

# SERGI ARFELIS ESPINOSA

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## WORKING EXPERIENCE

### Researcher (UNESCO Chair in Life Cycle Assessment and Climate Change, June-2021 to current):

Linked to the Swiss company *Deasyl*. The project is related to the development and application of the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) methodology to chemical synthesis reactions of *Deasyl* environmental technologies.

The job includes participating in others environmental projects, participating in the public debate, preparing scientific proposals, presenting results in congresses and writing scientific articles in top-level international journals.

### Plant Engineer (Dynatec SA, Sep-2018 to May-2021):

Working on assignment to Dow Chemical Tarragona TurnAround (TA2021) team. Carrying out following tasks (among others):

1. Coordinating the octene plant catalyst recovery project and the installation of a temporary waste management system which takes care of the water with hydrocarbon effluent of the process. Water treatment and waste valorisation.
2. Producing significant economic savings and a clear prioritization of tasks through the return on investment (ROI) study and the Add-on / Rest-on assessment for all the works orders of TA2021. Reliability, environmental and economic assessment.

### Chemical Engineer Intern (Clariant, Feb-2018 to Jun-2018):

Providing significant energy savings through the piping modifications proposals of the steam generation plant.

### Maintenance Engineer (TDE, Jul-2017 to Aug-2017):

Achieving high standards of traceability on the historic events happened in the plant.

Procuring the proper state of the plant by supervising visual inspections and Eddy Currents.

## EDUCATION, SKILLS AND AREAS OF EXPERTISE

**PhD in Environmental Sciences (UPC, Oct-2021 to current):** Life cycle analysis of different green chemistry, mechanochemistry and ball milling processes as an alternative to conventional technologies

### MS Industry 4.0 (UNIR, Mar-2020 to Apr-2021), 60 ECTS:

Robotics; Big data; Cybersecurity; ISO20001; Innovation and digital transformation; Industrial Internet of things; Additive manufacturing; Sensors, devices, networks & communications protocols.

MS Thesis: How can Industry 4.0 enablers help closing the loop on Plastics?

### Course in Python (UNIR, Apr-2021 to May-2021), 3 ECTS:

Basic programming; Functions & anonymous functions; Import packages and modules; Regular expressions, errors & exceptions; Data analysis: numpy & panda; Data visualization: matplotlib & plotly.

### Course in Applied techniques of energy efficiency in industrial processes (UCLM, Jun-2020 to Aug-2020), 50 hours:

Energy efficiency; Pumped systems; Furnaces & HX; Boilers & steam grids (cogeneration); Energy audits & energy management systems (ISO50001)

### MS Environmental Engineering and Sustainable Energy (URV, Oct-2018 to Jan-2020), 90 ECTS:

Renewables; Thermal & hydraulic machines; Water treatment; Air pollution; Waste management; Energy transition; Energy economics; ISO14001 & ISO50001; Management of change; Risk Management

MS Thesis: Proposals to improve a temporary plant for catalyst recovery in an Octene plant (based in Dow Chemical)

### BS Chemical Engineering (URV, Sep-2013 to Jun-2018), 240 ECTS:

Thermodynamics; Rector kinetics; Process engineering; Laboratory; Industrial maintenance; Biotechnology; Equipments & installations design; Materials science; Control & instrumentation; Industrial leadership; Economy; Mathematics; Physics; Chemistry

BS Thesis: Implementation of energy savings improvements in the plant of services (based in Clariant)

## SKILLS

Life Cycle Assessment; Risk Assessment; Pinch Analysis; Energy efficiency; Circular Economy; Sustainability; Data analytics; KPIs

**Softwares & computer skills:** Fusion360; Ultimaker Cura; V-REP; RStudio; Weka; FIWARE; IoTIFY; Python; GaBi; RETScreen; DesignBuilder; Aspen HYSYS; Aspen Plus; AutoCAD; Superpro; Polymath; Aloha; Office package

**Other skills:** Willingness to learn; Ability to teach; Attention to detail; Teamwork; Project planning (Gantt, SCRUM, others...)

**Languages:** English (C1 Level & 6 months working in the hospitality sector in London); Italian & French (beginner)

## AWARDS

**Finalist in the Magda Medir-Essity award**, as one of the five best students in the Leadership subject in the 4<sup>th</sup> year of Chemical Engineering degree. (URV, Sep-2017 to Jun-2018)

**Team Member in one of the top 20 out of 500 teams of the X-Culture international business competition** on developing a high-quality business plan for a multinational company. (URV, May-2016)