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Ph.D. Fellow in Business & Management at the University of Turin and Founder of the non-profit organization Green Growth working on circularity, education and resilient communities.

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## Summary

Gabriella, an Industrial Engineer, transitioned from a 6-year career as a Project Manager in multinational profit sector companies (including food, automation, packaging, and pharmaceuticals) to a path focused on social impact. Her journey includes volunteering in Ghana and Kenya to empower women entrepreneurs, pursuing master's degrees in Fundraising Management and Euro Project Management, and working as an Industrial Liaison Officer at the University of Bologna to bridge academia and industry.

In 2020, she became an EU Project Manager in Lebanon, concentrating on energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. In 2021, she founded Green Growth Generation, a nonprofit platform fostering environmental, social, and economic sustainability through community connections.

Over the last three years, Gabriella engaged with the EIT Food Community, enhancing her knowledge of the food sector, circularity, and sustainability. Therefore she launched Farm2Fork Lab a pioneering initiative that connects small-scale producers, chefs, food experts, and consumers. This endeavor demonstrates her dedication to fostering collaboration within the food ecosystem and furthering her commitment to sustainability and innovation in the food industry.

Currently, Gabriella is in the first year of her PhD program in Business and Management at the University of Turin under the guidance of Professors De Bernardi and Bresciani. Her diverse experiences reflect a commitment to creating positive change and driving social and environmental impact.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

[ 01/2023 – Current ] **Phd Business & Management**

*University of Turin - Business & Management Department* - City: Turin, Italy

PhD “**BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT**” (38th cycle)

Research Stream1: Food, Innovative Business Model in the Food Systems; Research Stream2: New European Bauhaus and Circular Cities, Sustainable Communities and Grand Challenges

[ 03/2023 – 06/2023 ] **Business coach**

*Hi Seed Tech (Horizon Europe Project)* - City: Porto, Portugal

[ 11/2022 – Current ] **Project Coordinator**

*NEB Stewardship Lab (JRC Department European Commission)* - Country: Italy

This academic-led NEB lab project explores and enhances the role of higher education in the New European Bauhaus (NEB) initiative. Through joint workshops and participatory Research Development and Innovation (RDI) activities with project partners, the lab aims to examine, clarify, and enhance the role of higher education in the New European Bauhaus initiative.

[ 09/2021 – Current ] **Founder No-Profit Organization**

*Green Growth Generation* - Country: Italy

GreenGrowthGeneration is a participatory platform to boost green growth by connecting eco-communities

Develop Organization Strategy and Long Term Partnership in Lebanon & Europe

Community Engagement (Selection, Coaching and Mentoring) in Lebanon & Europe

Strategic Design and awareness-raising

*Gabriella Esposito*

[ 10/2022 – 12/2022 ] **Business Coach**

*EIC/EIT Food Women Leadership Programme to mentor SpaceCrop Startup - Online*

[ 02/2020 – 03/2021 ] **EU Project manager**

*ICU - City: Beirut, Lebanon*

REESTART: Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for Sustainable Energy Transition And Reinforced Trust between SMEs and ESCOs

[ 02/2019 – 02/2020 ] **Industrial Liaison Officer**

*Fondazione Alma Mater, Università degli studi di Bologna - City: Bologna, Italy*

[ 01/2014 – 01/2019 ] **Project Manager**

**Multinational Companies in Food Sector, Automated Machines, Pharmaceuticals, Research & Innovation**

## **EDUCATION**

[ 07/2023 – 07/2023 ] **Qualitative Research Methodologies (PhD Summer School)**

*Società Italiana Management; Società Italiana Marketing; Business And Management - City: Siena, Italy*

[ 10/2022 – 12/2022 ] **EIT Food - We Lead Food**

*University of Cambridge; University of Madrid; Aarhus University - Country: United Kingdom*

[ 09/2022 ] **EIT Food - Farm2Fork sustainable production & consumption in public canteens**

*Torino University; Bologna University; Aarhus University - Country: Italy*

[ 06/2022 – 12/2022 ] **EIT Food - Innovator Fellowship - Circular Food System - Farm2Fork Lab**

*Torino University; Aarhus University; Technical University of Munich; Bologna University; CSIC - Country: Italy*

[ 04/2022 – 07/2022 ] **Leadership & Innovation in disruptive time - Senior Manager for Development & Cooperation**

*Amani Institute; Fondazione Compagnia San Paolo; Fondazione Cariplo - Online*

[ 01/2018 – 10/2018 ] **Master in Fundraising Management for National and International Cooperation**

*Social Change School - Country Rome, Italy and Madrid, Spain*

[ 09/2018 – 05/2019 ] **Master in European Project Management**

**Europa Cube Innovation Business School - City: Brussels, Belgium**

[ 10/2007 – 03/2013 ] **Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering for Energy & Environment**

**University of Naples, Federico II - City: Naples, Italy -**

**NQF Level: 110/110 cum laude**

[ 02/2012 – 07/2012 ] **LLP Erasmus Project**

**Escuela Tecnica Superior de Ingenieria - City: Huelva, Spain**

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