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Biographical sketch: In 2014, I graduated in Law at the University of Salento, discussing a thesis in administrative law of the Environment entitled: «*Multifunctional agriculture: the challenge of complexity in legal relations between rurality, environment and society*» (Tutor: Prof. Massimo Monteduro). In 2016, still at the University of Salento, I obtained a Master's Degree in «*Management of environmental resources. Water, soil, waste and energy*», discussing a thesis entitled: «*Environmental accounting and legal protection of the environment. The enhancement of biodiversity as a precondition of sustainable development*» (Tutor: Prof. Massimo Monteduro). In the same year, I obtained the qualification of «*Guest Researcher of the Rural Sociology Group*» at the University of Wageningen after a research period of three months (March 2016 – May 2016) in which I studied the «*Legal and Social Aspects of Agro/Food Biotechnologies and Perspectives of Commons*» (Tutor: Prof. Guido Ruivenkamp). From February 2018, I am a PhD student in Human and Social Sciences at the University of Salento (Tutor: Prof. Alessandro Isoni). My main publications are: R. F. GRECO, *Il programma della FAO sui «Globally Agriculture Heritage Systems» (GIAHS) e la sua rilevanza per il diritto dell'ambiente*, in *Rivista quadrimestrale di diritto dell'Ambiente*, n. 1/2018, pp. 123 ss. ; R. F. GRECO, *Open Innovation e tutela giuridica dell'ambiente. Il caso dell'Open Source Seed Initiative*, in S. CRABU, GIARDULLO P., MIELE F. TURRINI M. (editors), *Proceedings of the 6th STS Italia Conference – Sociotechnical Environments*, STS Italia Publishing, Trento, 2017, p. 231 ss. (ISBN: 978-88-940625-1-9); R. F. GRECO, *I gruppi di acquisto solidale: una formula di sintesi dei principi di sussidiarietà, solidarietà e sostenibilità*, in *Giustamm – Rivista di diritto amministrativo*, ISSN: 1972-3431, luglio 2017.

About the research Project: My research project focuses on the study of the perspectives provided by Italian law n. 194/2015 on the «*Protection and enhancement of agricultural and food biodiversity*», which has institutionalized the figure of «*guardian farmers and breeders*» and the «*Communities of Food and Biodiversity of Agricultural and Food Interest*». The guardian farmers and breeders are defined «as farmers and breeders who are engaged in the conservation, within the farm or *in situ*, of genetic resources of food and agricultural interest local, plant or animal, subject to risk of extinction or genetic erosion». The Food and Biodiversity Communities of Agricultural and Food Interest are defined as «local areas deriving from agreements between local farmers, farmers

and custodial breeders, joint purchasing groups, schools, universities and research centers, associations for the protection the quality of biodiversity of agricultural and food interest, school canteens, hospitals, catering establishments, commercial establishments, small and medium-sized agricultural and food processing enterprises as well as public bodies». These new figures could be protagonists in the coming years of a new season of multifunctional agriculture and the project aims to frame within the methodological platform of Agroecology. The research aims to compare the Italian experience (with particular reference to the agricultural realty of Puglia and Salento) with the international ones to see how they can contribute to the revitalization of traditional rural systems. In this first step of my research route, my study activity mainly concerned the theoretical framework of the project and the reconstructing of European and Italian legal panorama concerning the protection of agro-biodiversity. In Denmark, I will begin my second year of PhD. In these six months, I will certainly have to continue this reconstruction. Moreover, I propose myself to acquire, thanks your skills, some methodological knowledge to apply this theoretical background at the analysis of rural realty of territory object of my research investigation. About this, it would be useful for me to acquire some knowledge concerning, for example, the creation of focus group and/or the preparation of questionnaires and interviews to be submitted to the farmers and the other subjects involved in the research in view of the next phase of my PhD, in wich I will have an internship at a local agro-food company.