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An environmental sciences graduate, with a thesis on the development of the biomass supply-chain in Italy, he has a strong agricultural-environmental background gained over the years with work experiences in Brazil, where he studied the start-up techniques to transform never-cultivated lands to extensive farming and in Malawi, where he developed tropical agriculture knowledge. In Italy he has built his expertise through participation in activities on the family farm and collaboration, which lasted eight years, with the *Saplo SpA* (*Birra Peroni* agro-industrial group), specialized in the processing of barley malt for beer production and where he developed knowledge on barleys, including their potentials for organic agriculture and for beer production. Since 2005 he works with *Kyoto Club* and the *AzzeroCO2* ESCO – energy service company – created by *Kyoto Club* and *Legambiente*, Italy's largest environmental NGO. In addition to various publications he has contributed to, he is responsible for *Kyoto Club*'s educational programmes, including *Schools for Kyoto*, aimed at spreading the culture of environmental sustainability and energy efficiency in schools, *CRES*, *Climate-resilient* and *Sustainability Practices*, supported by the Italian Environment, Land and Sea Ministry, to raise local authorities and public servants' awareness and promote local best practices in environmental sustainability, through mitigation and adaptation to climate changes according to the principles of resilience and limitations to soil consumption in public policies.

From 2014 he is the Co-ordinator of *Kyoto Club*'s *Agriculture and Forests Working Group* and in this capacity he has been co-operating on the topics addressed by the *Organiko* project, among others, with:

- ANCI – the National Association of Italian Municipalities, the umbrella organisation of all Italian municipalities.
- The Italian Agriculture and Environment, Land and Sea Ministries.
- The Italian exhibitors in the Milan *Feeding the planet, energy for life EXPO 2015*, in which also *Kyoto Club* Members are participating and for which an *ad hoc* organic transition project has been developed in co-operation with the Italian Agriculture Ministry.
- *Slow Food International* and the *Slow Food Biodiversity Foundation*.
- *AIAB*, the Italian Organic Agriculture Association and its European network and *Libera Terra*.
- The Members of the European Parliament's *Agriculture and Rural Development Committee*.
- The *Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change*, IPCC focal point for Italy.
- The *ENI Enrico Mattei Foundation*.
- The *Fondazione Italiana per la Ricerca in Agricoltura Biologica e Biodinamica* – Italian Organic and Biodinamic Agriculture Foundation – and its European network.
- The partners in the *Bioland* project, in Sardinia, to foster organic bioplastic production from thistle (*Cynara cardunculus*) cultivation.

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