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WORK EXPERIENCE

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions (MSCA) Early Stage Researcher (ESR)

University of Vienna • University of Bologna • University of Torino [01/11/2019 – Current]

City: Vienna

Country: Austria

Doctoral student in the Law, Science and Technology Joint Doctorate – Rights of Internet of Everything (LAST-JD-RloE) (Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions Innovative Training Network European Joint Doctorate) program, researching the topic: *DLTs beyond financial applications: eDemocracy and new forms of governance*

Research Fellow in Legal Informatics

CIRSFID - University of Bologna [01/10/2018 – 30/09/2019]

City: Bologna

Country: Italy

Legal documents automated analysis, parsing and xml structuring in various projects such as:

- LexDatafication: Italian Government's Cabinet, State Mint, Constitutional and Cassation Court project for automated legal documents parsing, data extraction, analysis and Akoma Ntoso markup for Italy's legislative and judiciary documents
- Formex2AKN: project for automated conversion of legal and judiciary documents from EU's EurLex and CELLAR's fmx4 to Akoma Ntoso xml
- SANKOFA: Challenge for the United Nations: machine learning-based data analysis and extraction, markup and conversion of UN's resolutions into Akoma Ntoso xml, for text classification and ontology extraction

Lawyer trainee

Avv. Mirko Mecacci [01/10/2015 – 30/06/2016]

City: Siena

Country: Italy

Board Member

MondoMangione soc. coop. [31/05/2015 – 30/06/2016]

City: Siena

Country: Italy

- Legal Advisor
- Internal Audit

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PhD in Law, Science and Technology (ongoing)

University of Vienna - University of Bologna - University of Torino [01/11/2019 – Current]

<https://www.last-jd-rioe.eu/>

Field(s) of study: Law and technology

Level in EQF : EQF level 8

Thesis : DLTs Beyond Financial Applications: eDemocracy and New Forms of Governance

Blockchain Specialization

State University of New York - University at Buffalo (via Coursera.org) [03/2019 – 04/2019]

Specialization Degree in Law Professions

School of Specialization for Legal Professions - University of Siena [01/11/2015 – 07/06/2017]

Address: Siena (Italy)

Level in EQF : EQF level 8

Master's Degree in Law

University of Siena [01/10/2010 – 16/07/2015]

Address: Siena (Italy)

Field(s) of study: Law

Final grade : 110 cum laude - **Level in EQF :** EQF level 7

Thesis : Corporate criminal liability in corporate groups

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s):

Italian

English

LISTENING: C2 **READING:** C2 **UNDERSTANDING:** C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION: C2

SPOKEN INTERACTION: C2

DIGITAL SKILLS

Programming

Python / Solidity / Object-Oriented Programming / Git / JSON / Javascript / SQL / XML / Regular Expressions / Akoma Ntoso / Linux / HTML

Blockchain and DLTs

Blockchain / Ethereum / Bitcoin / IPFS / Smart Contracts

Databases

MongoDB / PostgreSQL / eXistDB / SQLITE

General

Office suites (Office OpenOffice iWork) / Windows MacOS Linux

HONOURS AND AWARDS

First Place - UNGA Resolution Challenges (SANKOFA - Unite Ideas)

United Nations [17/06/2019]

Finalist - National Moot Court Competition

ELSA Italy [03/2015]

VOLUNTEERING

Director Internal Management - ELSA Siena

[01/08/2016 – 31/07/2017]

Volunteer - Italian Red Cross

[12/2014 – 06/2017]