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**Education:**

09/2017 – 12/2022

European University Institute (Florence – Italy)
PhD in Law

PhD dissertation entitled ‘Overcoming *Plaumann* – environmental NGOs and access to justice before the CJEU’, defended on 5/12/2022. Supervisor: Professor Joanne Scott. While at the EUI, I served as coordinator of the ‘Engaged Academics’ (2017 – 2021) and the ‘Environmental law and governance’ Working Groups (2018/2019).

09/2015 – 06/2016

College of Europe (Bruges - Belgium)
LLM in European Law - (Good)

Master’s Thesis in EU Environmental law and policy entitled “*Who will save the olive tree? European legal aspects of the Xylella case in Italy*” (grade: 16/20). Supervisor: Professor Nicola Notaro (Head of Unit, DG ENV)

10/2009 – 02/2015

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan - Italy)
Bachelor’s/Master’s combined degree in Law - (110/110 cum laude)

Public Law Curriculum; Master's Thesis on “*Environmental protection as a mandatory requirement in EU law*”. Supervisor: Professor Francesco Bestagno.

09/2012 – 07/2013

Université “Sophia Antipolis” (Nice - France)
Erasmus Lifelong Learning Programme - (Average grade: 15.35/20)

07/2016 – 07/2016

Summer Academy in Food Law and Policy (Bilbao - Spain)

Under the supervision of Prof. Alberto Alemanno, Jean Monnet Chair in EU law and Risk Regulation at HEC Paris.

Professional experience:

10/2022 – Present

University of Amsterdam - UvA (Amsterdam – The Netherlands) Postdoctoral Researcher

I am currently working as a postdoctoral researcher in the frame of the ERC project ‘N-EXTLAW’, coordinated by Prof. Marija Bartl. This project seeks to enhance non-extractive economic practices with the aim to reverse the current European economic paradigm and facilitate the ecological transition.

01/2021 – 04/2021

Wageningen University - WUR (Wageningen – The Netherlands) Visiting lecturer/Teaching assistant

In January 2021 I assisted Professor Josephine van Zeben as a teaching assistant (working online from remote) in her course in International and EU environmental law. In March and April, I assisted Professor Lucila de Almeida in her courses on Agri-environmental law and Environmental policy instruments (always at WUR).

01/2020 – 05/2020

Greenpeace International – Legal Unit (Amsterdam – The Netherlands) Legal intern

In the frame of my PhD in EU environmental justice, I joined the legal unit of Greenpeace International for a 5-months internship, to get a real “ENGO perspective” to environmental and climate litigation. During my stay in Amsterdam, I worked on a wide range of different projects, from strategic litigation to SLAPP, and carried out interviews to GPI members for the sake of my own thesis.

01/2017 – 12/2020

The Good Lobby – NGO (Brussels – Belgium) Pro bono expert

“The Good Lobby” (TGL) is a civil society organisation founded in 2017 and based in Brussels. It matches NGOs seeking assistance with professionals working pro bono. At TGL I worked on two main environmental projects: the first one, aiming to broaden the eligibility criteria of EU funding schemes for Eastern European ENGOs; the second one, aiming to call the European Commission’s attention on the use of prohibited pesticides in Italy, to counter the so-called ‘Xylella crisis’.

03/2017 – 07/2017

European Commission – DG Environment (Bruxelles - Belgium) Bluebook Trainee

Working at the European Commission at DG ENV – Unit E2 (Environmental Implementation) I had to deal with the publication of the EIR (Environmental Implementation Review) and with most of the environmental infringement procedures, EU Pilots and CHAPs.

10/2016 – 02/2017

Keller & Heckman LLP (Bruxelles - Belgium) Trainee Lawyer

Law firm specialized in environmental and food law. At K&H I worked under the supervision of the Partners Katia Merten-Lentz and Marcus Navin-Jones, mainly on food labelling, food packaging, GMOs and chemicals.

04/2015 – 08/2015

Studio Legale Ubertazzi (Milan - Italy)

Trainee Lawyer

Main publications:

PAGANO, M. (2021), 'Analysis of the Simmenthal case 106/77', The Court in the Archives Project, AEL Working Paper 2021/06, available at: <https://cadmus.eui.eu/handle/1814/71542>

PAGANO, M. (2020). 'Overcoming Plaumann in EU environmental litigation: an analysis of NGOs legal arguments in actions for annulment', *Diritto e Processo (derecho y proceso) - right & remedies*, 311-360.

PAGANO, M. (2019). 'Who Will Save the Olive Tree?: C-443/18, Commission v. Italy', *European Journal of Risk Regulation*, 10(4), 811-820. doi: 10.1017/err.2019.66

NOTARO, N., PAGANO, M. (2019). 'The Interplay of International and EU environmental law', in Inge Govaere and Sacha Garben (eds) *The Interface Between EU and International Law Contemporary Reflections*, Hart Publishing.

Volunteering:

10/2013 – 07/2015

Associazione Arcobaleno (Milan - Italy)

Legal aid and Italian teacher

Qualifications

Qualified lawyer – Member of the Bar of Taranto, Italy (since 01/02/2018)

Languages and IT skills:

Italian	Mother tongue
English	Proficient (IELTS Academic: overall 7.5; College of Europe)
French	Proficient (Université Sophia Antipolis de Nice and College of Europe certificates)
Spanish	Upper intermediate (language course at the EUI – 2020/2021)

Windows, MS Office	Very good
Mac OSX	Very good
Windows NT/2000	Very good

Other interests:

Music	Songwriter and pianist
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