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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

02 | 2023 – In progress

Stakeholder Engagement Specialist | Centro euro-Mediterraneo sui Cambiamenti Climatici (CMCC) | Impacts on Agriculture, Forests and Ecosystem Services c/o Dipartimento di Economia e Sistemi Arborei (DESA) Sezione Agrosistemi Arborei, Via De Nicola, 9, 07100, Sassari.

Role description: provide with stakeholder assessment and mapping, identify key concerns, risks and mitigation actions, activate and manage the involvement of stakeholders and policy makers on climate change adaptation issues to increase their skills and improve decision-making processes for climate change governance and mainstreaming; produce new knowledge and products for effective management of climate change adaptation in different sectors; organize participatory activities (e.g. Living Labs, Hubs, etc., questionnaires, interviews) to co-design climate change adaptation actions and policies; manage communications activities.

04/2021 - 02|2023

Social Researcher and Science Communicator | Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie (IZSVe), Viale dell'Università, 10 – 35020 Legnaro (PD).

Research topics: participatory epidemiology, risk communication, and animal health.

Role description:

- Drafting of contents and articles also in English and preparation of the final report of the projects;
- Interpretation of qualitative data collected through focus groups with selected stakeholders and drafting of the analysis report;
- Definition of the quantitative questionnaire and drafting of the quantitative data analysis report;
- Drafting of contents and articles also in English;
- Description of the survey tools for the various selected stakeholders;
- Data collection: organization of activities and realization of surveys;
- Data analysis and reporting.
- Excel | SPSS | LimeSurvey | EUSurvey | TaLTaC | Iramuteq | Atlas.ti

Research projects for which I have been funded:

Research project IZSVe 07/20. Effect of psychosocial and cultural determinants of food choices on the development of effective risk communication interventions with a focus on scientific uncertainty.

Activities: analysis and definition of the most suitable communication strategies for the reference target; drafting of reports and reports on the activity carried out; realization of the quantitative survey aimed at studying the effect of psycho-social and cultural determinants on the food choices of citizens; data analysis; interpretation of results; drafting of the final report; definition of the communication plan aimed at the various stakeholders; drafting of contents and articles also in English.

Research project IZSVe 11/20. Geographic profiling and field operations tools to support the prevention and repression of malicious poisoning in animals.

Activities: drafting of contents and articles and preparation of the final report of the projects; interpretation of qualitative data collected through focus groups with consumers and drafting of the analysis report; definition of the quantitative questionnaire and drafting of the quantitative data analysis report; definition of the survey tools for the various selected stakeholders: interview trail for law enforcement agencies, focus group trail and structured questionnaire for veterinary surgeons; data collection: organization of activities and implementation of surveys; data analysis and reporting.

Research project IZSVe 12/19. Zoonoses in shelters for dogs and cats: study and development of an integrated strategy (epidemiology, social research, training, and risk communication) for an effective health management.

Activities: analysis and definition of the most suitable communication strategies for the reference target; drafting of reports and reports on the activity carried out; realization of the quantitative survey aimed at studying the perception of the risk of zoonotic infection due to contact with dogs and cats by citizens; data analysis; interpretation of results; drafting of the final report; definition of the communication plan aimed at the various stakeholders; drafting of contents and articles also in English.

Research project IZSVe 10/18. Ethnography and behavioral nudges as a means to define factors that help the consumer's implementation of correct food handling practices at home and development of an effective risk communication strategy

Activities: analysis of the qualitative data collected and production of scientific dissemination material, such as news, scientific articles, presentations at conferences.

Partnership between IZSVe and Autonomous Region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia (in the execution of DDG f.f. n. 231 del 23.06.2020) "Monitoring plans and epidemiological surveillance in veterinary public health in the FVG Region"

Activities: activities to support scientific communication in the context of projects/interventions on specific issues of animal health (e.g. vector-borne diseases, infectious diseases of wildlife, epidemic emergencies, etc.) and food safety (e.g. hygienic-sanitary protection of food micro-enterprises food-borne poisoning, etc.). The communication initiatives are developed through the application of social research methodologies to study specific targets, design and creation of innovative editorial and multimedia content, and develop digital tools/channels.

Other research projects in which I have collaborated/I am collaborating for some activities

Research project IZSVe 05/21. Investigation of the prevalence and distribution of tick-borne pathogens in goat farms and assessment of the risk associated with the presence of the Tick Borne Encephalitis virus (TBEV) in raw milk and products thereof (IXORISK)

Activities: Survey on the consumption of raw milk and derivatives and on the diffusion of vaccination aimed at farmers and consumers

Research project IZSVe 10/21. African Swine Fever: a study of stakeholders' perception (pig farming and wildlife-hunting sectors) to inform communication interventions aimed at improving prevention and control strategies (PSA-PRINCE)

Activities: use of quantitative, qualitative, and participatory social research methodologies to involve the various stakeholders of the swine supply chain to structure adequate information and institutional communication interventions to improve ASF prevention and control strategies.

Research project IZSVe 11/21. Development of a monitoring system for environmental microbial contamination in veterinary facilities for pets: from risk analysis to the definition of protocols for environmental hygiene in clinical settings.

Activities: Design and carry out a focus group with veterinary experts from the selected clinics to explore the contexts to develop a surveillance system of environmental microbial contamination in veterinary clinic structures for pets.

Research project IZSVe 18/13. Analysis of the procedures to monitor, prevent, and control of avian influenza in poultry breeding. A pilot study in the Veneto region

Activities: analysis of qualitative data, writing of the scientific article.

International research projects in which I have collaborated/I am collaborating:

H2020 "h-ALO - Photonic system for adaptable multiple-analyte monitoring of food-quality"

Activities: multi-country survey aimed at citizens on consumption and risk perception of 4 supply chains: honey, craft beer, raw milk, and raw milk cheeses.

ECDC NP/2021/DPR/13083. "Review and evaluation of the public health and animal health aspects of West Nile virus and Usutu virus infections in the European Union."

Activities: Survey with European experts to collect data on West Nile virus and Usutu virus infections in the European Union; analysis of quantitative data, drafting of the final report

01/2020 - 10/2020

Extracurricular Internship project "Padova 2022: Nodegoat" | University of Padua

Project "BO 2022" is a study promoted by the University of Padua given the eighth centenary of its foundation (1222-2022) for the enhancement of its historical heritage (https://www.ottocentenariouniversitadipadova.it/).

Compilation of the "Nodegoat" database to register students from Padua of medieval, modern, and contemporary ages.

- study and analysis of the sources (published and unpublished) available for the history of the University of Padua;
- entering data on the Padova 2022 database using the Nodegoat software;
- analysis and exploitation of the results obtained given their publication.

01/2019 - 03/2019

Collaboration for students (200 hours) | University of Padua

- Opening, closing, and surveillance of the building.

- Front office activities.
- Management of the audio-visual systems of the classrooms.

02/2017 - 04/2017

Collaboration for students (200 hours) | University of Padua

- Opening, closing, and surveillance of the building.
- Front office activities.
- Management of the audio-visual systems of the classrooms.

EDUCATION

10/2022 - In progress

First Level Short Specialization degree in the *Communication of Science and Innovation* (Scicomm) | University of Trento.

10/2016 - 07/2020

Master's degree in *Cultures, Education and Global Society – Sociology and social research* (LM 88) | University of Padua | Final degree mark: *110/110* cum laude

02/2018 - 05/2018

Erasmus | University Hradec Králové | Hradec Králové (Czech Republic)

10/2013 - 10/2016

Bachelor's degree in *Sociological Sciences*, (L-40) | University of Padua.

COLLABORATIONS FOR OTHER PROJECTS

02/2017 - 02/2018

Research project collaboration

The research aimed to understand the functioning and problems of the reception system for unaccompanied foreign minors in northeastern Italy. Interviews were carried out with different stakeholders like institutional representatives, operators, families, and children, through which an attempt was made to compare the priorities of the various actors involved in the reception system and to identify the risk, resource, and innovation aspects. The University of Padua has funded this project under the scholarship program "Innovative Projects for Students", which financially supports a series of activities designed by students of different degree courses under the supervision of university staff. The following publication followed this experience: Surian A., Comini L., Menini A., Pietropolli A., "Diciotto anni: e dopo?", in Segatto B., Di Masi D., Surian A., "L'ingiusta distanza. I percorsi dei minori stranieri non accompagnati dall'accoglienza alla cittadinanza", Milano: Franco Angeli, (2018): pp. 127-136

04/2017 - 06/2017

Project collaboration F.A.R.E

F.A.R.E. It is an initiative promoted by the University of Padua, financed by the Veneto Region, in collaboration with the Franco and Franca Basaglia Foundation, the Iside Social Cooperative and the Sumo Social Cooperative. The event had as its objective the reappropriation and redevelopment of abandoned and stigmatized urban spaces through creating an event open to citizens (Referee: Luca Trappolin, professor of the "Pedagogy and sociology of differences" course at the University of Padua).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Italian: native speaker

English: B2 Portuguese: A2

SOFTWARE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH

Excel | SPSS | LimeSurvey | EUSurvey | TaLTaC | Iramuteq | Atlas.ti

WORKSHOP / SUMMER SCHOOL / COURSES

11/2022

Corso ECM blended: il ricercatore in IZSVe – Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie

07/2022

Summer School in Introduction to System Dynamics | System Dynamics Society

06/2022

Corso base di Atlas.ti

06/2022

System Dynamics Modelling Intermediate Course | DESTA Research LLP

11/05/2022

Peste suina africana: sorvegliare e prevenire | Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie

05/2022

Qlik Sense | Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie

02/2022

Fundamentals of System Dynamics Modelling | DESTA Research LLP

11/2021

Conoscenza stati di sofferenza, dolore, distresse angoscia | Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie

07/2021

Summer School in Quantitative Analysis of Textual Data | University of Padua

01/2020

Corso di Epistemologia della complessità | Ca' Foscari University of Venice

11/2019

Workshop on Network Models in Statistics, Economics and Social Sciences NET2019 | Italian Society for Chaos and Complexity

CONFERENCES AND ACADEMIC CONGRESSES

ABSTRACT AIE XLVI 2022: Percezione e conoscenze della presenza di zanzare e dei rischi sanitari relativi in Veneto e Friuli Venezia Giulia. 30 giu 2022. https://www.epidemiologia.it/libro-degli-abstract-convegno-xlvi-aie-2022/

2ND NATIONAL PHD CONFERENCE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES, PADOVA 22-24 GIUGNO 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Menini, A.; Mascarello, G.; Giaretta, M.; Brombin, A.; Marcolin, S.; Personeni, F.; Pinto, A.; Crovato, S. The Critical Role of Consumers in the Prevention of Foodborne Diseases: An Ethnographic Study of Italian Families. *Foods* 2022, *11*, 1006. https://doi.org/10.3390/foods11071006

Menini A., "Per una teoria generale sistemica dell'evoluzione: uno sguardo alla dinamica dei sistemi sociali complessi", in Padoan I., "Ancora Bateson", Genova: Il Nuovo Melangolo, 2021. (https://www.ibs.it/ancora-bateson-libro-vari/e/9788869832796)

Surian A., Comini L., Menini A., Pietropolli A., "Diciotto anni: e dopo?", in Segatto B., Di Masi D., Surian A., "L'ingiusta distanza. I percorsi dei minori stranieri non accompagnati dall'accoglienza alla cittadinanza", Milano: Franco Angeli, (2018): pp. 105-114.

 $(\underline{https://www.research.unipd.it/bitstream/11577/3269861/1/2018_L\%27 ingiusta\%20Distanza\%20\%28 curatela\%29.pdf)$

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