





PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Enterprise	University	EPR
<input type="checkbox"/> Management Level	<input type="checkbox"/> Full professor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research Director and 1st level Technologist / First Researcher and 2nd level Technologist / Principal Investigator
<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-Management Level	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Professor	<input type="checkbox"/> Level III Researcher and Technologist
<input type="checkbox"/> Employee / worker level	<input type="checkbox"/> Researcher and Technologist of IV, V, VI and VII level / Technical collaborator	<input type="checkbox"/> Researcher and Technologist of IV, V, VI and VII level / Technical collaborator

WORK EXPERIENCE

ENEA  
Researcher

01/07/2015 – to today

**Research scientist – Laboratory Agri-food Sustainability, Quality and Safety**  
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- Improvement and strengthening of the Italian network of microbial collections, within the JRU MIRRI-IT, Italian network of microbial culture collections operating in different sectors (clinical, food, environmental, agricultural, cultural heritage, etc.). Responsible for the C.R. ENEA of Brindisi of the project PNRR SUS-MIRRI.IT “Strengthening the MIRRI Italian Research Infrastructure for Sustainable Bioscience and Bioeconomy” - Funded by the European Union – Next Generation EU – Missione 4, Componente 2.
- Database processing of biomolecules from food losses and waste for the production of upcycled food and non food – Research Grant Tutor Bando Riparti Puglia AVVISO PUBBLICO n. 3/FSE/2021 POC PUGLIA FESR-FSE 2014/2020 Fondo Sociale Europeo.
- Determination of shelf-life, sensory analysis, nutritional aspects with evaluation of the biological activity of 3D products in in vitro models.
- Study of decarbonization of agri-food system. Member of the task force for the BIOAG Division.
- Study of the soil microbiome and the agro-ecological transitions of agricultural systems.
- Development of processes to produce biodegradable and compostable packaging from waste of the agro-industrial sector.
- Member of the One Planet Network - Sustainable Food System (SFS) Program working group - “Plastics Packaging Initiative Program”.
- Member of the ICESP Platform (Italian Platform for the Circular Economy) - “Plastic” subgroup
- Scientific Coordinator for the BIOAG Division of the ENEA and MiTE contract “Biofuels, Sustainable Industrial Areas, Integrated Environmental Authorizations” (BAIAS).
- ENEA Project Manager of the “IONian Integrated marine Observatory” (IONIO) Project – European Territorial Cooperation Program Greece – Italy 2007-2013.

20/05/2010 - 30/06/2015

**Research scientist – Department of Materials - Lab ENEA Brindisi Research Centre (Brindisi, Italy)**  
 Cittadella della Ricerca SS7 km 706 72100 Brindisi. <https://www.brindisi.enea.it/>  
 – Production of innovative materials with reduced environmental impact

15/01/2002 – 19/04/2010

**C.R. ENEA Trisaia**  
 S.S. 106 Ionica, km 419+500 - 75026 Rotondella (MT). <https://www.trisaia.enea.it/>

Development of environmentally friendly processes to convert lignocellulosic materials and agroindustry waste into biofuels and industrial products of high added value.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 18/11/1996 PhD in Fundamental Ecology (VIII cycle)  
University of Lecce – Ecology Institute, Italy
- 16/12/1992 Professional Qualification to Biology - University of Siena, Italy
- 12/07/1991 Degree in Biological Science  
University of Siena - Department of Environmental Biology, Italy

## WORK ACTIVITIES

## PERSONAL SKILLS

- Mother tongue(s) Italian
- Other language(s) English B1
- Job-related skills Good communication and organizational skills, coordination/participation at several research projects and tasks of research project.
- Digital skills Competent with most Microsoft Office Programmes (Excel, Word, Publisher), Windows.  
Video conferencing platforms (MS Teams, Zoom, Webex, Skype), Collaboration Tools (Google Gmail, Google Drive)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Publications** total number of publications in peer-review journals: 10  
total number of citations: 161  
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<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Daniela-Cuna-2/stats/report/weekly/2024-02-04>  
[https://scholar.google.com/scholar?hl=it&as\\_sdt=0%2C5&q=cuna+daniela&oq=Cuna+d](https://scholar.google.com/scholar?hl=it&as_sdt=0%2C5&q=cuna+daniela&oq=Cuna+d)

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- Donatelli, D. Cuna, M.A. Tagliente, M.L. Protopapa, A. Mevoli, P. Aversa, C. Blasi, L. Capodieci, V.A.M. Luprano - Effect of treatments on the aging behaviour of hemp fibres for building construction in the Mediterranean Area. Journal of Building Engineering, Vol. 11, 2017, Pages 37-47. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.job.2017.03.013>.
- De Riccardis MF., Carbone D., Cuna D. - Electrophoretic deposition of lignin reinforced polymer coatings. Key Engineering Materials, Vol 654, Chapter VII Polymers and Composite Coatings, pp 247-251, Jul 2015. Ed. A.R. Boccaccini, J.H. Dickerson, B. Ferrari, O. Van der Biest and T. Uchikoshi. DOI 10.4028/www.scientific.net/KEM.654.247
- De Bari I., Cuna D., Di Matteo V., Liuzzi F. - Bioethanol production from steam-pretreated corn stover through an isomerase mediated process. New Biotechnology, Vol. 31, Issue 2, 25 March 2014, Pages 185-95. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.nbt.2013.12.003>, Ed. Elsevier.
- De Bari I., De Canio P., Cuna D., Liuzzi F., Capace A., Romano P. - Bioethanol production from mixed sugars using *Scheffersomyces stipitis* free and immobilized cells, and co-cultures with *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. New Biotechnology, Vol. 30, Issue 6, 25 September 2013, Pages 591-597. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.nbt.2013.02.003>, Ed. Elsevier.
- De Bari I., Cuna D., Nanna F., and Braccio G. - Ethanol production in immobilized-cell bioreactors

from mixed sugar syrups and enzymatic hydrolysates of steam-exploded biomass. Applied Biochemistry and Biotechnology 2004 Vol. 113-116, Pages 539-557, Humana Press Inc., Totowa, New Jersey.

- F. Zimbardi, D. Viggiano, F. Nanna, M. Demichele, D. Cuna, G. Cardinale - Steam Explosion of Straw in Batch and Continuous System. Applied Biochemistry and Biotechnology, Vol. 77-79, 117-125. Humana Press Inc., Totowa, New Jersey, 1999.
- Miceli A., Cuna D., Viggiano D., De Leo P. - Integrated treatments of steam explosion and enzymatic hydrolysis to produce energetic and industrial products from lignocellulosic biomasses. AGRO food INDUSTRY HI-TECH, International Journal for Green Chemistry, 7 (3), 25-28, 1996.

#### Projects

- PNRR SUS-MIRRI.IT "Strengthening the MIRRI Italian Research Infrastructure for Sustainable Bioscience and Bioeconomy" - Funded by the European Union -Next Generation EU - Mission 4, Component 2.
- Delisoil Project "Delivering, safe, sustainable, tailored & socially accepted soil improvers from circular food production processes for boosting soil health". Horizon Europe Programme, call HORIZON-MISS-2022-SOIL-01-01 (Research and Innovation actions to support the implementation of the Soil health and Food Mission), Topic: HORIZON-MISS-2022-SOIL-01-02: Improving food systems sustainability and soil health with food processing residues. Type of Action: HORIZON-RIA).
- SIMBA Project "Sustainable innovation of microbiome applications in food system". EU-HORIZON SIMBA (Grant Agreement N.818431). Innovation Action (IA).
- EJP SOIL "Towards climate-smart sustainable management of agricultural soils". European Joint Programme on Agricultural Soil Management.

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