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Working since 1992 as scientific project manager in the European Commission. Leading the Soil Data and Information Systems (SOIL Action) activities of the Joint Research Centre in support to the EU Thematic Strategy for Soil Protection and numerous other soil related policies, like the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), the UNCCD, UNFCCC, CBD, etc...

Responsible of the European Soil Data Centre (ESDAC), the European Soil Information System (EUSIS) and the European Soil Bureau Network (ESBN).

Recently in charge of supporting the establishment of the Global Soil Partnership (GSP) at FAO. Currently chairing the Intergovernmental Technical Panel on Soils (ITPS).

More than 200 publications, books and reports.

Numerous awards and memberships.

1978-1984 Study of Agriculture Sciences at the University of Perugia, graduated in agricultural engineering at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Perugia, Italy;

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1986 Visiting Scientist at the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Groningen, The Netherlands;

1986-1991 Mass Spectrometry and Chromatography Specialist at Varian Associates, Palo Alto, USA. 1991-1992 principal administrator at the Italian Ministry of Agriculture

Since 1992 scientific officer at the Commission of the European Communities, Joint Research Centre (JRC), Ispra, Italy; 1992-1995 working as Head of the Organic Reference Laboratory, Environment Institute, JRC; 1995-2000 Head of the European Soil Bureau project, Space Applications Institute, MARS unit; 2001-2003 Head of the European Soil Bureau project, Institute for Environment and Sustainability, Soil and Waste unit, JRC.

Since 2003 he is the head of the new JRC action **Soil Data and Information Systems (SOIL)**, now it is renamed in SOIL. Numerous scientific publications. Main interests are: Soil Databases, GIS, soil protection, land degradation