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EPSO Laureate EPSO 3 (Industrial economics)

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Economist specialising in EU industrial and technology policy, with hands-on experience designing and delivering semiconductor, AI and high-tech initiatives at national and EU level.

EXPERIENCE

2023-2025 Expert | **Italian Ministry of Enterprises**

Working closely with the Director General for Key Enabling Technologies:

- Advancing Italy's participation in EU policy initiatives and funding schemes, such as Digital Europe, Chips JU, HE, and AI factories
- Drafting Italy's semiconductor strategy and position papers on a range of policies
- Securing an Italian chips Pilot Line under the Chips Act (engaging 8 Member States, small and large firms, research institutes and other organisations)
- Operational lead attracting Silicon Box's €3,2 billion *chiplet* fab investment

2023-present Researcher | **Humboldt University in Berlin**

Conducting research on innovation and science policy as part of my PhD (expected 2026):

- Working with public agencies to evaluate funding programmes for firms
- Using large firm datasets to conduct economic analyses
- Employing Data Science and experimental methods

2022-2023 Expert | **Cabinet of the Italian Minister for Technological Innovation**

Expert in the Cabinet of the Minister for Technological Innovation and Digital Transition:

- Policy development in innovative public procurement (PPI for SMEs and startups), digital health and a fund to evaluate upskilling programmes
- Operational lead supporting negotiations to bring a large investment in a strategic sector to Italy
- (From November 2022, end of Draghi gov't) Expert in the Department for Digital Transition focused on a GovTech project to fund startups

2015-2022 Senior Researcher | **Nesta (UK)**

Policy advice and evaluation:

- Leading work stream to support innovation agencies improve their funding schemes, acting as main contact point
- Technical support for a portfolio of experimental studies
- Running training and workshops on impact assessments with policymakers
- Benchmarking the EIC's use of data to improve its funding processes; technical lead on EISMEA experimentation fund with innovation agencies

EDUCATION

2026 (expected)	PhD in Economics Humboldt University in Berlin
2016	Postgraduate Certificate in Econometrics (with distinction) Birkbeck, University of London
2015	MSc in Economics and Public Policy Sciences Po Paris
2012	Diplôme de Grande Ecole (<i>Summa Cum Laude</i> – top 2%) Sciences Po Paris

LANGUAGES

Mother tongues	Spanish, Italian
Other	English (fluent), French (fluent), German (intermediate)

OTHER

2023-2024	National representative Chips Joint Undertaking Public Authorities Board (PAB) and Governing Board (GB)
2021-2022	Evaluation Panel Member What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth, London School of Economics
2020-2021	Technical Reviewer, Selection Panel UK Research and Innovation