**PhD:** Food Science (Public Administration Doctoral Fellowship)

**Title: Design and governance of innovative institutional policies and regulations for the agribusiness industry**

**Proposing supervisor:** Luigi Cembalo (AGR/01) e Francesco Aversano (IUS/03)

**Objectives of the research project and interdisciplinary collaborations** (max 1000 characters):

The functioning of public administration is a particularly important element in the economic system because, when considering transition strategies toward sustainable innovation models, the regulatory and legislative environment can facilitate or slow down transition pathways. In the European Union (EU), the most important constitutional principles have been developed in the context of food regulation. The power of member states and the EU lies in regulating the public and private sectors in terms of public health and food safety by providing a stable regulatory environment. This project intends to focus on European agri-food law with reference to the economic impacts of adapting national legislation, food safety requirements, principles and rules, EFSA regulation, and, especially, the obligations of agri-food operators in terms of cooperation between competent authorities, as per EU Reg. No. 625 of 2017.

**Innovation and originality of the project in relation to the state of the art** (max 1000 characters):

The new European Regulation (EU) no. 625 of 2017 is a complex piece of legislation that contains the entire set of provisions on food controls, as well as on product quality controls, with such a wide application area that it covers the entire food life cycle in a systemic perspective, with a supply chain approach emphasized by the Food Safety White Paper. In other words, the Regulation can be defined as complex and comprehensive in terms of its subject matter, target audience, thematic and territorial scopes. The study and research requirements involve multidisciplinary expertise that is not part of classical training paths. The innovativeness of the present project lies in the identification of a training path that combines normative/regulatory aspects with those related to economic, systemic and sectoral spillovers, resulting from organizational and evaluation models of the context in which the policies fit.

**Grant availability** (funds to support the research activities):

PRIN-DRASTIC "Driving the Italian Food System into a Circular Economy Model." national coordinator: Prof. Luigi Cembalo. The Project includes a specific Task on European and national food safety and quality legislation and regulations.

**Collaborations with foreign institutions** (max 500 characters):

European Commission at which the doctoral candidate will spend a period of 6 months

CREA-PB Naples office, at which the doctoral candidate will spend a period of 6 months