





Curriculum vitae

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Male | Date of birth 02/02/1991 | Nationality Italian

WORK EXPERIENCE

02/2020–Present

Associate Communications and Advocacy Officer

Permanent Delegation Office of the Association "Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII" (APG23) at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Geneva (Switzerland)

- Work with foreign diplomatic representations, international organisations and the private sector on matters related to human rights.
- Rights of Children, Immigration and Human Trafficking advocacy
- Support communications with the following UN bodies: Human Rights Council (HRC), Committee of the Rights of the Child (CRC), Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
- Contribute to developing narratives based on the APG23 policies in the field of human rights.
- Review, comment upon and revise work outputs of Intergovernmental Working Groups, Advisory Committee, Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council.
- Monitor of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process concerning the countries where the members of the Association are present.

05/2019–02/2020

Junior Communications Officer

Una Proposta Diversa (UPD)

- Oversee and manage social media accounts in line with corporate social media policy and provide inputs to corporate social media accounts.
- Undertake media outreach activities including formulation, monitoring and assessment of technical cooperation projects
- Assist with the resettlement of persons accepted under regular immigration programmes.
- Draft project reports for partner organizations and donor institutions.
- Prepare background materials for project events and inputs to speeches and presentations.
- Establish and manage social media accounts and develop digital content.

11/2018–05/2019

Regional Coordinator

Volt, the pan-European progressive political movement

- Support all requested communication and day-to-day activities.
- Promote, develop and implement campaigns and fundraising activities addressed to different targets and stakeholders.
- Represent Volt during meetings and conferences, giving speeches when required, liaising with a wide set of stakeholders.
- Assist the National Coordinator to develop contacts with provincial authorities and other local and national stakeholders, including civil society organisations, regional business chambers, and associations.
- Coordinate, liaise and work closely with the National Coordinator to ensure timely submission of regional inputs

- 04/2018–05/2018 **Researcher on the theme “L’UE et l’Islam”**
Centre interdisciplinaire d'études de l'Islam dans le monde contemporain (CISMOC),
Université catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium)
-Inventory of all the actions undertaken by the European institutions with regards to Islam from 2001 until 2018
- 09/2016–02/2017 **External Relations Trainee**
Commission for Citizenship, Governance, Institutional and External Affairs (CIVEX),
European Committee of Regions, Brussels (Belgium)
-Arabic –English translation.
-Provide theoretical input to the Euro-Mediterranean Regional and Local Assembly (ARLEM).
-Assist in the organization of the Conference of the Regional and Local Authorities for the Eastern Partnership (CORLEAP) annual meeting.
-Draft the background note for the Association for Local Democracy (ALDA) & ARLEM joint conference on circular migration held in Tunis.
-Assist the organization of the 22nd session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP22) held in Marrakesh
- 10/2015–12/2015 **Aid Worker Volunteer**
Dar Comboni School, Cairo (Egypt)
-Coordinate and support the work of volunteers.
-Perform other related duties as required.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 11/2018–12/2018 **Religion, Conflict and Peace** EQF level 7
Harvard, Cambridge (United States)
-Study of a series of contemporary conflicts in different regions of the world with a special focus on identifying and analysing the diverse and complex roles that religions play in both promoting and mitigating violence in each context.
- 09/2017–06/2018 **Certificate of International Relations and Diplomacy Studies** EQF level 7
College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium)
Thesis: *On the role of Religion in a Market Power Europe: the case of Egypt.*
Main subjects: Analysis and Management of Political Risk, External Aspects of EU Internal Policies, The EU in a Global Political Economy Context, Enjeux et Défis de la Politique Commerciale Européenne, Public Relations and Communications Management, International and EU Negotiation Analysis.
- 09/2014–09/2015 **MA International Relations** EQF level 7
University of Kent, Canterbury (United Kingdom)
Thesis: *The Book and the AK-47: dealing with the Caliphate. A comparative study on the impact emergence of the Caliphate with regards to the diplomatic system.*
Main subjects: Negotiation and Mediation, Theories of Conflict and Violence, The Governance of the EU.
- 09/2010–07/2013 **BA Languages and Cultures of the Mediterranean and the Middle East (Arabic and Hebrew)** EQF level 6
Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Venice (Italy)

Main subjects: Islamic Law (Sharia), Islamic Jurisprudence (Fiqh), Hebrew Language (2 years), Arabic language (3 years).

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Italian

Foreign language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
Arabic	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
Bachelor's Degree in Foreign Languages (Arabic)					
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
IELTS (7,5/9)					
Farsi	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
Diploma in Persian Language (Intermediate level, B2) – Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran					
French	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
Diplôme de Français (niveau B2) - Collège d'Europe, Bruges, Belgium					
Tunisian Arabic	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
Diploma in contemporary Tunisian Arabic – Institute Bourguiba des Langues Vivantes, Tunis, Tunisia					

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages - Self-assessment grid

Driving licence B1, B

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

- “Beyond Hydrocarbons: Libya’s Blue Gold”, International Affairs Institute (IAI), 2020.
- “Europe Stumbles in the Middle East”, The New Federalist, 2019.
- “Turning point in EU-Iran relations”, The New Federalist, 2019.
- “Caliphate’s modus operandi and EU external relations”, The New Federalist, 2018.

Honours and awards

- Winner of the Eastwest European Institute (EWEI) Scholarship Study Mission Qatar”, Doha, 2019.
- Scholarship of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation for studying at the College of Europe, 2017.
- Winner of the “Ibn Battuta Full Merit Scholarship for Peace and Diplomacy”, Qalam wa Lawh Center for Arabic Studies, Rabat, 2014.

Certifications

- European Project Management, Italian-Belgian Chamber of Commerce, Brussels, 2018.
- Diplôme de Français (niveau B2), Collège d'Europe, Bruges, 2018.
- Diploma in Persian Language (Intermediate level, B2), Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Mashhad, 2017.
- Diploma in contemporary Tunisian Arabic, Institute Bourguiba des Langues Vivantes, Tunis, 2013.

Seminars

- Erasmus + Virtual Exchange, Soliya, Advanced Facilitation Training - Intensive format, 2020.
- Erasmus + Virtual Exchange, Soliya, "Introduction to Dialogue Facilitation" Online Course, 2019.