

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Female | **Date of birth** 01/09/1969 | **Nationality** Italian

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Experienced professional adept at leading different phases of programme and project development and at conducting research and analysis – specialized in data technologies and policies.

10+ years of progressively responsible experience.

Proven record of success in delivering results in the areas of content management, data infrastructures, data sharing, data standardization and data policies, especially in the agri-food domain. ECQA EU Project Manager certification. Great expertise in delivering conceptual design solutions for projects ranging from web-based information systems to policy actions and partnership building to improve data flows across the agri-food value chain.

Several publications on open data and data policy topics.

WORK EXPERIENCE

01/05/2019–Present

Open data specialist - part-time consultancy

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) - Statistics Department

Part-time consultancy to improve standardization, interoperability and reuse of statistical classifications.

28/09/2018–Present

Data flows and policy analyst - part-time consultancy

Technical Center for Agricultural and Rural Co-operation (CTA)

Occasional consultancy tasks on farmers' data sharing and related ethical, legal and policy issues, in the context of the CTA Data4Ag project. Coordination of analysis of farm data codes of conduct and farm data management policy brief.

15/05/2019–01/07/2019

Data policy researcher

World Bank

Research report on digital agriculture data-related policy issues and current policy directions in Europe and Central Asia.

15/05/2007–12/08/2018

Project manager | Convener | Data strategist

Global Forum on Agricultural Research and Innovation (GFAR) and Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

<http://www.gfar.net>

Engage stakeholders and facilitate partnerships around best data strategies to improve agri-food value chains and in particular smallholder farmers' competitiveness. Mobilize resources and increase collaborations with partners by coordinating work packages and tasks on agricultural data in international projects. Manage contract agreements, funding proposals, and project documentation. Formulate presentations and papers on open data in agriculture, plan and conduct workshops and webinars on the issue of farmers' data rights, and participate in initiatives and meetings related to agricultural information systems. Design and manage web-based open data information systems for the Agri-food domain, utilise linked data approach to represent and publish information. Participate in the program activities of the Secretariat of the Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition initiative

(GODAN).

Key Achievements:

- Acquired funds to GFAR and FAO by preparing successful proposals with other partners for international tenders, including EU calls.
- Had GFAR recognized as driving force behind global collective action to empower farmers through equitable data sharing; spearheaded 10-month process that culminated in the consensus of all partners on a vision document and initial funds being committed.
- Successfully led Work Package 5 “Data Policies, Workflows, and interoperability and integration” of the EU project agINFRA on, a project evaluated as Excellent by the EU.
- Managed information systems that covered more than 3,200 datasets (CIARD RING), around 10,000 profiles (AgriProfiles), and more than 300 data standards (Map of Agri-food data standards).

15/02/2005–01/05/2007

Web architect

Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR), Rome (Italy)

Evaluation and selection of Content Management Systems; new GFAR website; library standard-compliant document management system; web-based communications (newsletter, forums).

01/01/1995–31/01/2005

Previous jobs

- Freelance webmaster - *September 2003 - February 2005*
- Analyst programmer at Entasi s.p.a. - *January 2002 – July 2003*
- Webmaster at Sofinet s.r.l. - *April 2000 – December 2001*
- Junior programmer at Me.di.ser s.p.a. - *May 1999 – March 2000*
- Trainee librarian at the Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale di Roma and then Library of the Regina Elena Institute - *November 1996 - February 1998*
- Teacher of Italian language for foreigners at the “Torre di Babele” Italian language school - *1997*
- Translator for the no-profit “Liber Liber” association - *1995*

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

02/11/1998–31/05/1999

Computer programmer for multimedia applications in C and C++ languages

Regione Lazio, Rome (Italy)

01/11/1996–31/10/1998

Archivist / Librarian (not completed)

EQF level 7

Università La Sapienza di Roma, Rome (Italy)

01/12/1988–20/12/1995

Master degree in Literature

EQF level 6

Università La Sapienza di Roma, Rome (Italy)

15/01/2019–05/02/2019

Certification of EU Project Management competencies

European Certification and Qualification Association (ECQA), Krems (Austria)

EU project management.

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)

Italian

Foreign language(s)

UNDERSTANDING	SPEAKING	WRITING

	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (C2) Certificate in Advanced English (C1)					
French	B2	C2	B2	B2	B1
FAO language examination					

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills

Good communication skills, good facilitation and negotiation skills. Very good writing skills (papers, technical reports). Able to clearly convey complex technical information and devise strategies to build consensus with key project stakeholders.

Organisational / managerial skills

Very good managerial skills. Positive experience and feedback from managing small teams of internal and external consultants and Work Packages in international projects; collaborative leadership style. ECQA certification as EU Project Manager.

Job-related skills

Project/Programme Administration; Strategic Planning & Analysis; Data Advocacy & Policies; Writing & Research; Open Data & Semantic Web Technologies; Partnership Facilitation & Relationship Building; Web Development; Problem Solving.

Digital skills

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem-solving
Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Independent user	Proficient user

Digital skills - Self-assessment grid

C++ developer diploma

Use of software: Office suites, online collaboration tools (Google Groups, Basecamp, Slack, JIRA); development environments (Eclipse); ontology editors; MySQL clients; SSH clients.

Computer languages, formats, protocols: C++, PHP, Java (JSP), Javascript, HTML, CSS, SQL, SPARQL, XML, N3, Turtle, REST services, OAI-PMH.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

<https://www.valerapesce.name/publicazioni>

Online CV

<https://www.valerapesce.name/cv>