## **Biography**

Fabrizio Messina received his training at University of Palermo (Ph.D., 2007) and EPFL, Switzerland (2010-2012, postdoc), after which he obtained a permanent position at University of Palermo, where he is now an Associate Professor. His research focuses on the photophysics and photochemistry of optically responsive nanomaterials and molecular systems in solution phase. In the last years, his scientific interests have focused more and more on emerging optical nanomaterials such as carbon nanodots, nanographenes, metal nanoclusters. F. Messina has published ~90 peer-reviewed papers and has given several invited talks in the fields of Physics, Nanoscience and Physical Chemistry.