

CURRICULUM VITAE

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5. Education (most recent first):

Institution (date from - to)	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
02/2008 – 03/2009 CIRPS (Interuniversity Research Centre for Sustainable Development), University of Rome “La Sapienza”	Master’s Degree in International Cooperation and Project Cycle Management.
12/2007 - 06/2008 Associazione Cantiere Europa, Regione Lazio, University of Rome “Roma Tre”	Post -Graduate Diploma in “ European Union Law”
11/ 2006 – 06/ 2007 SIOI -sez. Campania, Napoli	Post -Graduate Diploma in Diplomatic Studies
10/2000 – 01/ 2006 University of Naples "Federico II"	Degree in Political Science (equivalent to a Master Degree) Note: 110 cum laude

6. Language Skills: Indicate competence on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 excellent - 5 basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Italian	Mother tongue		
English	1	1	1
French	1	2	2
Spanish	1	1	1
Portuguese	2	3	5

7. Membership of professional bodies: n.a.

8. **Other skills:** Full Computer Literate – **VIS On line course on “ How to manage gender issues in emergency” February – April 2011**

9. **Present position:** Consultant at Mekané- Ideas for development

10. **Years within the firm: 7 months**

11. Key qualifications/skills:

- Sound Knowledge of **EU and UN cooperation and development tools and cooperation strategies;**
- **Excellent knowledge of Italian public and private donors guidelines;**
- **Excellent skills in EU evaluation guidelines;**
- **Excellent in Project management and coordination (PCM and Logical Framework Approach);**
- **Knowledge of EU and Italian MAE guidelines for monitoring and evaluation;**
- Good knowledge of **education sector, specifically VET;**
- **Unites Nations, Europe Aid and Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs policies, procedures and cooperation guidelines**
- Sound skills in **training organization and delivery;**
- **Excellent reporting, communication and presentation skills**

12. Specific experience in the region (most recent first)

Country	Date from - Date to
Mozambique	07- 2013
Ethiopia	02- 2013; 08-2010/12-2010
Tunisia	01-2011/ 12-2011

Date	Location	Company and contact	Position	Description
06-2014-on going	Rome, Italy	Mekané-Ideas for development info@mekane.org	Evaluator and Trainer	<p>Co-Founder of Mekané- Ideas for development, a network of young professionals experienced in the field of international cooperation. In charge of evaluation sector, projects monitoring and organization of training sessions. Backstopping for the study phase and the reporting phase of the final evaluation of the project “From the earth comes life – creation of a rural cluster and strengthen of human and social capital in the areas surrounding the Salesian plantations of Shasha (Nord Kivu) and Nyangoma (Sud Kivu) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo”. The project was funded by Cariplo Foundation and implemented by ONG VIS- Volontariato Internazionale per lo sviluppo (June- August 2015).</p> <p>Organization of the training “Project Budget design and financial monitoring”(22-23 November 2014). Trainer at Università di Tor Vergata on “PCM and the role of consulting firms in development” (Rome, 28-29 October 2014);</p> <p>Trainer on “PCM - the analysis phase” at Course for international volunteers, organized by COMI NGO (Rome, 14-15 February 2015).</p> <p>Writing of project proposals for different public and private donors. Among national donors: Italian MAECI, Tavola Valdese, Regione Lazio, Italian Government, Charlemagne Foundation. Among international donors: EuropeAid, international trust-fund (e.g. EPP, Energy and environment partnership). Sectors of interest: education and children, women empowerment, environment, migration. Business development.</p>
11-2014 02-2015	Rome, Ethiopia, Burundi	EU - Mekané –VIS NGO e.chiang@volint.it	Evaluator	<p>Final Evaluation of the project “A shared bridge toward innovation: building up TVET demand driven services and networks for workers in the informal economy in Burundi and Ethiopia” EU Investing in People programme - Education, knowledge and skills- Developing Technical and Vocational Education and Training Methodologies and Services for the Informal Economy- DCI-EDUC/2011/260-814.</p> <p>The project was cofounded by the EU and implemented by VIS Ngo in two countries, Ethiopia and Burundi, from 2011 to 2014. In charge for the desk-study phase, data analysis and reporting phase. The evaluation was based on DAC Criteria (relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability) plus harmonization, following The Paris Declaration. Formulation of recommendations.</p>
07-2012 /03-2014	Rome, Italy	ARS Progetti spa Via Girolamo Dandini 16 00154 – Rome, Italy Daniele Fanciullacci Chief Executive d.fanciullacci@arsprogetti.com	Project Officer	<p>Project Officer for FWC Benef 2009- 2013 Lot 9, Culture, Education, Employment, Social and Poverty reduction; Lot 12, Humanitarian Aid, Crisis.</p> <p>Project manager for the followings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solomon Islands, End of Term Evaluation of the Programme for the integration of technical, vocational education and training (TVET) into the education system in Solomon Islands – February – April 2014 • Colombia, Evaluación medio termino Del Programa De Fortalecimiento A Las Instituciones Para Apoyo A Las Victimas, Forvic (September- November 2013) • Ethiopia, “Technical Assistance for Trainings in Construction (Plumber, Plastering and Painting) and Entrepreneurship”- May 2013 • Ethiopia, “Technical Assistance for Trainings in Hospitality Services (Food Preparation, Food and Beverage Service) and Entrepreneurship” - May 2013 • Tunisia, “Mission d’assistance technique en « Communication » du « Programme d’appui à l’éducation, la Formation, l’Enseignement Supérieur et l’Employabilité des Diplômes (PEFESE) » <p>Preparation of international bid for main international donors (UN, WB, EU, Trust Fund, National Agencies) in the fields of Education, VET, gender mainstreaming, rule of law. Projects follow up and back stopping.</p> <p>Monitoring and evaluation activities.</p> <p>Business development for Sub-Saharan Africa (Gabon, Mali, Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Mozambique,</p>

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07-2013	Maputo, Mozambique	EC-COSV NGO erica.crescenzo.ec@gmail.com former Country Rep for COSV	Evaluator	Final Evaluation of the project “Fight against domestic violence and human rights of women in Maputo” , project funded by EU (EIDHR) and implemented by COSV. Evaluation on the 5 DAC Criteria (relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, impact and sustainability). Formulation of recommendations, lessons learnt and best practices for future initiatives in the country.
02-2013	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	ARS Progetti SPA Italian Cooperation-MAE/DGCS Christian Schingo- Team Leader christian.schingo@gmail.com	Junior Evaluator	Ex post evaluation of three Italian NGO projects funded by the Italian MAE. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vis NGO- Salesian of Don Bosco “For children rights protection: prevention and rehabilitation programmes for street children in Addis Ababa”; • CISS “Social and economic development, promotion and protection of Cultural Heritage of Konso Special Woreda”; • CISP “Strengthening and qualification of basic education and improvement of children and adolescent social condition in Addis Ababa marginal areas”. Evaluate efficacy, efficiency, relevance, impact and sustainability of the 3 projects. Formulation of recommendations, lessons learnt and best practices for future initiatives with special attention on future budget lines in the Country.
01-2012 07-2012	Benevento, Italy	Fondazione Angelo Affinita ONLUS Via Appia Est, 1 82011 Arpaia (BN)	Project Coordinator	Project Coordinator, focused on Education, VET and social protection projects . In charge for management of on going projects, identification and evaluation of projects proposal from partners, project proposals design, writing and submission; relations and contact with local and international donors, institutions and stakeholders, development in Italy and abroad. Monitoring financing opportunities. Back-stopping, follow up and reporting activities.
01-2011 12-2011	Tunis-Tunisia	UNDESA Fellow at Italian Cooperation Office (UTL) Italian Embassy in Tunisia Maurizio Bonavia, Director maurizio.bonavia@est.eri.it	Programme Manager	Duties and activities related to Cultural, Social and Environmental sectors . Specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NGOs projects monitoring and evaluation; • Participation on behalf of the Italian Development Cooperation in thematic seminars, project meetings and conferences; • Follow up and reporting to Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE) about Tunisian -Italian cooperation activities on the field; • Representing Italian Development Cooperation within international Donors meeting, hosted by UN and EU; Facilitating and cooperating with interested actors: international organizations, National Authorities, Local Institutions, local beneficiaries and stakeholders, Italian Regions for decentralized and Cross Border Cooperation (CBC); • Supporting activities for Italian decentralized cooperation projects; • Writing assessment report; • Technical and economic Evaluation of project proposal.
08-10 12-10	Addis Ababa - Ethiopia	VIS- Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo - Emanuela Chiang, Desk Officer Middle East and Horn of Africa e.chiang@volint.it	Project Manager	Project Manager for the Project “ Melkam Serà - Promotion of the technical and vocational training sector in five areas of Ethiopia ”. The project involves five technical schools and it is funded by the EU. Management of the following activities: tender for purchasing of school materials, organization of technical upgrading trainings (curricula and logistic arrangements, trainers selection), organization of coordination meeting for school directors. Follow up and reporting activities. Ethiopian VET reform analysis. Liaising with donors, (EU, private foundations), Budget and costs monitoring.
11-08 07-10	Rome Italy	ARS Progetti S.P.A (see above)	Project Officer	Project Officer within the EuropeAid Framework Contract BENE 2005-2009 lot 7, Culture, Governance and Home Affairs, Framework Contract BENE 2009-2011: Lot 2, Transport and Infrastructure; Lot 9, Culture, Education, Employment, Social and Poverty reduction; Lot 12, Humanitarian Aid, Crisis Management and

				<p>Post Crisis Assistance at ARS Progetti S.p.A. Main activities: preparation of international bids (technical and financial offer), recruiting of international experts, project management and back-stopping (logistic arrangement, reporting, gathering and checking administrative documents), focal point with main stakeholders (EC Delegations, National Institutions, local beneficiaries).</p> <p>Among others, project manager of the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Assistance for the development of NSA Policy in Malawi; • Mission d'évaluation finale du Programme MEDA : Appui à la réforme du système éducatif en Algérie; • Mission d'évaluation finale du programme pour des organisations de la société civile appuyées et renforcées (OSCAR)- Benin.
05-08 07-08	Rome Italy	Ricerca e Cooperazione S. Cubadda, Project Manager s.cubadda@ongrc.org	Intern at Programme Office	Design of social protection and education projects in MEDA Countries (Syria and Egypt) . Research activities, translation, preparation in each case of a concept note, full proposal, log-frame and budget, dealing with local and international partners.
01-06 06-06	Madrid Spain	Italian Embassy in Madrid Calle Lagasca 98, 28006 Madrid, Spain	Intern at Office for Cultural and Political Affairs	Follow up of main political and international events , particularly relationship between Spain and Italy, reporting activities for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Italy , participating in meetings at the Spanish Foreign Affairs Office, (e. g. GAERC). Management, presentation and sum up of information. Research on specific cultural and political issues, updating a database about Spanish- Italian relations.