

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex M | Date of birth 01/05/1952 | Nationality French and Portuguese

JOB APPLIED FOR
POSITION
PREFERRED JOB
STUDIES APPLIED FOR

Urbact Expert

WORK EXPERIENCE

From April 2014	Expert Independent consultant, France and Portugal ▪ Support to cities networks, mainly Together network Business or sector Networking and training
Form 01/05/2002 to 31/03/2014 (part time up to 30/09/2006 and full time after this date)	Administrator, Social Cohesion Research and Early-Warning Division Council of Europe, Strasbourg, France ▪ In charge of the Council of Europe Social Cohesion Action Plan conception and implementation: in this framework conception and development of SPIRAL Methodology in cooperation with local and regional authorities of 15 countries of Europe – Extension to Morocco and Tunisia in 2013 in the framework of the Neighbourhood policy of the Council of Europe. ▪ Elaboration and application of the Methodological guidebook “concerted development of social cohesion indicators” (2002-2005) and, later, the Methodological guidebook “Involving citizens and communities in securing societal progress for well-being of all” (2008-2010) ▪ In charge of the European Platform of Ethical and Solidarity-Based initiatives and the internetwork IRIS (2003- 2008) ▪ Participation in the Social Cohesion revised Strategy of the Council of Europe (2004, 2007, 2010) Business or sector Social Cohesion and social inclusion, societal progress, indicators, local participative approaches
From 01/01/2002 – to 30/09/2006)	Expert Independent consultant, Lisbon,, Portugal, then Strasbourg, France ▪ From 2002 to 2006: INTERREG project “URGENTE” (Urban-Rural: Generating New Engagements between Territories of Europe) in charge of networking activities leading to the creation of URGENCI international network ▪ From 2000: methodological support to the National Programme for Fighting Poverty (PLPR/POSER) in Cape Verde; Local Development programme regarding municipalities in 6 islands, IFAD Business or sector Links between rural and urban areas, local sustainable food, fighting poverty through participative and collaborative approaches, networking
From 03/1993 to 09/1994 (preparation phase) and form 03/1995 to 12/2001 (realization)	Thematic coordinator for methodology of Innovation in LEADER European Observatory INDE, Lisbon (Portugal) for AEIDL, Brussel

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preparatory study coordination (1993–1994) ▪ Participation in the elaboration (conception, methodology, production, follow up and revision) of the innovations database. ▪ Coordination/participation in the preparation and facilitation of 10 European seminars regarding the main issues of local development with bottom up approach. ▪ Writing or co-writing the seminar outputs in notebooks and dossiers <p>Business or sector Integrated and bottom up local development, exchange and cross-fertilization of practices, methodological capitalization and networking at European level</p>
From 01/ 1999 – to 12/ 2001	<p>Coordinator of the LEADER II Portuguese National Unit</p> <p>INDE, Intercooperação e Desenvolvimento, Lisbon (Portugal) for the Portuguese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development,</p> <p>In charge of the capacity building of the 48 Local Action Groups network of Portugal;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conception and realization of 12 thematic seminars, 5 national meetings and 6 working groups; ▪ Writing or co-writing and editing of 11 thematic publications; ▪ Director of the monthly newspaper “Pessoas e Lugares”, Leader national network newspaper; ▪ Conception and development of SAP, SEP et SIP methods, participatory methods for self-evaluation, elaboration of development strategies and programmes follow; ▪ Support to transnational cooperation <p>Business or sector Local governance, local development, exchange and cross-fertilization of practices, methodological capitalization and networking.</p>
From 04/ 1998 – to 12/ 2001	<p>President of the Management Board</p> <p>INDE, Intercooperação e Desenvolvimento, Lisbon (Portugal)</p> <p>As co-founder and director of INDE, an international NGO working in different continents I had interventions in many different countries. For instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 09/1998 –04/2000 Production of a pedagogical kit on decentralization, from several regional seminars (FAO). ▪ 01/1997 – 01/1999 Coordination of « Dolina Strugo », cooperation between Poland, Portugal and France for a pilot project of local development and policy recommendations in Poland; European Commission, GD REGIO, Programme ECOS-OUVERTURE; Development and edition of a methodological guidebook for local development agents and policy makers. ▪ 05-07/1996 Cap Verde Head of ex-post evaluation mission of PRODAP, Community development programme (IFAD) ▪ 05/1994 – 09/1995 Poland – Co-supervision of technical assistance to Regional Development Agencies of Mielec et Rzeszow; STRUDER programme, European Commission ▪ 09/1990-05/1995 Conakry Guinea, Sergipe (Brazil) and Chimborazo (Ecuador): Technical assistance for advanced socio-economic studies of micro-regions (5 micro regions from Africa and Latin America); IFAD, European Commission ▪ 02-04/1994 Portugal Coordination of Technical assistance to Local development agencies ▪ 12/1992 – 01/1994 Europe and Brazil: Coordination of the cooperation regarding development and conservation of the Amazonian Forest; (GRET, French cooperation) ; work developed in Europe + 6 missions <i>in situ</i> ▪ 05/1992 – 09/1993 Guatemala, Honduras, Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua - Coordination for French cooperation of the Agricultural frontier project : protection of forest areas on the Atlantic side of 5 Central America countries, co-financed by France (with the GRET) and European Commission.: a) Preparation study, formulation and project ex-ante evaluation; b) Elaboration and implementation of research-action methods: and c) capitalization and communication of the results and policy recommendations ▪ 10-12/1992 Sao Tome and Prince Head of mission for food production development project formulation and ex-ante evaluation (IFAD) ▪ 02/1992 Vietnam Head of mission for implementation of regional information systems, namely for the management and follow up of small farms in the Red River region (French cooperation) ▪ 1989, 1991 Guinea Conakry Senior expert for Rural development project of Siguiri, preparation and formulation (IFAD); ▪ 1989-1990 Sao Tome and Prince Head of mission for implementation of regional information systems, namely for the management and follow up of small farms (IFAD); ▪ 03-06/1989 Angola Senior expert for SME restart project (development African Bank); <p>Business or sector Local and regional development, transnational cooperation</p>

From 05/1986 to 04/1988	Expert
	Independent Consultant, France and Sao Tomé e Príncipe
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> European Commission: Coordinator of International cooperation for the development of commercial exchanges in the Gulf of Guinea project (Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, SaoTomé e Príncipe) Other interventions, for instance agro-economist for local credit project in Conakdy Guiné (IRAM – French cooperation).
	Business or sector: Transnational cooperation in commercial exchanges; economic local/regional development
From 10/1982 – to 04/1986	Agro-economist Engineer
	ROC International, Levallois, France
	<p>Economic and prospective studies and preparation of regional development projects in different countries of Africa (Tunisia, Cameroon, Angola, Ivory Coast - Sao Tome and Prince) and Europe (Portugal), for instance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 01-04/1984 Ivory Coast Head of mission - Study of the political effects of the participation of public authorities in regional development 09-12/1983 Angola Head of mission for preparation of an Integrated rural development project for repatriated people from Zaire; European Commission and UNHCR.
	Business or sector Economic studies for European Commission, World Bank, FAO, French Cooperation.
From 08/1980 to 09/1982	Engineer agronomist
	Compagnie Française pour le Developpement des Textiles (CFDT (today Geocoton), Paris, seconded to SODECOTON, Cameroon
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of the agriculture, livestock and forestry production service of the South-West Benoué integrated development project (European Commission) Chief of agricultural extension in North-Centre Project (World Bank)
	Business or sector Farming and food production; regional development
From 12/1977 to 04/1979	Researcher
	Insstituto Nacional da Inverstigaçao Agraria – Departamento de Econmia e Sociologia Agraira (INA – DEESA) Lisbon, Portugal in the framework of French-Portugueses cooperation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researches on agricultural production systems evolution in Alentejo and Ribatejo (Portugal)
	Business or sector Agricultural systems
From 09/1977 to 12/1977	Agroeconomist
	SOPEXA France mission in Italy
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study on possibilities of valorisation of agricultural sub-products in West Africa
	Business or sector Agricultural production and processing
From 05/1977 to 09/1977	Researcher
	GRET France
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study on possibilities of valorisation of agricultural sub-products in West Africa
	Business or sector Agricultural production and processing
From 01/1996 - to 12/1976	Engineer agronomist
	Coopagritejo, Union of agricultural cooperatives of Ribatejo, Alpiarça (Portugal)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agricultural extension Training, agricultural extension and technical support to management of cooperatives
	Business or sector Food production and processing
From 07/1974 – to 03/1975 (part time)	Trainee researcher
	INRA - Replace with employer's name and locality (if relevant, full address and website)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research on agriculture production systems in Birançonnais (France)
	Business or sector Mountains agricultural production systems

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

From 02/1977– to 10/1982	Doctorate in Economy and sociology of development IEDES, Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne ▪ Phd (these) about links between agriculture systems, socio-economic development, social movement and Agrarian Reforms policies in Portugal	EQF level 8
from 09/1972- to 07/1975	Agronomy engineer, specialization in compared agriculture systems and development Institut National Agronomique Paris-Grignon (today AgroParisTech), France ▪ Agronomy, Zootechnics, Genetic, Economy, Sociology, systems theories	EQF level 8
From 09/1970 to 07/1972	Engineer high school preparation classes Lycée du Parc, Lyon (France) ▪ Mathematics, physics, chemical, biology, geology	EQF level 6
From 04/1969 – to 09/1970)	Severall trainings in Popular Education Jeunes Equipes d'Education Populaire (JEEP), Paris, France ▪ Trainings in animation of groups, groups dynamics understanding, active pedagogy	EQF level 5

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)	French				
Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Portuguese	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Spanish	C2	C2	C1	C1	C1
Italian	B1	B2	B2	B1	A2
	Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user Common European Framework of Reference for Languages				

Communication skills ▪ Excellent communication skills, both oral and written

Organisational / managerial skills ▪ Long experience in leadership (for instance 14 years of experience as Director of NGO with 20 to 40 employees and experts)

Computer skills ▪ Good command of Microsoft Office™ tools and some WEBSITE management tools

Other skills ▪ Teacher in Paris VIII University (1984-1990) and many conferences in several universities

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Publications
Presentations** Several publications in the framework of Council of Europe, Leader European Observatory, Portuguese Leader II National Unit, INDE activities and others