals

- Member of the editorial board of "Économies, gestion et sociétés", "Systèmes Alimentaires, Food Systems" journal, Éditions Classiques Garnier, Paris.

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