

## **Letter for candidacy as Member of the AIEAA Board**

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The AIEAA is playing an increasing role within the scientific community of researchers interested in the themes of economics and agricultural policy. Moreover, the Association has in its basic mission the development of issues that are, more than ever, of urgent relevance, in the scenario of a global crisis, triggered by the Covid-19 pandemic, and more recently pushed by the strong international tensions. From my point of view, this makes the opportunity for a direct engagement, within the next Board, particularly stimulating.

My professional experience has been focused for over twenty years within the CREA-Research Centre for Agricultural Policies and Bioeconomy (former INEA), where I have gained extensive experience in the analysis of the evolution of the agricultural and agri-food sector and of the support policies, as well as in the agricultural policy design and implementation, supporting the main institutions involved. I have developed specific areas of study, among which I like to mention the analysis of the national wine sector, the role of the CAP within the EU budget, and the development of diversification processes in the Italian agriculture. The research activities in these fields, but above all the involvement in the publication of the longest tradition of my institution, the Yearbook of Italian Agriculture, has given me the opportunity to get in touch with many representatives of the academic world, with whom I have always maintained stimulating relationships of collaboration.

In more recent years, I have gained a new interest in the topic of food policies, also thanks to the teaching experience at the University of Roma Tre, where the involvement in the course of Food and Wine Sciences and Cultures has provided the opportunities for a broader interdisciplinary discussion, supported by the stimulating relationship with the students.

My candidacy as a Member of the AIEAA Board is therefore placed in the path of my research and institutional activity, characterized by the interest in the development of a constructive confrontation between different aspects of research - academic and institutional, which move along together -, and that needs to be reinforced, one feeding the other. In this direction, should I have the opportunity, I can give a further contribution.

I will be happy to have a personal exchange with those who would like to have more information about me and my possible role in the IAEA. Finally, I would like to thank all the members who have given their support to my candidacy.

Thank for your attention

