CURRICULUM VITAE

Tim Hudson

Senior public policy adviser and specialist for EU and UN assignments



PERSONAL INFORMATION

NATIONALITY
Luxembourgish and British (EU citizen)

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Luxembourg, working worldwide

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PROFILE

Finding what works in public policy, and helping people put it into practice: as a multidisciplinary senior adviser connecting policy fields, institutions, funding and delivery, and as a specialist for focused assignments in evaluation, foresight, financial instruments, good practice transfer and technical writing. More than 30 years of work with the European Commission, the European Investment Bank, FAO, UNDP and national governments on rural, regional, urban and island development, food systems, nature, climate and public investment. The work researches and evaluates good practice, runs the networks that share it, and writes the messages that ministers and managing authorities use, with communication as one of its tools.

30+
years of EU and UN policy work, since 1994

230+
EU good practice cases written or edited in 2025–26

98
New European Bauhaus applications evaluated (2026)

30
EU CAP Network Policy Insights launched and written

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Policy good practice
Finding, analysing and transferring what works between countries and programmes for the EU CAP Network, FAO and UNDP

Evaluation and strategic foresight
Ex-ante, mid-term, outcome and prize evaluation for UNDP, Lithuania and the Commission, and SCAR foresight

Financial instruments and public investment
Better valuation to attract 'big ticket' patient capital, from EIB fi-compass to a €308 million Objective 1 programme

Knowledge, networks and communication
EU rural network from its 2008 launch, the EU LEADER newsletter and EIB peer learning for managing authorities

Food systems, climate and nature
FAO ministerial papers, a lead writer of the SCAR foresight, EU LIFE reporting and results-based biodiversity payments

Rural, urban and island development
LEADER since 1995, ERDF for urban, rural and island places, the New European Bauhaus

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

MSc with Distinction, Rural and Regional Resources Planning · University of Aberdeen, Scotland

BSc with Distinction, Rural Resources · Napier University and the Scottish Agricultural College, Edinburgh

Higher Certificate, Applied Photography and Audio-Visual Technology · Scotland

UN security training, UNDSS BSAFE · United Nations Department of Safety and Security, 2021

LANGUAGE SKILLS

English · mother tongue	Native speaker. Professional writing and editing to EU and UN style standards
French	Working knowledge, used in Luxembourg and in EU meetings
Lithuanian, Spanish, Luxembourgish	Basic user, from working in Lithuania, Spain and Luxembourg

DIGITAL SKILLS

Websites. Design, content management, troubleshooting and analytics

Images. Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom, photo libraries and drones

Video. Planning, filming, interviews and editing in Final Cut Pro X

Layout. InDesign-ready material for designers, and Canva

Claude. Visualising data and shaping messages for different audiences

Office and data. Microsoft Office, Teams and EU project databases

COUNTRIES AND REGIONS

Worked in or for	Luxembourg, the United Kingdom (Scotland), Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Uzbekistan and the Maldives, plus all 27 EU Member States through EU rural networks, evaluations, good practice research and prize evaluation
Regional policy work	FAO Europe and Central Asia, covering better food systems for its programme countries and members, including Türkiye, Ukraine, the Russian Federation, the Western Balkans, the South Caucasus and Central Asia, including the Kazakhstan Convergence Action Blueprint pilot
Photo and video library	Own and licensed content from Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Australasia, used in policy publications, websites, films and LinkedIn articles about places and people

WORK EXPERIENCE 2019 – today

Senior Adviser, Tim Hudson Consultancy S.à r.l.-S, Luxembourg, 2019 – today. Independent expert for EU institutions, the UN and their contractors since leaving the European Investment Bank in 2019. Six main workstreams follow, with their topics.

2019 – today · 27 EU countries

EU CAP Network, European Commission

Policy and good practice expert

- Launched and wrote the first 30 Policy Insights (2022–24)
- 230+ good practice cases researched, written or edited in 2025–26, including a 2026 island set
- Ran the EU's official LEADER newsletter (2019–2025) and wrote, managed or advised on key LEADER publications. Evaluator for the Agricultural and Rural Inspiration Awards

LEADER · CAP Strategic Plans · Eco-schemes · Agroforestry · Water efficiency · Genetic resources · Food waste · Rural digitalisation · Rural tourism · Mountains · Islands · Gender equality · InvestEU · Generational renewal · Short supply chains · Animal welfare · Carbon farming · Bioeconomy · Smart villages · Social inclusion · Forestry · Knowledge exchange

Published · Reference available

2025 – 2026 · EU

SCAR Sixth Foresight Exercise

A lead writer

- *Healthy and Sustainable Diets, Circularity, Diversity. Focus Areas for Resilient European Agriculture and Food Systems in Times of Global Crises*, for the Commission's research and agriculture departments
- Drafted the full text and refined it with the foresight lead as co-authors added parts, turning workshops and scenarios into one narrative
- Added inputs on new opportunities, such as valuing research and innovation at system level with true cost accounting, to help target the most effective research

Healthy diets · Circularity · Diversity · Land and water · Global crises · Scenarios · Wild cards · R&I value · Recommendations · Policy narrative

All deliverables accepted · Reference available

2026 · EU

European Commission, DG REGIO

Expert evaluator, New European Bauhaus

- 98 applications assessed for the NEB Prizes Champions and Rising Stars, and the NEB Boost for Small Municipalities
- Scored sustainability, aesthetics, inclusion and citizen engagement, plus Water Resilience prize eligibility
- All four top-scored Boost projects won 2026 awards

Sustainability · Aesthetics · Inclusion · Citizen engagement · Water resilience · Nature-based solutions · Circular construction · Schools and public space · Heritage · Small municipalities · Climate adaptation · Social innovation · Biodiversity · Community co-design · Wellbeing · Youth

Contract 2025CE16BAT113

2021 – 2024 · Europe and Central Asia

FAO Europe and Central Asia, Budapest

Technical Writer, five assignments

- Two ministerial papers for the 2022 FAO Regional Conference for Europe, on agrifood transformation and food value chains for nutrition
- UN coalition brief on the food impacts of the war in Ukraine, and a food systems and climate brief for 17 countries
- Summaries that focused planning of Kazakhstan's Convergence Action Blueprint, the first Convergence Initiative pilot

Nutrition · Value chains · Trade · Climate plans · Resilience · Smallholders · Extension services · Protein transition · Gender · National Pathways · Food loss and waste · Kazakhstan pilot

ERC/22/2 · ERC/22/3 published

2021 – 2023 · Uzbekistan

EU Delegation to Uzbekistan, via DT Global

Strategic Communications Advisor (Senior)

- Website design and troubleshooting for the Ministry of Agriculture's AKIS website portfolio, plus speech writing and media relations
- Exporting EU agrifood expertise: communication strategy, a plan for farmers and a "visibility machine" for the EU ASK Facility
- Financial instruments advice, and an EU film on gender equality in the agrifood reform led by the EU Ambassador

AKIS websites · Speeches · Media relations · Agrifood strategy 2020–2030 · Financial instruments · Public finance · Good agricultural practices · Food security · Gender equality

Reference available

2023 – 2024 · Maldives

UNDP Maldives

Quality control adviser and English Language Editor for the country office

- Climate finance. Blog on moving from grants to blended and revolving finance, including the Global Fund for Coral Reefs
- Loss and damage. Economic Bulletin on climate litigation and what it means for small island states
- Quality control of country office publications for the Resident Representative and teams

Climate finance · Blended finance · Loss and damage · Climate litigation · Coral reefs · Small island resilience · Social values · Small businesses · SDG finance

Published · Reference available

2024 · Brussels

Arctik

Plain-language texts and infographic concepts from a technical JRC study on the Do No Significant Harm safeguard

2024 – today · global

DevelopmentAid

Associate Writer of expert articles on food systems, the blue economy, finance and evaluation methods

2025 – today · Montenegro

FAO LEADER roster

International Technical Specialist on LEADER, to help introduce LEADER in Montenegro (FAO REU)

2022 – today · global

Policy writing

152 policy articles on LinkedIn about public investment, food systems, evaluation and networks

WORK EXPERIENCE 1986 – 2019

2015 – 2019 **European Investment Bank, Luxembourg** · Communications Expert, fi-compass
Recruited to lead communication on financial instruments for managing authorities, with European Commission DGs and the European Investment Fund: ERDF and ESF case studies, a State aid survey, training films and EAFRD content. Also designed and ran a large EU technical assistance tender across the EIB and DGs.

2008 – 2015 **European Network for Rural Development Contact Point** · for the Commission's agriculture department
Part of the team from its launch. Co-designed the project database that is now the EU CAP Network Good Practice database, and launched the EU Rural Review magazine and its project brochures.

2007 – 2015 **EU LIFE programme and FARNET, via AEIDL** · Writer, photographer and editor
Eight years reporting on LIFE nature and climate projects, with full access to their monitoring reports, plus editing good practice for FARNET, the EU fisheries areas network for coastal and fishing communities.

2008 – 2015 **European Parliament and the Commission's environment department** · Film maker and adviser
Film series on results-based agri-environment payments, and input to the Commission's 2013–14 toolbox on paying farmers for the biodiversity results they deliver, such as Sámi reindeer herders protecting wolverines.

2007 – 2008 **UNDP Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia** · Evaluator and adviser
Evaluations in Georgia for a ministry and for Parliament. Team leader evaluating a LEADER-method grant scheme for war returnees in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Advice to Serbia on pre-accession funds.

2006 – 2010 **Centre for Development Society, Lithuania** · Co-founder and Director
Strategy, governance, partnerships and project development for a Lithuanian development NGO.

2004 – 2006 **Bradley Dunbar Associates, Lithuania, Poland and Romania** · EU Accession Adviser and Evaluator
Helped Lithuania's Ministry of Finance roll out its first national ERDF programme with Scottish knowhow in monitoring, project selection and transparent approval. Scoring framework for the first LEADER strategies, ex-ante evaluation of 2007–13 funds, M&E training in Poland. Managed a team of three.

2000 – 2004 **Highlands and Islands Partnership Programme, Scotland** · EU Structural Funds Programme Manager
ERDF Programme Manager in an Objective 1 programme of about €308 million of EU funds, also managing EU agricultural and fisheries fund budgets: business, transport, waste and IT, credit for small firms, monitoring and the Joint Monitoring Committee. Led a team of three.

1995 – 2000 **Inverness and Nairn Enterprise, Scotland** · LEADER II Coordinator
Coordinated the Loch Ness Local Action Group and its Rural Innovation Programme across two municipalities. Its village strategies became a European Commission LEADER Observatory case study, now retold with ten lessons.

1994 – 1995 **University of Aberdeen and Robert Gordon University** · Research Consultant
Ex-ante evaluation of the Rural Inverness and Nairn LEADER II strategy, using Scottish LEADER I data.

From 1986 **International press syndication, London** · Royal press photographer
First career role: Diana, Princess of Wales, with Metropolitan Police press accreditation. Syndicated daily to some 20 clients, including Time, People, Stern, Oggi and ¡Hola!, from Scandinavia to Spain and Australia. Royal assignments across Europe by train through local press agencies, before the internet, Schengen or the euro, with photos flown weekly on Concorde. An early start in networking news across Europe.

PUBLICATIONS

- LEADER II case study, Rural Inverness and Nairn, with ten lessons and the original documents (2026, DOI 10.5281/zenodo.24246020); Policy Insight on LEADER's potential (2023); EU Rural Review 29 innovation chapter (2020)
- EU CAP Network Policy Insights (2022–24), including gender equality in agrifood systems and InvestEU for managing authorities
- FAO ministerial papers ERC/22/2 on transforming agrifood systems and ERC/22/3 on food value chains for nutrition (2022)
- EIB guidance, case studies and training films on EU financial instruments for cohesion policy, agriculture and fisheries (2015–19)
- UNDP Maldives Future-Forward Financing, the Loss and Damage Economic Bulletin and the Values in Crisis survey report (2023)
- SCAR Sixth Foresight report, Healthy and Sustainable Diets, Circularity, Diversity, as a lead writer for the Commission (2026)
- 152 policy articles on LinkedIn and expert articles for DevelopmentAid on food systems, finance and evaluation (2022–26)

REFERENCES quoted from written references on file

"His long experience with EU funding systems and practical knowledge of digital communication techniques has been appreciated by us at EIB."

European Investment Bank
Financial Instruments Advisory

"Tim possessed good organisational skills as Team Leader and his knowledge of EU methodologies regarding partnership development support were very useful for our on-going work."

UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina
SUTRA programme

"He is equally adept at shaping partnerships and processes at strategic level, as well as providing sound practical advice at the grass roots."

LEADER Local Action Group
Inverness and Nairn, Scotland

Written references from the EIB, the EU rural development network, AEIDL, UNDP and national ministries are quoted at hudson.lu/references. Copies of the letters, and current referees for EU, FAO, UNDP and SCAR work, are available on request.