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Maddalena has also worked as a Junior Researcher in the European project "Support to the IESI Mapping 2017 and set up the foundation for the establishment of the SPIO-Net" funded by the Joint Research Center (JRC) of the European Commission.

Beyond her job as a researcher, she works as a trainer of high school students on gender stereotypes inside heterosexual couples with methods of non-formal education. In 2018, she was involved in the project "Diritti 70.0" of the Regional Department for Equal Opportunities of Piemonte (Italy).

Among her recent publications:

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