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French. Born January 16th, 1988.



5 years of start-up experience, including **2 years in charge of most finance-related topics of Alan SA**, one of the most promising European startup. My skills in **finance and programming** enabled me to automate most finance processes allowing no extra hiring in finance/accounting while the company grew from 20 to 200 employees. I used to work in the energy sector (energy policies) in highly challenging environments requiring **leadership and project management** skills.

I was raised a theoretical physicist, which profoundly structured my mindset towards **problem-solving**.

CAREER

ALAN SA

2018 - Present

Alan is the first digital health insurance company in Europe, and the first new independent insurance licensed in France since 1986 by the French Prudential Supervisory Authority (ACPR). Alan has raised €120M since incorporation in 2016.

Finance @ Alan

In charge of most finance-related topics of the company

Finance (responsibility : full scope)

- Scaled processes from 20 to 200 employees
- Distributed payment means for employees through virtual cards and dedicated access for wire requests
- Negotiation of the key provider contracts (IT providers, health data concentrator, etc.)
- Monthly financial reporting to investors

Accounting (responsibility : full scope)

- Accounts closing
- Financial audit
- Lead the accounting internalisation project (switching from an external accountant to a in-house NetSuite integration)
- Reduced accounts closing time from D+30 to D+1 through the automation of most accounting entries

Budget (responsibility : full scope)

- 2019 and 2020 budget

Fundraising (responsibility : contributor)

- Participated in 2 fundraisings (Series B - €40M - follower / Series C - €50M - significant contributor)

WattStrat SAS

2015-2018

First SaaS energy simulation platform in France (short term D+1 forecast to long term public policy design).

CEO and co-founder

In charge of finance & admin, business development and some programming

- Raised over €300k in public and private financing.
- Acquired paying clients on various verticals (community stakeholders, consultancy firms, public administrations, private utility companies) with revenue stream starting immediately after incorporation.
- Gained clients both as a consulting firm (2015-2016) and on our SaaS product (2016-2018).
- Numerous prestigious awards at local/national/european levels for our SaaS product (Investissement d'avenir, Climate KIC, etc.)
- Exit: distribution of our SaaS to community stakeholders and administrations by the French Energy Agency

Commissariat à l'énergie atomique et aux énergies alternatives (CEA)

2013-2014

Public research organisation in the areas of energy, defense, information technologies and health.

In charge of technical and economic assessment

Within the nuclear energy department, attached to the General Direction of CEA

CEA designated member :

- at the National Energy Research Alliance for the building of energy policy scenarios
- within the joint EDF study group "Comité de politique nucléaire sur l'évaluation technico-économique du potentiel français de cogénération nucléaire"

Agence de l'environnement et de la maîtrise de l'énergie (ADEME)

2012-2013

ADEME is one of the largest public agency in France, specialized in the implementation of public policy in the areas of the environment, energy and sustainable development

Cabinet member of the President of the agency, François Loos (former industry minister)

Member of ADEME's board of directors

- Successfully led the energy policy exercise "Vision 2030-2050".
- Coordination of the work of all the economic and technical services of the Agency (100 engineers and experts).
- Impact both on the french legislation and on the Agency's multi-year strategy.

French Parliament – Office for Scientific and Technological Assessment (OPECST)

2010-2012

Parliamentary commission which role is to inform the Parliament of the consequences of the choice of scientific and technological options so as to enable it to make enlightened decisions.

In charge of studies for the President

Organisation and participation in public and private hearings, study report writing

- Study on innovation : organisation of over 150 private and public hearings, in France and abroad (USA, Sweden, South Africa, Belgium, Switzerland). Study report writing, statistical work on the two polls gathered during the study report.
- Study on nuclear safety : On-site audit of numerous nuclear power plants and La Hague, including one unannounced audit by night of a nuclear power plant and handling of the following written report and press conference. Expert committee organisation, discussions with the MPs (51 members of the House and the Senate), study report writing.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Master's degree in Theoretical Physics - 2010

- Studied in France (Ecole normale supérieure Ulm, UPMC) and in the US (Stony Brook Univ. – C.N. Yang Institute for Theoretical Physics & the University of Texas at Austin).

Other

- Extra courses in finance, political science, biophysics and geophysics.
- Published in specialized journals (on energy policies) and in peer-reviewed journals (on risk management, co-authoring with a senior scientist at Ecole polytechnique).

LANGUAGE AND SKILLS

Finance : CFA Level 1 passed. French market authority professional certification holder. Financial investment and analysis : investing my own money in european small & midcaps (0-€500M market cap.).

Programming : Python 3, JS, PSQL, MongoDB, Amazon Web Services, Django, Flask, QGIS, Linux environment.

Language : English (fluent), Italian (6 yrs), Spanish (2yrs).