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She served as Minister of Labor, Social Policies and Equal Opportunities in Italy's "technocratic" government (16 November 2011- 28 April 2013) and in this capacity conceived and drafted the pension reform and labor market reform that, by altering the medium and long term structure of Italian public finance and labor market, were fundamental to the subsequent lifting of the EU excessive deficit procedure against Italy and to a process of long term rebalancing of economic relationships between generations, from the middle aged to the younger ones.

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