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Curriculum Vitae

Maria Vasile was born in Pietrasanta (Italy) on August 13, 1992 as part of a French-Italian family. She followed her pre-university education in the French school Lycée Chateaubriand, in Rome (Italy). Between 2010 and 2013, she undertook a bachelor's degree in political science at the Università degli Studi Roma Tre. Meanwhile, she worked as an assistant project manager for the NGO *Patologi Oltre Frontiera* to support the coordination of capacity building trainings in rural health facilities in Zambia. Her bachelor's thesis critically examined the representations of global humanitarian action. In 2014, she started the International Master's degree programme in Rural Development (IMRD). She studied at Gent University (Ghent, Belgium), Humboldt University (Berlin, Germany) and Wageningen University (Wageningen, The Netherlands). She conducted fieldwork in Porto Alegre (Brazil) and wrote her master's thesis on the beliefs, practices and governance mechanisms that shape local food initiatives, with a focus on the perspectives of small-scale farmers. She concluded her studies *magna cum laude* in 2016. Between 2016 and 2018, Maria worked as a social protection and rural institution consultant at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Her work focused on data analysis and project monitoring for increasing welfare provision in rural areas. In 2018, she started her PhD trajectory at the Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology at Leiden University (Leiden, The Netherlands). Maria worked under the supervision of Prof.dr. Cristina Grasseni as part of the project *Food citizens? Collective food procurement in European cities: solidarity and diversity, skills and scale*. She collaborated to the development of the research project and particularly through the case study in Turin (Italy) – where she conducted fieldwork in the period 2019 - 2020. She produced critical written and audio-visual material on the themes of urban gardening, food markets, food surplus redistribution and urban renewal. Between 2018 and 2022, she also taught in the context of the summer school *Food and Innovation in Rural Transition: the Tuscany case* organised by Pisa University (Pisa, Italy). Currently, Maria works as a researcher on urban food policies and the right to food at Pisa University's Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment.