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His scientific research focuses on the cycle of public contracts as a whole, its digitalisation and related legal profiles (environmental and social sustainability, contractual clauses, supervision and liability), partnerships (public-public and public-private) as an instrument of economic development, economic freedoms in the European and national legal order and market-distorting conduct. More recently, he has broadened his field of research focusing on the relationship between the financial sector and the regulation of organisational and contractual models of research and development activity, European economic governance and the legal relevance of the fintech.