# Tristano’s bios

I am a research strategist dedicated to transforming the agrifood sector through innovation, system thinking, and bridging the knowledge-to-practice gap.

Holding a degree in Tropical Agriculture, a Master in Business Administration, and a PhD in Microbial Ecology, I forged my initial profesional development within the academic sector in various countries, including Italy, the UK, India, and the USA. At the age of 35 I then took an executive position in a small Spanish company manufacturing nutraceuticals, leading the marketing department and a team of 10 sale representatives. This experience grew my appreciation of the private sector as vehicle for change, and led me to enter the startup ecosystem, in which I have tried to build value propositions for enhancing agricultural sustainability ever since.

Currently, as the driving force behind SAE Innova and Rural Loop, I work at the intersection of science, policy, and industry to advance regenerative organic agriculture and climate-smart farming solutions.

With a strong track record in writing and coordinating projects under Horizon Europe, I support cross-disciplinary teams in delivering high-impact research. I actively contribute to EU policy development, particularly by coordinating Soil Mission initiatives such as the CREDIBLE Project (www.project-credible.eu/) and its Carbon Farming Summit (www.carbonfarmingsummit.eu), and the GOV4ALL project (www.gov4all.eu) — all designed to accelerate sustainable agricultural transitions.