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## Work experience

### Una Europa v.z.w.

**March 2020 – present**

**Senior External Funding Officer**

Una Europa is an alliance of eight leading, research-intensive European universities: Freie Universität Berlin (Germany), Alma mater studiorum Università di Bologna (Italy), University of Edinburgh (United Kingdom), Helsingin Yliopisto (Finland), Uniwersytet Jagielloński w Krakowie (Poland), KU Leuven (Belgium), Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Spain) and Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne (France). Una Europa's mission is to create a truly European inter-university environment, where outstanding research is continuously linked to transnational learning and innovative, critical thinking.

It is my task to identify funding opportunities where the members of the alliance can collaborate and which has strategic importance to the alliance. Next to identifying the opportunities, I also support with the development of the initiatives.

### Brussels Office – Universitetet i Bergen (University of Bergen)

**May 2016 – January 2020**

**Head of the Brussels Office**

The Brussels office is established to strengthen UiB's presence in EU research politics. Through this office, the University (leadership, administration, researchers, and so on.) has a better access to strategic information, it builds networks and establishes new partnerships in Brussels and in the EU.

As Head of Office, I am responsible for all tasks of the office, and therefore support both the UiB leadership and the researchers in their strategies and activities related to EU research, innovation and education affairs. The Framework Programme for Research and Innovation is at the core of these activities.

**May 2017 – January 2020**

**UnLiON working group leader / Member of the UnLiON Secretariat**

UnLiON is an informal network of over 40 participating Liaison Offices representing more than 120 Universities. The network is an arena of exchange where the participants share information, create collaboration, and act as information multipliers towards the represented organisations.

Until November 2019, I was the leader of the working group on Horizon 2020/Horizon Europe and coordinated all its activities (exchange of information, discussion of positions, and so on.).

In November 2019, I was asked to join the network's Secretariat and I now coordinate the activities of the various working groups.

## **Scientific and Technical Information Service – Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO)**

**March 2009 – April 2016**

**National Contact Point for Horizon 2020 and FP7 (Seventh EU Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development)**

As National Contact Point (NCP) I was responsible for guiding researchers from the Belgian federal research actors applying for Horizon 2020. I assisted researchers identifying suitable calls, and supported them in all procedural, administrative and financial aspects of the preparation and submission of proposals. This included pre-proposal proof-reading and checks. Tailor-made guidance were complemented by a series of more general activities such as an electronic newsfeed, workshops, and information and training sessions (e.g. 'How to write a successful proposal?').

As NCP I have been an active member of six FP7/Horizon 2020 projects (Coordination and Support Actions).

**September 2012 – April 2016**

**National Project Coordinator for EUREKA**

I represented Belgium in EUREKA, the intergovernmental network for innovation, in order to defend the country's interests and to voice its opinion.

**October 2013 – April 2016**

**Belgian delegate within the Horizon 2020 Programme Committee configuration for Secure Societies**

The Programme Committees assist the European Commission with the decision making process of Horizon 2020. Their members represent the Member States. The Programme Committees give input on the Work Programmes and approve the final version based on which the calls are launched. They also approve the list of projects to be funded.

For three years I have been representing Belgium in the Horizon 2020 Programme Committee for the thematic area 'Secure Societies'.

## **Human Ecology Department – Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Free University of Brussels)**

**March 2006 - February 2009**

**Assistant to the professor - Researcher**

As an assistant, I was responsible for a range of educational and scientific tasks. I wrote peer-reviewed articles on sustainable development and submitted several project proposals. I was also the coordinator for the 'Master in Sustainable Development and Human Ecology'. In this role, I was the intermediate between the students and the teaching staff. In addition, I corrected and graded students' reports.

## **Education**

**September 2004 - September 2005**

Masters in Environmental Expertise, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

**September 2002 - September 2004**

Master in Geology, option Minerals and Geomaterials, Universiteit Gent, Belgium

**September 1999 - September 2002**

Bachelor in Geology, Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium

## Personal skills and competences

### Languages

- Dutch: Mother tongue
- English: Understanding, speaking and writing at proficient user level
- French: Understanding and speaking at proficient user level, writing at independent user level
- German: Understanding, speaking and writing at basic user level