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● ABOUT ME

Matteo Funaro is Senior Scientific Manager at the CMCC Foundation, leading R&D projects and the "Science-Policy Interface and Applied Sociology" research unit. He possesses significant EU project management expertise, backed by a track record of successfully designing and submitting proposals, and previously teaching EU project design at the University of Sassari. His research is centered on integrating water and agricultural management, employing participatory methods, and developing strategies for climate adaptation and sustainable development coherence. Holding a Ph.D. in Methodology of Social Research and a M.Sc. in Policy Science, he has also conducted extensive field social research and project management across Sub-Saharan and North Africa. His work consistently bridges social and environmental sciences to drive effective policy and practical outcomes.

● WORK EXPERIENCE

 **CMCC FOUNDATION, CENTRO EURO MEDITERRANEO SUI CAMBIAMENTI CLIMATICI – SASSARI, ITALY**

SENIOR SCIENTIFIC MANAGER – 3 JAN 2021 – CURRENT

As Senior Scientific Manager of the "IAFES Impacts on Agriculture, Forests and Ecosystem Services" Division at the CMCC Foundation, Matteo Funaro is primarily responsible for leading and managing EU-funded research and development projects, leveraging strong expertise in project coordination, financial oversight, and organizational management. His scientific leadership is directed toward the integration of water and agricultural management, employing participatory approaches to bridge social and environmental sciences. Furthermore, he directs the "Science-Policy Interface and Applied Sociology" research unit, where his core activities involve developing and implementing advanced qualitative and quantitative methodologies. These methodologies are crucial for supporting strategic coherence between climate adaptation objectives and sustainable development policies. Key responsibilities also include coordinating complex project proposals, ensuring robust technical reporting, and facilitating strategic stakeholder engagement to translate scientific findings into actionable policy across agro-forestry contexts.

 **UNIVERSITY OF SASSARI – SASSARI, ITALY**

PROJECT MANAGER AND FINANCIAL MANAGER – 1 JAN 2015 – 1 APR 2021

For six years, I served as a Project and Financial Manager and Researcher at the University of Sassari, spearheading the full project lifecycle for EU-funded research initiatives. My responsibilities included coordinating the development and strategic design of project proposals, contributing to a strong success rate in securing European funding. I was directly accountable for project planning, management, and implementation of all related activities, ensuring operational and financial compliance. Specifically, I functioned as both Project Manager and Financial Manager for key EU-funded projects, including MAYA, RELIVE-WASTE, and WADISMAR, demonstrating proven expertise in budgetary oversight, reporting, and multi-partner coordination.

 **UNIVERSITY OF SASSARI – SASSARI, ITALY**

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR CONTRACT – 15 FEB 2019 – 15 AUG 2019

Delivered the official course on EU Project Design, Cooperation, and Development to students within the Bachelor of Science in Security and International Cooperation.

Focused the curriculum on practical skills necessary for securing EU funding, including the theoretical frameworks of European cooperation, partnership building, and proposal writing methodologies.

Guided students through the process of designing and formulating competitive project proposals, drawing directly on professional expertise in the field.

Provided specialized teaching and mentoring to prepare students for careers in international cooperation, project management, and securing European research funds.

 **INTERSOS NGO ROME – EL GENEINA, SUDAN**

FINANCIAL MANAGER – 1 JUL 2010 – 1 JUL 2011

Based in El Geneina, Darfur, Sudan I managed and supervised annual funds (around €5 million) in a high-risk operational environment.
Led financial planning, accurate reporting, and internal financial training/monitoring for the local team.
Handled all aspects of local employment contracts and managed tender processes, ensuring compliance with organizational and donor rules.
Served as the primary point of contact and representative for the organization in dealings with local authorities and major international funding bodies (UNHCR, European Union).
Responsible for the design of new project proposals and the comprehensive preparation of detailed project budgets for submission to donors.

● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

1 JAN 2012 – 1 FEB 2015 Sassari, Italy
PHD IN FUNDAMENTALS AND METHODS OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND SOCIAL WORK University of Sassari

Field of study Sociology and cultural studies | **Level in EQF** EQF level 8

1 SEP 2004 – 23 FEB 2009 Rome, Italy
MASTER OF SCIENCE ECONOMICS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT University of Rome "La Sapienza"

Field of study Political sciences and civics | **Level in EQF** EQF level 7

● **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): **ITALIAN**
Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C1	C1	B2	B2	B2
FRENCH	C2	C1	C1	C1	B2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● **PUBLICATIONS**

2022
[Application of a Participatory Process for the Selection of Adaptation Actions in the Context of Rural and Forest Fires: Preliminary Results from the Experience Conducted within the Italy-France Maritime MED-Star Project](#)

Authors: Bacciu, V.; Marras, S.; Mereu, V.; Funaro, M.; Mongili, S.; Cossu, S.; Meloni, G.; Masu, F.; Pira, V.C.; Spano, D. | **Journal Name:** Environ. Sci. Proc. | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** 17, 81. [https:// doi.org/10.3390/environsciproc.2022017081](https://doi.org/10.3390/environsciproc.2022017081)

2024
[A participatory framework to evaluate coherence between climate change adaptation and sustainable development policies](#)

Authors: Beretić N.; Alissa Bauer, A.; Funaro M.,; Spano D.; Marras S. | **Journal Name:** Environmental Policy and Governance, | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** Vol. 34, Issue 3, pp. 275-290, 16 pp.

2024
[Levant Drought Occurrence, Lebanon Case](#)

Authors: Jomaa, I., Choker, M., Haj, N.E., Saab, M.T.A., Funaro, M. and Mereu, S | **Journal Name:** Atmospheric and Climate Sciences, | **Volume, Issue and Pages:** Vol.14 No.1, 2024, PP. 118-127

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