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He has held significant scientific and institutional leadership roles. He coordinates the SIS DIAS working group of the Italian Statistical Society devoted to sustainability and served as President of the Italian Statistical Society (SIS) from 2020 to 2024. He was Director of the Interuniversity Research Centre CIRPAS (2019–2021), is a member of the Evaluation Board of the University of Bari (previously Foggia), and served on the Internal Evaluation Body of the University Hospital of Foggia. He is a member of the PhD Boards in **Sustainability and Climate Change** (National PhD,

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At national level, he coordinated the **ANVUR VQR evaluation group** responsible for assessing the research quality of Italian departments and research institutes in statistics, economics, mathematics, and finance—an activity aligned with EQAR standards.

Beyond academia, he is a registered journalist and a member of the National Register of Independent Evaluation Bodies (OIV). His career integrates methodological rigor, interdisciplinary application, and a sustained commitment to strengthening the statistical profession and its societal impact.