

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

March 2009 **European Union Agency on Fundamental Rights (FRA), Vienna, Austria**
- present **International Relations Officer, SDGs Coordinator**

1. In charge of the cooperation with International Organisations (Council of Europe, OHCHR, OSCE/ODIHR) and EU Delegations to IGOs aiming at feeding FRA human rights work into legislation and policies.
2. Focal Point for EU candidate countries.
3. SDGs Coordinator (Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights): including stakeholders engagement with EU Institutions, EU Member States, UN.
4. In charge of the engagement with the European Parliament, including feeding FRA's evidence in on-going policy and legislation production; relationship with MEPs; high-level meetings with Director with MEPs and Political Groups and Committees Secretariats, frequent missions to Brussels (Nov 2016 – 2018).
5. In charge of FRA engagement and activities in Italian Hotspots in the context of Asylum and Migrations, including relationship with Ministry of Interior, local authorities, EU Agencies, IGOs and NGOs, organisations of trainings, first-hand assessment missions (August 2016 – 2019).
6. In charge of the FRA-Member States Working Party on Roma integration, successfully coordinated cooperation with Member States which resulted in the development of human rights-based indicators to monitor implementation of national policies (2013-2016).
7. Provide the Director and the Management Team with policy advice vis-à-vis EU Institutions and Member States
8. Head of Sector for National Human Rights Bodies and Civil Society within the Communication and Outreach Department (2011-2013) supervising a team of six and an annual budget of around 300.000 Euro.
9. Established the Fundamental Rights Platform (mechanism of cooperation with 350 NGOs) and the FRP Advisory Panel, managed 5 FRP Annual Meetings, created the FRP Code of Conduct; designed communication materials.
10. Established working relationship with National Human Rights and Ombudsperson Institutions (annual budget of 150.000)
11. Member of the project team on 'Violence against Women' (2010-2013); on 'Trafficking of Children' (2009-2010).
12. Member of the project team for the study 'Racism, ethnic discrimination and exclusion of migrants and minorities in sport: the situation in the European Union' (2009-2010); in charge of stakeholder engagement and consultations.

January 2015 - **Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Vienna, Austria**

June 2019 **Adjunct professor 'Who's who: humanitarianism and human rights in world politics'**
(in the past guest lecturer at: Kent University, Essex University, Fordham, Bocconi, University of Bologna, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna Pisa, CUNY).

June 2006 - **United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), Haiti**

Feb 2009 **Child Protection Advisor and Chief Child Protection Unit**

1. Managed a unit of 5 people and 35 regional focal points
2. Established MINUSTAH Child Protection strategic action plan; mainstreamed children's rights in the programming by all Sections and Departments; created a system of Child Protection Focal Points (35 people) in each department
3. Developed and delivered training on prevention of sexual exploitation and abuse (for UN staff and National authorities)
4. Advocated and obtained funding for projects benefiting children, including a two-year project aimed at the rehabilitation of children victims of rape (200.000 \$); a 12-month project providing alphabetization and vocational training to girls in detention, including sport development: basketball for girls and football for boys in detention
5. Provided SRSG and senior management with policy advice vis-à-vis National Institutions and UN Agencies
6. Created monitoring and reporting mechanism on violations against children in partnership with national authorities
7. Developed advocacy strategy and awareness campaigns

July 2004 - **United Nations DESA, Division for Sustainable Development, New York**

March 2006 **Associate Advisor – Sustainable Development**

1. Coordinator, UN-Water Secretariat, overseeing UN inter-agency cooperation with 23 agencies
2. Coordinator, Secretariat of the International Water for Life, developed communication strategy
3. Contributed to the successful fund-raising from Member States, including negotiation and drafting of project proposals
4. Member of the SG Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation; and of the Task Force on Gender and Development
5. Strengthened cooperation with NGOs

Sep 2004 **Member of the Group of Experts - Italian contribution to the Commission for Africa**

May 2005 **Preparation of the report for the G8 July 2005 (on behalf of Aspen Institute Italy)**

Jan 2002 - **UN Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, NY**

Jun 2004 **Associate Expert**

1. Provided technical advice on drafting the EU Guidelines on Children and Armed Conflict and EP Resolutions

2. Monitored political situation and children affected by armed conflict in Eritrea and Ethiopia; preparation of country briefs; organized country visits by SRSB
3. Member of the Working Group on child protection training for peacekeeping personnel, including drafting and development of the specific training manuals jointly with UNICEF, DPKO and Save the Children-Sweden
4. Developed advocacy strategy towards the EU, African, Caribbean and Pacific Institutions
5. Contributed to the drafting of SG Report; developed synergies with UN Global Compact
6. Contributed to the report of the Panel of Experts on Illegal Exploitation of Natural Resources in DRC

Sep 2001 - **European Commission, EuropeAid D2 - Economic Co-operation with Asia, Brussels**

Dec 2001 **Project Manager, Asia-Link Program**

1. Designed the Asia-Link Program (aimed at creating cooperation between EU and Asian universities)
2. Successfully coordinated and completed the preparation of the 2002 Asia-Link Call for proposals in three months
3. Coordinated with relevant EC delegations partnership-building with national authorities and national universities

Jun 1999 - **European Human Rights Foundation, Brussels (as well as Moldova, Belarus, Ukraine)**

Jun 2001 **Deputy Project Manager**

1. Successfully managed a portfolio of 25 projects by NGOs in Moldova, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia, Mongolia and Georgia; negotiated contracts, monitored activities, reviewed financial reports
2. Provided technical assistance to the European Commission and EC delegations in the programming and management of the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), both macro and micro projects (human rights, civil society, traffic and sexual exploitation of women, equal opportunities, rule of law and good governance)
3. Managed national calls for proposals in Moldova, Ukraine and Belarus, including coordination with EC delegations, management of local staff, partnership-building with local authorities, training/capacity-building civil society
4. Successfully prepared the 2001 call for proposals of the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights, evaluated with time constraint 75 projects proposals submitted to the EIDHR 2001

March 1996 **European Liaison Office "Il Telefono Azzurro – Help Line for Sexually Abused Children", Brussels**

May 1999 **European Liaison Officer**

1. Established the European office, recruited and supervised a team of five people
2. Succeeded in having two projects funded by the European Commission: Ombudsperson for Children in Europe
3. Project manager of the project 'European Network of Helplines for sexually abused Children' including coordination with European Partners and reporting to the European Commission
4. Wrote the book "New tools for child protection in Europe: Ombudspersons for children" funded by the EC

Aug 1995 - **European Forum for Child Welfare (EFCW), Brussels**

Mar 1997 **Researcher and Assistant to the Secretary General**

1. Wrote the book "International Chronology of Children's Rights" published with the support of the EC
2. Contributed, through lobbying, advocacy and technical assistance to the development of children's and women's rights legislation and funding programmes by EU Institutions; leading to the establishment of the DAPHNE Programme
3. Contributed to the creation of EURONET, lobbying group for the inclusion of children's rights in the EU Treaties
4. Co-ordinated European-wide public awareness campaigns promoting the Convention on the Rights of the Child

EDUCATION

April 2023 **School of Transnational Governance, European University Institute, Fiesole, Italy**
Executive Training on Responsible Negotiations Across Countries

Nov 1998 **University of Bologna, Forlì, Italy**
Degree in international political science (Major: international human rights law, 110/110)

Dec 1994 **Italian Foreign Trade Commission (ICE), Trieste, Italy**
'Master Diploma' in International Trade and Marketing (rated first in the nation-wide competition)

Jun 1994 **European University Institute, Academy of European Law, Fiesole, Italy**
Specialized post-graduate course in Human Rights and European Community Law

1992-1993 **University of Sussex, School of European Studies, Brighton, UK**
Completed nine courses in International Relations programme (Erasmus Scholarship)

Jul 1992 **University of Göttingen, Faculty of Law, Göttingen, Germany**
Seminary on comparative constitutional law, Scholarship Fondazione Cicu' and University of Bologna

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Native speaker in Italian; fluent in English, French and Spanish; beginner in German, Chinese and Russian

BOOKS AND ARTICLES

- “*The invisible children of Haiti*”, article in *Il Mondo Domani*, UNICEF Italy, Issue January-February 2007, pp.15-16
- Author of a chapter in “*The United Nations and the protection of children’s rights in the situation of armed conflict*” in the book ‘*Kalami goes to war: child soldiers*’ published by ‘Ancora Editrice’, October 2006, pp. 147-170
- “*Sustainable development and children’s rights*”, article in *Il Mondo Domani*, UNICEF Italy, Issue July 2005, pp. 23 - 24
- “*A war that starts from children*”, article in *Aspenia Magazine*, Aspen Institute Italia, Issue n. 25, June 2004, pp. 304 – 308
- “*Children, armed violence and drug traffic in Rio de Janeiro*”, article in *Cittadini in Crescita*, Oct 2002; pp. 253 – 275
- “*UNGASS and Children and Armed Conflict*”, *Cittadini in Crescita*, July 2002, pp. 261 – 268
- “*New Tools for child protection in Europe: Ombudspersons for Children*”, July 1998
- “*International Chronology of Children’s Rights*” published with the support of the European Commission, September 1997

ARTISTIC PRODUCTION

- Author of the book ‘*L’alpino dalle sette vite sul fronte russo*’, Gaspari Editore, Nov 2011
- Written and directed the award-winning videopoem ‘*For whom the sirens toll*’, Sept 2004
- Written the award-winning photo-story ‘*Like a hug from 84 children all together*’, Feb 2004

ACTIVITIES IN CIVIC, PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the Aspen Institute Fellows Programme, Aspen Institute Italy (May 2003 – current)
- Founder of the FRA-AC (FRA Acting Company) (2011-current)
- University of Sussex Alumni Consul for Austria (2009 – current)
- Amico degli Alpini (Friend of Alpini, Associazione Nazionale Alpini)
- President of “Il Circolo Culturale Italiano at the United Nations New York” (June 2002 – February 2006)
- Member of the St. Philip’s Academy Committee, New York (December 2005 – 2006)
- Member of the ‘Steering Committee’ of International Peace Bureau - Italy Section (2004 – 2012)