

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. **Family name:** **CESARO**
2. **First names:** **Paolo**
3. **Date of birth:** **30 July 1971**
4. **Nationality:** **Italian**
5. **Civil status:** **Married**
6. **Education:**

Institution (Date from – Date to)	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium [9/2001 – 9/2002]	MA in European Political and Administrative Studies (research on EU Foreign Policy and External Relations)
University of Trieste, Italy, Political Science [9/1991 – 7/1999]	University degree in Political Science - International Politics

7. **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	1	2
Spanish	2	3	5

8. **Membership of professional bodies:**
9. **Other skills:** Proficient user of MS Office, Internet, Windows and Mac environments
10. **Present position:**
 - Brussels-based freelance consultant on EU affairs, politics, policies and projects.
11. **Years within the firm:** 2 year
12. **Key qualifications:**
 - Sound experience of EU's decision making, policies and programmes;
 - Experienced trainer and coach on EU politics, policies and programmes with focus on EU Foreign Policy, CFSP, EU enlargement and ENP, EU-Balkans;
 - Training and capacity building: proved experience in conceiving, designing and delivering training seminars addressed to government/agencies officials, councillors and senior officials from Regions and Local Governments;
 - Excellent public speaking and communication skills;
 - Sound experience in designing and organising study visits for benchmarking activities and best practice exchange;
 - Wide experience on institutional capacity-building issues, regional development and local governments issues (tourism, public services, territorial marketing, spatial planning, urban strategic planning);
 - Master's thesis on EU Foreign Policy and Human Rights, Master's research papers on EU-ASEAN relations and EU development Policy;
 - Laurea degree's thesis on Chinese Central Asia (Eastern Turkestan - Xinjiang).
13. **Specific experience in the region:**

Kosovo	2-3/2010, 2-3/2011, 2-3/2012
Poland	2/2004

Bulgaria	2/2008
Romania	9/2008

14. Professional experience

Date from - Date to	Location	Company	Position	Description
6/2013	Brussels (BE)	Istituto Universitario di Studi Europei (IUSE)	Training Seminar organiser (design, implementation, and lecturer)	<p><i>Training course on "European funding, grants and tender of the EU" addressed to PhD candidates on Public Law and Tendering Procedure from the University of Turin</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design of the 12 hours course • Structuring the programme and finding the lecturers (among EU affairs professionals) • Lecturer on Introduction to EU budget, programmes and grants • Organisation to visit to the European Parliament and meeting with Head of Unit for Programming and Legislative Coordination
11/2012	Brussels (BE)	Italian Chamber of Commerce in Belgium/ Institute of European Studies of the UCL	Lecturer	<p><i>Master in European Studies organised in collaboration with the Institute of European Studies of UCL – Université Catholique de Louvain</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecturer on EU Environmental Policy and LIFE programme • Lecturer on RTD policy and 7th Framework Programme • Lecturer on Competitiveness and Innovation Programme • Total of 15 hours in 5 days <p><i>Language English</i></p>
2-3/2012	Prishtina (KOSOVO)	British Council	Short Term Expert	<p><i>European Commission Liaison Office in Kosovo, under the terms of the service contract EuropAid 130899/C/SER/XK entitled "EU Scholarship Scheme"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of 2 sets of EU General Knowledge tests, each for 80 questions for YCS selections.
07/2011	Brussels (BE)	Italian Chamber of Commerce in Belgium/ Institute of European Studies of the UCL	Lecturer	<p><i>Master in European Studies organised in collaboration with the Institute of European Studies of UCL – Université Catholique de Louvain</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecturer on EU Environmental Policy and LIFE programme • Total of 6 hours in 2 days <p><i>Language English</i></p>

2-3/2011	Prisitna (KOSOVO)	SOFRECO	Short Term Expert	<p><i>European Commission Liaison Office in Kosovo (the "Client"), under the terms of the service contract no. 2009/210-665 entitled "EU Scholarship Scheme – Round VI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of 2 sets of EU General Knowledge tests, each for 80 questions for YCS selections;
11/2010 – 08/2011	Brussels (BELGIUM)	Minerva	Project manager	<p><i>Managing 2 FP7 funded projects (STREAM and MAITRE) in the field of water research and technological developments, and the second in the field of journalism training on how to communicate with media addressed to food researchers in EU.</i></p>
7/2008 – 10/2010	Brussels (BELGIUM)	Websiteprojects	Partner – Head of Business Development; Director of EUagenda.eu	<p><i>Web agency specialised in EU affairs communication online. Subcontractor of many EU funded projects or EU trade associations to develop portal and web systems.</i></p> <p>Head of business development. Director of EUagenda.eu – an own initiative launched in 2009 as a social portal to promote EU affairs conferences.</p>
2-3/2010	Prisitna (KOSOVO)	SOFRECO	Short Term Expert	<p><i>European Commission Liaison Office in Kosovo (the "Client"), under the terms of the service contract no. 2009/210-665 entitled "EU Scholarship Scheme – Round VI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of 3 sets of EU General Knowledge tests, each for 80 questions for YCS selections; • 3 sets of Verbal and Numerical Tests, each for 40 questions for YCS selections.
09/2008	Bucharest (RO)	Chamber of Commerce of Bucharest / CE FEC	Lecturer	<p><i>Training course addressed to Roumenian nationals to prepare EU Institutions competitions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainer on EU policies and FAQ for EU institutions competition <p><i>Training for professionals from the academic, public and business sector</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainer on EC funded programmes and project management <p><i>Language English</i></p>

1/2007 – 6/2008	Brussels (BE)	European Foundation of Cities ANCI IDEALI	Policy Manager	<p><i>No-profit organization of Italian Local Authorities</i></p> <p>Fields of expertise: EU institutions and institutional reform; climate change and energy policy, transport and urban mobility, sustainable tourism, integrated local development strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceiving, implementing and managing training seminars for senior officials or Councillors from Local Governements on EU policies and programmes; • Organiser of 3rd European Conference of CEEP Tourism Platform with 100 delegates from six member states. • Advising member cities and partner organisations on EU policies, networking; • International cooperation with Eastern Europe Local Governments Associations; • Feasibility studies for EC projects; • Member of European Commission Tourism Forum steering committee in 2007 and 2008.
3/2008	Portogruaro (IT)	University of Padua (Portogruaro Campus)	Lecturer	<p><i>Master PECOB Master in Project management of cooperation and training activities in central-eastern Europe and Balkans.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecturer on EU foreign policy, EU-Balkans relations, policies and programmes, on ENP and ENPI financial instruments. <p><i>Language Italian</i></p>
2/2008	Sofia (BG)	Diplomatic Institute of Bulgaria / CEFEC	Trainer	<p><i>Training course addressed to Roumenian nationals to prepare EU Institutions competitions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainer on EU policies and FAQ for EU institutions competition <p><i>Training to senior officials from the academic, public and business sector</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainer on EU funded programmes and project management elements <p><i>Language English</i></p>

11/2007	Brussels (BE)	Veneto Region (IT) EU office	Lecturer	<p><i>Growing Togethert project – Italian Law 84/2001 on bilateral cooperation with Balkans countries Connecting Public Administrations Eastward</i></p> <p>Final conference addressed to senior officials from Public Admnistrations, National Agencies and NGOs officers from Balkans countries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecturer on the following subjects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Planning and management of regional development projects: introduction to the topic. ○ Local economic development, dealing with partnership between “profit” public and private bodies. ○ NGOs’ capacity building - partnership between “no profit” public and private bodies: strengthening NGOs’ institutional skills and building institutional partnership for local development. <p><i>Language English</i></p>
11/2007	Brussels (BE)	Italian Chamber of Commerce in Belgium/ Institute of European Studies of the UCL	Trainer	<p><i>Master in European Studies organised in collaboration with the Institute of European Studies of UCL – Universite Catholique de Louvain</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecturer on EU Environmental Policy and LIFE programme <p><i>Language English</i></p>
10/2005	Gorizia (IT)	INFORMEST Agency for International Economic Cooperation	Trainer	<p><i>BETA 2nd edition - Balkan Expert Training Activity - project financed by the Italian GovernmentLaw 84/2001 on bilateral cooperation with Balkans countries</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecturer on EU integration, institutions and decision making; EU CFSP; EU-South East Europe relations; pre-accession strategy for South East Europe; policies and EU programmes supporting integration and pre-accession strategy, ENP and financial instruments for neighborhood countries. <p><i>Language Italian</i></p>

3/2005	Treviso (IT)	Treviso District	Lecturer	<p><i>Extra Large - Explaining TRAnsition to enLARGEment –pilot project on the impact of EU enlargement on Regions neighboring candidate countries.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecturer on EU integration, enlargement procedures and ENP and financial instruments for neighborhood countries. <p><i>Language English</i></p>
6/2004 – 12/2004	Brussels (BE)	ANCI SERVIZI Company providing events management and research services to ANCI (Italian National Association of Local Governements)	Short term expert on Italian Government funded project	<p><i>EXTRA – municipal services and functions outsourced – project co-funded by the Italian Ministry of the Public Function.</i></p> <p>Research of European best practices on local public services organisation, management and PPP experiences and drafting of 5 short papers for the project web site and newsletter.</p>
5/2004	Vicenza (IT)	INFORMEST Agency for International Economic Cooperation	Trainer	<p><i>BETA 1st edition - Balkan Expert Training Activity - project financed by the Italian Government Law 84/2001 on bilateral cooperation with Balkans countries</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecturer on EU integration, institutions and decision making; EU Foreign Policy and CFSP; EU-South East Europe relations; pre-accession strategy for South East Europe; policies and EU programmes supporting integration and pre-accession strategy, ENP and financial instruments for neighborhood countries. <p><i>Language Italian</i></p>
9/2003, 9/2004, 9/2005 and 2006	Brussels (BE)	University of Trieste (Gorizia campus)	Course Leader/Trainer	<p><i>International and Diplomatic Science Degree. Study trip to Brussels organised every year between 2003 and 2006</i></p> <p>Organisation of seminars with and meeting with experts from EU institutions and organisations. Trainer to group of 30-40 students on EU institutions and policies, EPSO competitions and job opportunities in Brussels.</p>

3/2003 – 12/2006	Brussels (BE)	ANCI – National Associations of Italian Cities	EU policies adviser / project manager	<p><i>European Office of the National Associations of Italian Cities representing 6.100 Local Governments</i></p> <p>Fields of expertise: EU policies related to Regional-Local development, Cohesion policy, Tourism, Energy, Environment and Transport.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advising members on European policies with local impact, mainly RTD, Energy, Environment, Transport, Culutre and Tourism. • Designign and implementing training seminars on EU policies and programmes addressed to senior officials and councillors from Local Governements. • Trainer on EU's decision-making, policies and programmes. • Designing and managing EU funded projects (PHARE, CARDS, INTERREG CADSES), on institutional/capacity building issues with focus on local public services, PPP and regional development issues. • Partnership agreements and international conference with five Eastern Europe Local Governments National Asscoiations. • Lobbying activities: relations with EU institutions, drafting policy papers for EC open consultation procedures. • Representing the Association at European conferences, working groups and committees • Member of INTERREG CADSES National steering committee of Italy.
9/2002 – 2/2003	Brussels (BE)	OMCT – Europe (World Organisation Against Torture)	Junior consultant	<p><i>OMCT – International NGO based in Genevra and Brussels</i></p> <p>Responsible for liaison activities with European Parliament and European Convention.</p> <p>Area: Corporate social responsibility (CSR). Geographical focus: Asia, ACP countries.</p>
5/2000- 10/2001	Brussels (BE)	CISAI	Consultant	<p><i>Network of 20 main Italian Universities No-profit organization focused on international academic cooperation and EC programmes</i></p> <p>Consultant on EU policies and programmes in the field of Higher Education, RTD, Environment, Culture.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for communication and information services; • Organising conferences and info day on EU policies and programmes; • Assisting member universities in assessing project idea and finding appropriate EC financing scheme; • Co organiser of European Symposium on Genomics

11/1999-05/2000	Brussels (BE)	TESEO	Junior consultant (Leonardo Scholarship)	<p><i>Consultancy specialised in EC RTD programmes for SMEs and Local Governments.</i></p> <p>Junior Consultant – Advising public and private bodies on EU policies and programmes, business development and drafting of EU funded projects in the FP5 for RTD.</p>
4/1998	Istanbul	French Institute of Anatolian Studies	Lecturer	<p>Lecturer at the conference “<i>Les Ouigours au vingtième siècle</i>” organised by the French Institute of Anatolian Studies (IFEA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecturer on Uighur nationalism and geopolitics of Chinese Turkestan

15. **Other relevant information** (Publications and Conferences): Since 3/2003 and up to date speaker and moderator to several conferences and seminar in Brussels and elsewhere on EU policies and related issues. In 2001 the Italian Foreign Ministry awarded me of a scholarship to attend the Master of European Studies at the College of Europe in Bruges (BE). In 1999 I was awarded by the University of Trento (IT) of a EU Leonardo scholarship for six months traineeship in Brussels.