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GIUSEPPE FRANCHINI

Director of Engineering and Applied Sciences Department
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Giuseppe Franchini is a Full Professor of Energy and Environmental Systems at the University of Bergamo, where he holds the chair of Energy Systems and Renewable Energy Technologies within the Master of Science program in Mechanical Engineering.



He currently serves as the Rector's Delegate for Energy Transition and is the Head of the Department of Engineering and Applied Sciences. He has authored more than 100 international scientific publications in the energy sector, focusing particularly on renewable and hybrid energy systems. His research expertise spans solar power plants, smart grids, energy storage systems, and the green hydrogen supply chain.

ABSTRACT

The transition from a linear to a circular economy is one of the defining challenges and opportunities of our time. Beyond its environmental dimension, circular economy is emerging as a new industrial paradigm capable of enhancing competitiveness, resilience and sustainable growth. Achieving this transition requires a systemic approach that connects energy, water, climate, waste management, policies and green jobs, while fostering innovation across sectors and territories.

Central to this process is the development of new skills and competencies capable of integrating technological, environmental and socio-economic perspectives. Universities therefore play a crucial role in preparing the professionals who will lead the ecological transition. In this context, the University of Bergamo has made sustainability a strategic pillar of its institutional vision, promoting interdisciplinary education and innovation across all its departments. Particular attention is devoted to the new Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programmes in Engineering for Sustainable Energy and Environmental Technology, designed to educate engineers capable of addressing the complexity of sustainability challenges and supporting the transition towards a more circular, resilient and competitive economy.

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ABSTRACT: In Bergamo, she will speak about circularity as a business and survival necessity, and about why the future belongs to those who stop convincing the unconvinced and start facilitating real change.

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GIANMARIA MALVESTITI

Managing Director, Covestro Italy & Site Manager, Filago

Gianmaria Malvestiti is an industrial chemist from the Bergamo area who has built his entire career within the Covestro group, starting from its Bayer days. After graduating in Milan, he joined the company in 1999 in quality control, before moving into product development and a series of international assignments across Germany and China.



In Shanghai, he spent some years overseeing polycarbonate compounding operations, gaining hands-on expertise in one of the company's core material technologies and a broad perspective on global manufacturing. Back in Italy, he took on responsibility for the Filago site and now holds a dual role: Managing Director of Covestro Italy and Site Manager of the Filago production facility. With over 25 years in the industry and direct experience spanning R&D, operations, and international management, Malvestiti brings both technical depth and a grounded understanding of what the circular economy transition means in practice, from the plant floor to the boardroom.

ABSTRACT

The presentation explores how Covestro is turning its vision of a circular economy into concrete industrial practice. Starting from the company's commitment to becoming fully circular, it highlights the key levers driving this transformation: innovative recycling technologies, alternative raw materials, renewable energy, and collaboration across the value chain. Through real-world examples, the session illustrates how circularity is already being implemented in products, processes and business models, bridging global strategy and operational reality.

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AGOSTINO RIZZO
Country Technical Director
Heidelberg Materials Italia Cementi S.p.A.



The Technical Director is responsible for all production maintenance, quality, environment, personnel and financial activities interested into plant units. Furthermore, he is responsible for providing guidance and objectives to the 14 production sites and the Head Quarter TD.

The responsibility includes Capital Investments, Safety, Environment, Plant Personnel, Production Performances, Alternative Fuels, Production fixed and variable costs and all other activities at plant level and head quarter. The goal is to maximize the operational and financial results (RCOBD/RCO/ROCE). The Technical Director reports to the Managing Director/CEO. To the Technical Director report all the Italian Plant Managers, the Head of Energy, Environment and Quarry, the Head of Technical Support, the head of Planning and Continuous Improvement and the Project Manager for CCUS Italy.

ABSTRACT

The presentation outlines Heidelberg Materials' commitment to reducing CO₂ emissions and driving the sustainable transformation of the construction sector. Following the integration of Italcementi in 2016, the Group has established itself as one of the world's leading players in building materials, with a strong industrial footprint in Italy. Building on a heritage dating back to 1864, the company has contributed to some of the country's most iconic infrastructure and architectural projects, playing a central role in Italy's economic and social development. Decarbonization is at the core of Heidelberg Materials' strategy, supported by ambitious, internationally validated targets, including a significant reduction in specific CO₂ emissions and the achievement of net-zero by 2050. Among the key levers is the use of alternative fuels derived from non-recyclable waste, which are fully recovered in cement kilns without generating residues and in compliance with strict environmental standards.



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Investments such as the upgrade of the Matera plant demonstrate the effectiveness of these solutions in significantly lowering emissions. Circular economy principles also play a central role, with a focus on material recovery across the value chain and, in particular, the recycling of demolition concrete, which is reintroduced into production processes as a valuable secondary resource. At the same time, technological innovation remains a key enabler, with continuous investment in research and development and in carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) technologies, which are essential to the decarbonization of the cement sector. Within this framework, the DREAM project represents the first industrial-scale application of carbon capture in the Italian cement sector, at the Rezzato-Mazzano plant. The project aims to demonstrate the full CCS value chain, from CO₂ capture to transport and offshore storage. DREAM will enable the production of near-zero “carbon-captured” cements and marks a strategic step toward the development of a CO₂ value chain in Italy, with positive environmental, industrial, and economic impacts. Overall, the presentation highlights how Heidelberg Materials is combining innovation, sustainability, and competitiveness to lead the transition toward a low-carbon industrial model and support the transformation of the construction sector.

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CLAUDIO CERIOLI
CEO of Pontenossa S.p.A.

Claudio Cerioli is Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Pontenossa S.p.A., one of Italy's leading companies in the Circular Economy sector, specializing in the recovery of nonferrous metals from steelmaking residues and the treatment of electric arc furnace dust.



With more than 25 years of international executive experience across the industrial, technology, and telecommunications sectors, Claudio has built a career focused on business transformation, operational improvement, and organizational development. His professional journey combines strategic leadership in global corporations with hands-on responsibility for industrial operations and sustainable resource recovery. Prior to joining Pontenossa, he held several senior executive positions within ARRIS Group, now part of CommScope, leading international teams and business activities across Europe, Latin America, and Asia Pacific. Earlier in his career, he held strategic planning and management positions within the Pirelli Group, where he developed a strong foundation in business analysis and long-term planning.

Since joining Pontenossa in 2023, he has led a broad modernization program focused on productivity improvement, process optimization, digitalization, advanced data analytics, and the application of machine learning techniques to industrial operations. Today, he is actively involved in initiatives aimed at improving the sustainability, efficiency, and competitiveness of industrial resource recovery processes, promoting innovation as a key enabler of the Circular Economy transition.

Claudio holds an MBA from SDA Bocconi in Milan and a Master's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering, with honors, from the University of Naples.



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Pontenossa S.p.A. contributes to closing the circular economy loop by recovering strategic metals from EAF dust and other zinc-bearing environmentally hazardous residues, using the Waelz process, recognized as the Best Available Technique in this field. Through this process, Pontenossa transforms a potentially hazardous waste stream into Waelz oxide, a secondary raw material that can partially replace primary zinc mineral concentrates in the production of zinc metal.

A key priority for Pontenossa is to further extend this circular model through the potential valorization of Waelz residue, which could replace part of the natural aggregates used in applications such as road construction and cement production, thereby reducing the extraction of natural gravel.

Alongside material recovery, Pontenossa actively works to reduce the environmental impact of its operations through digital optimization of the Waelz process, renewable electricity generation from hydropower and photovoltaic systems, and advanced wastewater and air treatment technologies. These actions reduce carbon/reductant consumption, improve metal recovery, treat process' water streams, capture metals and dust, and oxidize residual CO, supporting both resource efficiency and environmental protection.

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GIUSEPPE GUERINI

President of Cooperatives Europe since June 2, 2025.

President of CECOP-CICOPA Europa, the European Confederation of Worker, Industrial, and Service Cooperatives, from June 2016 to October 2025.

Member of the EESC since September 2010, he focuses on the social economy and social enterprises, employment, and finance for SMEs and social enterprises.

His work at the EESC includes numerous opinions as a rapporteur. He is also Vice-President of the Internal Market Section.

Vice-President of Social Economy Europe since July 2024.

Former president of Confcooperative Bergamo (2012–2024) and Federsolidarietà Confcooperative (2010–2018)

Active in the cooperatives since 1988, starting out as social worker in a social cooperative, and then as a director in cooperatives, consortia and Apex cooperatives in Italy.

Member on the boards of directors in a Cooperative Bank in Bergamo (2012-2018)

ABSTRACT

How can cooperatives and social economy contribute to the circular economy?

The speech delves into the question of whether there is a structural link between cooperatives and sustainability, and explains why it is in fact no coincidence that the International Cooperative Alliance is the United Nations' main partner in pursuing the 2030 Agenda.



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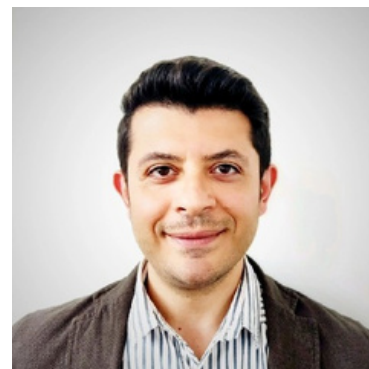
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AMMAR SHAWESH

Managing Director, Cooperativa Impresa Sociale Ruah

Ammar Shawesh is a social entrepreneur and Director of Area B at Cooperativa Impresa Sociale Ruah in Bergamo, Italy, where he coordinates services and projects at the intersection of circular economy, social inclusion, community development and intercultural innovation. He also leads Triciclo Bergamo, Ruah's reuse and circular economy platform, promoting sustainable practices, inclusive work pathways and territorial partnerships.



ABSTRACT

The intervention presents Cooperativa Ruah's experience in transforming textile waste and reuse practices into a social circular economy model. Starting from Bergamo's local context, Ammar Shawesh will explore how collection systems, second-hand activities, education, green skills and partnerships can generate environmental value, social inclusion and community impact. The contribution will also reflect on future challenges linked to textile flows, EPR, traceability and the development of local circular economy hubs.

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JASON NARDI

Director of Ripess Europe

Jason is a passionate social and environmental justice activist with a longstanding commitment that began in childhood with animal rights advocacy and a transition to vegetarianism at age 8. A Florentine with a dual citizenship (US and Italy) – and a parent of two wonderful teenagers – he is currently engaged in various local, national, and international initiatives, gaining and sharing insights through diverse responsibilities.



With a decade of experience at the Ethical Finance Foundation (part of Banca Etica in Italy), involvement in local development NGOs and coordination of Social Watch in Italy, Jason has been promoting solidarity economy and finance (through local practices, training, peer-learning).

As the general delegate of RPESS Europe and former coordinator of RPESS, intercontinental network fostering social solidarity economy, he's been working on advocacy at the UN (COP, FAO, ILO, UNSSETF, etc.) and convergences of social movements in the International Council of the World Social Forum and the WSF of Transformative Economies (and now in the European Common Space for Alternatives). Additionally, as co-president of RIES (Italian Solidarity Economy Network) and co-founder of Solidarius Italia, he focuses on advancing research and development of solidarity economy circuits. His academic background in communication and media fuels many rights advocacy and community initiatives in Florence, where he lives and supports CSA projects, mutualism initiatives, and community forums, all while enjoying playing the clarinet in a street band and teaching acroyoga.

ROLE: Workshop leader - Waste and Energy Management

ABSTRACT

The workshop aims to build upon the insights gained during the morning session through an operational dialogue dedicated to Waste and Energy Management.

Using generative questions and leveraging the active contribution of each participant, we will explore the technological, legislative, and communication challenges, needs, and opportunities related to the development and promotion of the circular economy.

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GIUSEPPE FINOCCHIARO

President of Retessile: national association for sector development and cooperation.

Coordinator of Rete R.I.U.S.E. (Raccolta Indumenti Usati Solidale ed Ecologica): strategic planning and monitoring of waste flow traceability.

Vice-president and Commercial Manager, Specialist in international environmental compliance and ESG Strategy
Business manager and consultant specializing in the definition of commercial strategies, circular economy flow governance, and international regulatory compliance.

Translates legal requirements into measurable esg (environmental, social, governance) impacts, integrating environmental and social compliance into the corporate value chain.

In the capacity of vice president and commercial manager of Vesti Solidale Onlus, defines strategic market positioning lines and coordinates the commercial development of environmental services. Responsible for integrating business goals with social impact, designs and implements workforce integration programs through the application of complex regulatory frameworks.

Leads strategic development and traceability systems within national networks dedicated to the management, reuse, and recycling of post-consumer textile fractions:

ROLE: Workshop leader - Textile Systems



ABSTRACT

The workshop analyzes the operational and economic dynamics of the textile supply chain in relation to the introduction of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes. To maximize the value of the debate, the session is structured as an interactive working group, moving away from traditional panel models toward a generative discussion.

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MARTIN BAUMGARTEN
Environmental Scientist
Climate Fresk & Klimafakten associate in Berlin



Since 2023, he is a facilitator in the Climate Fresk Community and trainer for climate communication, offering various workshop formats in the field of climate education. In 2024, he joined the Climate Communication Network.

ROLE: Workshop leader - “Water and Climate Change”

ABSTRACT

Climate change and water issues are deeply interconnected, both in their physical impacts and in the way people perceive them. The workshop explores why, despite broad public awareness and concern, meaningful action often remains limited. Through an examination of misinformation, climate delay narratives, and the psychological barriers that shape public responses, participants will gain practical tools for more effective conversations.

Drawing from multiple communication frameworks, the session aims to help participants to engage others constructively by listening and telling stories, that are personal, tangible and inspire great motivation for Climate and water action.

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SERGIO LORENZI

Sergio Lorenzi is teacher and researcher of University of Bergamo, School of Engineering – Department of Engineering and Applied Sciences. He works in the Material Science and Technology research group which is recognized in the field of corrosion, stress corrosion cracking and traditional and innovative materials performances assessment for industrial applications.



He is in Editorial board of two international journals. He is member of the European federation of corrosion, serving as chairman at the forthcoming conference in the “corrosion of additive manufactured materials” section. He accounts several industrial cooperation in the field of materials selection, corrosion protection, prevention and durability assessment for green energy sector.

ROLE: Workshop leader - Green Jobs and Skills

ELISA GHIRARDI

Elisa Ghirardi is an Assistant Professor in Energy Systems and Turbomachinery at the University of Bergamo. Her research focuses on renewable energy systems, smart energy districts, and hydrogen technologies, with particular expertise in transient modeling and techno-economic optimization. Dr. Ghirardi has collaborated with industrial partners on energy transition and hydrogen applications.



ROLE: Workshop leader - Green Jobs and Skills



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This interactive workshop will explore how the green transition is reshaping labour markets and creating new opportunities across different sectors. Participants will gain insights into emerging green jobs and the growing demand for sustainability-related skills. The workshop will also explore the role of universities and businesses in preparing future professionals. Particular attention will be given to sustainability reporting, environmental, social and governance (ESG) competencies, and the circular economy as key drivers of innovation and employability. Through discussions, case studies and collaborative activities, participants will consider the skills required to support sustainable transformation and flourish in an increasingly green, data-driven economy.

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ORIANA RUZZINI

Provincial co-spokesperson for Europa Verde Bergamo.
Pharmacist.

Councillor for Ecological Transition, Environment and
Green Spaces for the City of Bergamo.



ABSTRACT

Bergamo is one of the nine cities selected by the European Commission to become climate-neutral and smart by 2030.

The circular economy is one of the key pillars of our ecological transition strategy. Together with Capital Hub, within the framework of the Net Zero Cities initiative, we developed a circular economy strategy based on a detailed study aimed at identifying which productive sectors could be improved through more circular models.

The study revealed a very interesting picture: although the city already performs well in waste separation and recycling, there is still significant room for improvement by redesigning production processes to reduce waste and optimize resources. This represents not only a good environmental practice, but also a financially sustainable and advantageous approach for both public institutions and private businesses.

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VERA PERSICO
Environment and Landscape Department
Province of Bergamo



She is a naturalist and environmental technical officer at the Province of Bergamo, where for over fifteen years she has been working on landscape planning, ecological networks, protected areas, and environmental assessments.

An expert in landscape ecology, she takes part in complex environmental projects in collaboration with parks, PLIS (Local Parks of Supramunicipal Interest), and local authorities, alongside teaching and outreach activities.

ABSTRACT

From EU Policies and Opportunities to Local Practices: Sustainable Management Project for Provincial School and Roadside Green Areas explores how European environmental strategies and biodiversity policies can be translated into concrete local actions through the sustainable management of public green spaces.

The project, developed by the Province of Bergamo, focuses on school and roadside green areas as strategic infrastructures for ecological connectivity, climate adaptation, landscape quality, and environmental education. Through innovative maintenance practices, biodiversity enhancement, reduction of intensive mowing, and the use of nature-based solutions, the initiative aims to improve ecosystem services while promoting a new cultural approach to public green management.

The experience highlights the importance of cooperation between public institutions, local communities, and environmental stakeholders in implementing sustainable territorial policies capable of generating both ecological and social benefits.

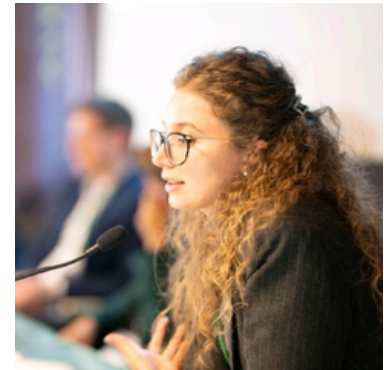
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CHIARA TISAT

Europe Direct Bergamo, Bergamo Province

She coordinates the Province of Bergamo's EU Office. She manages the design, implementation and reporting of EU-funded and territorial projects. She serves as Project Manager for multiple initiatives, overseeing technical and administrative processes, partnership management and project monitoring.



ABSTRACT

The presentation will provide an overview of the role of the Europe Office and the new Europe Direct Bergamo centre as key tools for connecting European Union opportunities with local territorial needs.

Through the presentation of European projects, international networks, support services for local authorities, and opportunities addressed to young people, schools, and citizens, the session aims to highlight how EU policies can be translated into concrete actions fostering territorial development, participation, and social innovation.

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Eleonora Recalcati

Europe Direct Bergamo, Bergamo Province

Lawyer with degrees in Law and Political Science and a Master's in Diplomatic Studies, she began her career at leading Milan law firms before moving into European affairs. From 2013 to 2022, she served in the Private Office of the President of the Lombardy Region, managing legislative affairs, international relations and key strategic dossiers including Expo Milano 2015.



Since 2022, she has been senior expert consultant on cohesion policy and European Territorial Cooperation at the Department for Cohesion Policies of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, and works as an EU project designer and manager for municipalities and associations, with a focus on sustainability and green transition.

ABSTRACT

The intervention examines circular economy opportunities within the EU policy framework, with a focus on key funding programmes (LIFE, Horizon Europe, Interreg). Drawing on concrete project examples, it aims at offering a practical guide to accessing European finance for circular economy initiatives.

Eleonora Recalcati took part in the previous ConnAct Eu meeting in Bergamo as panel leader in the session called “Experiences Across Europe & Roundtable: Strengthening community energy: challenges and opportunities, particularly in rural areas”.

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European Academy Berlin is a charitable non-profit organisation, for continuing adult education in Europe and for international gatherings. As a disseminator of knowledge the Academy aims to explain policies and politics and to communicate European political connections. By strengthening the critical ability of each citizen, EAB makes its contribution towards a vital civil society in Germany and in Europe. In Berlin, the Academy is a well-established location for meetings of all kinds for an international clientele – addressing always current and relevant topics.

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Pakhuis de Zwijger is an accessible, independent and safe public meeting space for everyone. A contemporary 'talking house' with a strong online media presence that focuses on dialogue as a form of conversation. A place where ambitions are formulated, different opinions and insights are presented in order to arrive at creative solutions for the urgent and complex social issues of our time.

REPRESENTATIVE

RICO DISCO

Environmental Psychologist

Pakhuis de Zwijger, Journalist and Program editor Nature & Climate

Rico has a background in climate psychology, which focusses on what motivates people to behave more sustainably. At Pakhuis de Zwijger he is programme maker and together with many partners he develops events centered around sustainability, ranging from energy transition to urban nature, and from agriculture to climate justice. Before Pakhuis de Zwijger he worked for environmental NGO Milieudefensie, known for the court case against Shell.



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Association for International Affairs - AMO is a independent think-tank in the Czech Republic in the field of international relations and Czech foreign policy. The mission of AMO, formed in 1997, is to: conduct research and make advocacy on local, regional and European level, implement educational activities for high school and university students and their teachers and develop open society in European neighbourhoods through international projects. It represents a unique forum in which Czech and foreign academics, business people, policy makers, diplomats, the media and NGOs can interact in an impartial environment.

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VERONIKA ČAPKOVÁ
Circular Hub, P-PINK

She is a Master's student in Economics at the University of Pardubice in the Czech Republic. Her studies have recently focused more on environmental and sustainability topics. This interest also led her to participate in a BIP Erasmus programme focused on Green Business Transformation.



Her Master's thesis focuses on ETFs that emphasize ESG principles. For more than one year, she has been part of the Circular Hub team at P-PINK in Pardubice, which is also involved in the CHEERS4EU project, where the focus is on circular economy in municipalities, especially through their Circular Scans of Municipalities.

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MUNICIPALITY OF FUNDAO

The Municipality of Fundão is a local authority located in central Portugal, committed to promoting innovation, sustainability, and territorial development. Recognised for its support of entrepreneurship, digital transformation, and European cooperation, Fundão has developed a strong ecosystem that connects public institutions, businesses, research organisations, and local communities.

Through its participation in European projects, the municipality works to address societal and environmental challenges, foster citizen engagement, and create opportunities for sustainable growth, contributing to more resilient and inclusive territories.

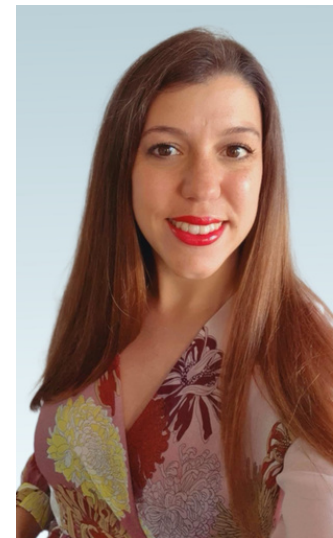
REPRESENTATIVE

MARIANA OLIVEIRA

Mariana Oliveira is a Project & Funding Officer at the Municipality of Fundão, Portugal, where she supports European and national projects focused on innovation, sustainability, digital transformation, and territorial development.

Holding a degree in European Studies and a postgraduate qualification in Project Management, she works closely with public institutions, businesses, research organisations, and local communities to develop initiatives that create positive impact for people and territories.

Drawing on a multidisciplinary background spanning both the public and private sectors, Mariana is passionate about connecting people, projects, and opportunities. She believes that the intersection of European values, innovation, and public policy can play a key role in building more resilient, sustainable, and inclusive territories.



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MUNICIPALITY OF PIRAEUS

REPRESENTATIVE

ALEXANDROS PAPAMICHALOPOULOS

Political scientist-PhD candidate

EU Programmes Consultant at Municipality of Piraeus

Alexandros Papamichalopoulos is a graduate of the Department of International, European, and Regional Studies at Panteion University. He holds a Master's degree in International and European Governance and Politics from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, where he has also been a Ph.D. candidate since 2024. In parallel, he is involved in writing and publishing scholarly analyses of current international affairs in think tanks and digital newspapers.



His professional experience includes positions in the organization, management, coordination, and implementation of programs within the private and humanitarian sectors. He has served as a Business Coordinator at Frank Basil on industrial construction projects and as a Facility Coordinator at METAdrasi – Action for Development, Migration and Asylum managing housing programs.