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EXPERIENCE

Freelance Journalist

Several news outlets

2010 - Present Antwerp, Belgium

I am a journalist with more than a decade of experience reporting on politics, technology, human rights, environmental issues, and global culture.

Selected achievements & responsibilities

- Contributed in-depth reporting, analysis, and commentary to dozens of international media outlets including Al Jazeera, Foreign Policy, Politico, EU Observer, Wired, MIT Tech Review, The Washington Post, Vice, DW, The Guardian, Business Insider, The Globe and Mail, and others.
- Covered major political developments across Brazil, EU and the world, as well as reported on international conflicts and geopolitical tensions.
- Reported extensively on human rights issues, including women's rights, anti-racism, digital rights, and freedom of speech and produced clear, accessible reporting on technology, internet culture, online privacy, as well as environmental policy, sustainability, and climate-related issues.
- Shortlisted for the Fetisov Journalism Award — Excellence in Environmental Journalism (2020)

Editorial Lead (Managing and Contributing Editor)

Revolve

08/2023 - 03/2025 Brussels, Belgium

I lead editorial strategy, content development, and narrative design for REVOLVE and for sustainability-driven EU projects operating in complex policy environments.

Selected achievements & responsibilities

- Led editorial planning and content strategy for REVOLVE's magazine and digital platforms while translating dense, technical topics into clear, compelling articles, briefings, and multimedia content.
- Managed the full editorial cycle for REVOLVE's quarterly magazine - commissioning, editing, writing, fact-checking, coordinating with designers, and supervising publication workflows under tight deadlines.
- Supported multiple EU-funded projects by developing and refining content and contributed to REVOLVE's podcast development.
- Coordinated a cross-functional team (up to 15 people) across editorial, design, communications, and EU-project teams.
- Delivered measurable value by elevating the clarity, accessibility, and strategic cohesion of REVOLVE's content, strengthening its position as a trusted voice in sustainability storytelling.

Communications officer

European Association for Innovation in Local Development (AEIDL)

02/2023 - 05/2023 Brussels, Belgium

I designed and coordinated communication strategies for EU-funded projects that sit at the intersection of rural development, digitalisation, sustainability, agriculture and community resilience.

Selected achievements & responsibilities

- Led communication strategy and day-to-day coordination for multiple Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe projects.
- Crafted clear, accessible content that translated research findings, policy discussions, and project milestones into engaging articles, interviews, newsletters, and stakeholder updates.
- Coordinated tasks across the communications team.
- Produced high-quality deliverables and reports for Horizon 2020/Horizon Europe projects.

SUMMARY

I'm an editorial and communications specialist with extensive experience translating EU policy, research outputs, and sustainability-focused projects into accessible narratives for policymakers, practitioners, and the public.

With a background spanning journalism, EU-funded initiatives, and strategic content development, I bring structure, clarity, and purpose to complex subjects that often get lost in technical language.

I've been published by major international news outlets and have built a strong network and the ability to place content where it can have the most impact.

I've shaped communication strategies, editorial systems, and multi-stakeholder messaging across sustainability, migration, digital transformation, energy transition, climate policy, and human rights. I work fast, write clearly, and collaborate comfortably with policymakers, researchers, city networks, and creative teams.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Journalism & High-Impact Content

Experienced in producing clear, compelling stories on politics, human rights, sustainability, technology, and culture for major international outlets; multilingual reporting in English, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Editing & Content Management

Skilled in shaping complex content for clarity and impact, managing editorial workflows, mentoring junior writers, and ensuring high-quality outputs across digital platforms, publications, and EU-funded project materials.

Strategic Communications Leadership

Designed and implemented multi-channel communications and editorial strategies for EU projects, city networks, and sustainability-focused organisations.

Stakeholder & Network Engagement

Coordinated with EU institutions, project partners, city networks, and civil society, keeping messaging aligned and relationships productive

LANGUAGES

English

Bilingual



Portuguese

Native



Spanish

Bilingual



EXPERIENCE

Communication specialist

Eurocities

09/2021 - 12/2022 Brussels, Belgium

I managed communications across multiple EU-funded initiatives within Eurocities' policy and city-network environment, translating complex urban, migration, and sustainability topics into clear, engaging content for European stakeholders.

Selected achievements & responsibilities

- Coordinated communications for the Migration workgroup and several major EU-funded projects, including UNITES, CONNECTION, Digital Forum, Living-in.EU, NetZeroCities, and the Green City Accord.
- Liaised with project partners, city representatives, and the European Commission to ensure consistent messaging, timely deliverables, and smooth information flow.
- Wrote articles, reports, and project updates covering topics such as mobility, urban development, post-COVID recovery, and the impact of the war in Ukraine on European cities.
- Organised workshops, supported events, produced communications materials, and provided on-site coverage when needed.
- Managed social media promotion and dissemination for Eurocities' initiatives.
- Performed editor tasks for the main Eurocities website, including proofreading, copywriting, and maintaining high editorial standards.
- Delivered administrative and coordination support to keep project workflows efficient and compliant with EU communication requirements.

EDUCATION

PhD in Human Rights

University of Deusto

09/2013 - 05/2019 Bilbao, Spain

MA IN COMMUNICATION

Cáspér Libero Faculty

01/2010 - 01/2012 São Paulo, Brazil

BA in International Relations

Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (PUCSP)

01/2006 - 12/2009 São Paulo, Brazil

LANGUAGES

Catalan

Intermediate



Italian

Intermediate



Dutch

Beginner



SKILLS

Strategic Communication and Editorial

Content planning and creation

Event communications Policy translation

Stakeholder coordination Social Media

Audience engagement Storytelling

Multi-channel strategy Press Outreach

Team Management

Journalism & Content Production

Investigative reporting

Long-form writing Cultural reporting

Human rights coverage

Multilingual content Political journalism

Climate Change and Crisis Communication

Project & Campaign Management

EU project communication coordination

Campaign management Metrics

Multi-partner collaboration Events

Technical & Digital

Social media strategy AI tools

Digital storytelling Policy knowledge

Sustainability expertise