

VALERIA ZANINI

ABOUT

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LANGUAGES

Italian Mother tongue

English C1

French B2

German *In progress*

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Professional skills

- Ability to **work autonomously and in team**, defining priorities, adapting to schedule changes and managing ad hoc requests with **flexibility**.
- Significant **organizational and coordination capacity**.
- Ability to **structure and develop research**, with attention to the overall coherence and to details, organizing methodology and defining realistic but ambitious deadlines.
- Ability to **work with international partners**, and experience in liaising with different stakeholders to ensure different interests and perspectives are represented.

Communication and interpersonal skills

- Strong **writing and oral skills** and adaptability to different writing styles and target audiences.
- Ability to work with colleagues in a spirit of **cooperation and mutual support**.

Digital skills

- Expert user of the **Microsoft Office Package** (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).
- Ability to use **digital communication tools** (emails and social media) and basic **graphic design tools** (including Canva).
- Familiarity with **project management platforms** like Asana.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Participation in Research Project - The precarity of migrants

Since March 2022

[University of Milan](#) Milan, Italy

Research on the impact of Covid-19 crisis on the **precariousness of migrants** in Europe. **Co-led the research section on unaccompanied foreign minors (UFMs)** in Italy:

- Conducted semi-structured **interviews** to UFMs and to key stakeholders.
- Led a **literature review** on the precariousness of migrants' lives.

Policy Assistant - A European Green Deal for a Just Transition

From October 2021 to February 2022

[European Anti-Poverty Network](#) Brussels, Belgium

- Co-designed and drafted **position papers, literature reviews, a capacity building report** and a **working document** on European environmental and energy policies, from a social justice angle. Liaised with **international partners** reconciling different perspectives.
- Tracked **policy development** on energy poverty and environmental and energy transition, through analysis and assessment of European legislation.
- **Monitored advocacy opportunities**, creating and maintaining a database of European stakeholders in the field of environmental and energy transition, and participating in events and seminars.
- Participated to the monthly meetings of the **Right to Energy Coalition**, and supported the team in the design of strategies, draft of policy positioning, and organization of events, including the 2022 Right to Energy Forum.
- Supported in the organization of **EAPN strategic events**, Inclusion Strategy Group meetings with national members, and dialogue activities.

Vicepresident

Since September 2019

[Cultural Association EOS](#) Rome, Italy

- **Organized** numerous guided tours, courses and seminars (on history of art and photography, on specific artists, on historical events).
- **Liaised** with existing members and designed strategies to engage new ones.
- Contributed to the creation of **media content** on website, social media and newsletters.

Assistant to the Event Manager

From May 2019 to September 2019

[Wedding Planning Agency The Wedding Care](#) Rome, Italy

- Supported in the **organization and execution** of **9 events** in different regions of Italy (in different locations, with international clients, different suppliers, and on different scales - from 40 to 250 guests).

Personal Assistant of the General Manager

From July 2017 to June 2019

[Production Company BlackBox Multimedia](#) Rome, Italy

- Organized the **professional and personal agenda** of the reference manager (schedule meetings, book travels).
- Supported in the maintenance of the **relations** with the London office.

Executive Office Assistant

From January 2016 to June 2017

[Communication Coaching e Consulting The Quid Finder](#) Rome, Italy

- Wrote **articles** for the blog and contents for **website, newsletter, and social media** on team building and professional coaching.
- Supported in the definition of the **communication strategy**.
- Supported on **administrative tasks**.

Executive Assistant

From September 2013 to September 2019

[Cultural Association EOS](#) Rome, Italy

- Contributed to the **organisation** of association's **activities** and to their communication through Facebook campaigns, newsletters, and email marketing.
- Supported on **administrative work**.

PAPERS AND RESEARCH

- Analysis of the social impacts of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive in the internal paper for Laudes Foundation "**Social impacts of the Fit for 55 package**", informing the final analytical paper by the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP): "[Social justice priorities in the Fit for 55 package](#)".
- Design of the structure and writing of the report harmonizing national members' perspectives of "[A Socially Just and Poverty-Proof Green Deal](#)", the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN)'s 2022 Capacity Building Report.
- Design and support in the writing of the Briefing on guaranteeing the "[Right to Affordable Clean Energy for all Europeans](#)", issued by the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN) and the European Public Service Union (EPSU).
- Draft of the working document to inform the update of the position paper "**European Green Deal for a Just Transition**" by the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN).

SCOLARSHIPS

- **Merit scholarship** (2023) by Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo to follow a course on the *Geopolitics of the energy transition*, by the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), in Rome (Italy).
- **Research scholarship** (2022) for 5 months of research for master thesis at Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales (IDDRI), in Paris (France).
- **Merit scholarship** as second best student 2020/2021 in the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences of the University of Milan.
- **Erasmus+ Traineeship scholarship** (2021) to work at the European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN), in Brussels.

REFERENCES

Sabrina Iannazzone, Statistical and Policy Officer at European Commission, Eurostat, sabrina.iannazzone@ec.europa.eu - Supervisor at EAPN

Tancrede Voituriez, Senior Research Fellow at Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales (IDDRI), tancrede.voituriez@iddri.org - Supervisor for master thesis

EDUCATION

MA in Global Politics and Society (Department of Economic, Political and Social Sciences) From January 2021 to March 2023

[University of Milan](#) Milan, Italy

Final mark: 110/110 with honors

Relevant coursework: • Global Social Inequalities • Global Geopolitics • International Political Economy and the Welfare State • Multi-level Legal System • Global citizenship • Global social movements • Globalization and Cultural Diversity • Research methods • Economic and Social Regulation of Global Workforce • Datafied Society.

Thesis in EU Governance: "Lobbying the Green Transition: the case of the European Taxonomy on Sustainable Finance".

Research for the thesis abroad (supervisor Tancrede Voituriez) From March 2022 to August 2022

[IDDRI - Institut du Développement Durable et des Relations Internationales](#) Paris, France

Study of **lobbying and interest representation** in the **governance of the European green transition**, and specifically on the role of lobbying in the inclusion of gas in the **European Taxonomy on Sustainable Finance**, through interviews to researchers, desk research, and analysis of European institutions' and interest groups' documents.

Summer School - Citizenship in Times of Crises June 2022

[University of Milan](#) Milan, Italy

Study of the concept of **citizenship in a globalized world** through an interdisciplinary approach, analyzing it in its relation with globalization, civil society, institutions, market, and democracy.

Spring School - The Making of EU Environmental Regulation May 2022

[European School of Environmental Economics and Policy \(EuSEEP\) - 4EU+](#) Copenhagen, Denmark

Final mark: 1,0 (German assessment, equivalent to 30/30) • Study of the **processes through which EU environmental policies emerge and are implemented**; the institutions involved; the **economic tools** used to determine costs and benefits of alternative policy designs.

- Specific training on providing advice to decision-makers through **policy briefs**.
- Represented Italy during the simulation for the implementation of the Green Deal in the Finance negotiation table.

Summer School - Sustainable Development and Climate Action July 2021

[SciencesPo](#) Paris, France

Final mark: 19/20

Assessment of the major **environmental and sustainable development challenges** and of the global policy responses; study of the drivers of action and of the factors of inertia in contemporary politics of global environmental and development changes; science-based options to solve implementation challenges.

BA in Philosophy From October 2016 to January 2021

[University of Rome La Sapienza](#) Rome, Italy

Final mark: 110/110 with honors

Relevant coursework: • Political Philosophy • Moral Philosophy • Philosophical Anthropology • Social Ethics • Public Law • Logic • Bioethics • Sociology.

Thesis in Social Ethics: "The crowd and the unconscious mind: the role of public opinion in democracy. From Freud to the Lippmann-Dewey debate".

High School Diploma From September 2010 to July 2015

[Scientific High School "Augusto Righi"](#) Rome, Italy

Final mark: 100/100