



Alessio De Pascali

Highly motivated and results-oriented International Cooperation Officer (FGIV) with 5 years of specialised experience in the internal and external dimensions of EU asylum and migration policy within the EU Agency for Asylum (EUAA). Possessing a PhD focused on the implementation of EU asylum law and proven expertise in coordinating complex multi-stakeholder initiatives, providing substantive policy analysis, and drafting strategies, briefings, and LTTs. Supporting the implementation of the Pact on Migration and Asylum through the Commission's country teams in DK, EL, IT, PT, and SI. Proven diplomatic acumen in managing relations with key international partners (UNHCR, IOM) and EU institutions.

WORK EXPERIENCE

April 2022 – CURRENT

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OFFICER, European and International Cooperation Unit – EUAA, Malta

Main activities and responsibilities:

- Providing policy analysis and technical advice on the third generation of CEAS instruments, with a coordinating role for the Asylum Procedure Regulation;
- Supporting the implementation of the Pact by representing the EUAA in the Commission's country teams for Italy, Greece, Denmark, Portugal, and Slovenia;
- Drafting and following up on the implementation of the 2023 EUAA External Cooperation Strategy;
- Developing the external dimension of asylum by facilitating and providing capacity development activities in Western Balkans partners, North African countries, and Türkiye.
- Preparing the contribution of the EUAA to the 2023 Global Refugee Forum and ensuring coordination with DG HOME, DG ECHO, DG NEAR, DG INTPA, and the EEAS through the related Inter-Service Group;
- Coordinating briefings and LTTs for relevant meetings of Council preparatory bodies (MOCADDEM, EMWP) on matters related to asylum, "innovative solutions" in the external dimension, irregular migration, international cooperation, visa, and integrated border management.
- Liaising with UNHCR and IOM as the overall institutional focal point for the Agency;
- Organising Senior Management Consultation meetings between the leaders of the EUAA, UNHCR, and IOM;
- Promoting the activities of the Agency in the field of resettlement and humanitarian admission;
- Coordinating the Agency's Single Programming Documents and Work Programmes for the external dimension.

September 2019 – March 2022

PROJECT OFFICER, International Cooperation Sector – EUAA, Malta

Main activities and responsibilities:

- Contributing to the implementation of the external migration policy of the EU by fostering multilateral cooperation on asylum and reception with candidate countries and countries in the EU neighbourhood;
- Contributing to the design, negotiation, implementation, planning, budgetary management, monitoring, and evaluation of the Roadmap for Cooperation between the EUAA and the Turkish asylum authority;
- Liaising with technical experts from the EUAA and Member States to organise the provision of capacity building activities to Turkish counterparts;
- Liaising with colleagues working on migration management in the Commission and the EU Delegation in Ankara;
- Coordinating the strategic and practical preparations for the implementation of the new external dimension mandate conferred to the Agency by the EUAA Regulation;

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- Facilitating coordination of EU and international actors through the EUAA Third Country Cooperation Network.

October 2016 – October 2019

PHD RESEARCHER – Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy

- Evaluating the transposition and practical implementation of the Asylum Procedures Directive in four Member States (France, Germany, Italy, and Sweden);
- Providing legal and technical recommendations for the reform of the CEAS;
- Reviewing the evolution of the CEAS, with a focus on the impact of discretionary clauses and mechanisms on the achievement of the desired level of harmonisation;
- Organising a seminar at the Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography of the Joint Research Centre;
- Overseeing the scientific and practical organisation of the First Conference on “Migration and Asylum in the Euro-Mediterranean Region” (Pisa, 22/11/2018).

December 2017 – February 2018

I.MAP TRAINEE – ICMPD, Malta

- Contributing to migratory awareness and preparedness in the Mediterranean region through the creation of the I.map, an online knowledge platform funded by the EU through the EUROMED Migration project;
- Liaising with officials from European and North African countries to gather national and local data on regular and irregular migration;
- Developing the Media Migration Hub to support journalists covering migration issues.

February 2014 – May 2014

INTERN/ADVISER on international security issues – Italy’s Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, United States

- Supporting the negotiation of a key General Assembly Resolution on the organisation of UN Peacekeeping operations, which also aimed to tackle the root causes of conflict and displacement;
- Devising and updating an analytical table to keep track of the progress of the negotiations;
- Managing institutional relations with various stakeholders, such as private firms and NGOs;
- Drafting speeches for the Italian Permanent Representative, to be delivered at the General Assembly or at the Security Council;
- Attending in person and reporting on all relevant meetings of the Security Council and the General Assembly.

February 2013 – May 2013

INTERN/ADVISER on human rights – Italy’s Permanent Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland

- Participating in the 22nd Session of the UN Human Rights Council and providing policy and legal advice for the preparations for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) - including in the field of refugee rights under the 1951 Geneva Convention;
- Liaising with civil society organisations presenting the human rights situations in the states under scrutiny;
- Analysing all the documents submitted for considerations by States and other UN entities;
- Drafting Italy’s observations and recommendations for the UPR.

EDUCATION

2016 – 2020

Grade: awarded cum laude

PHD IN POLITICAL SCIENCE, EUROPEAN POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATION – Sant’Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy

Evaluation of the transposition and practical application of the Asylum Procedures Directive in four Member States (France, Germany, Italy, and Sweden), with a focus on discretionary clauses and mechanisms.

2015 –2016

POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DIPLOMATIC STUDIES – Italian Society for International Organisations (SIOI), Rome, Italy

EU Law (with a focus on JHA policies and the Common European Asylum System), International Public Law, International Relations, Political Economy, French and English for International Relations.

2012 –2015

Grade: 110/110 cum laude

MASTER'S DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – University of Florence, Florence, Italy

Public International Law, International Human Rights Law, History of International Relations, English for International Relations.

2009 –2012

Grade: 110/110 cum laude

BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS – University of Pisa, Pisa, Italy

Political Science, Theory and History of International Relations, Political Economics, Statistics, International Law.

PERSONAL SKILLS

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue: ITALIAN

Other languages:

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
FRENCH	B2	C1	B2	B2	B2

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint);
- Econometric and Statistical software: STATA.

TRAINING

- **European Legislation after the Pact on Migration and Asylum** - Odysseus Network, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium (October 2024).
- **EU Diplomacy and Diplomatic Skills** - College of Europe, Brugge, Belgium (October 2023).
- **The Legal Authorities of EU Agencies** - Academy of European Law (ERA), Trier, Germany (October 2021).
- **PM C2 - PM² in practice, Project Management Methodology** - European Commission, HR Digital Training Services (November 2021).
- **Change Management** - Ernst & Young/EUAA Training Centre, Malta (May 2021).
- **EU Law and Policy on Immigration and Asylum** - Odysseus Network, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium (July 2018).

PUBLICATIONS

- "Das EUAA-Übergangsprogramm – vom Europäischen Unterstützungsbüro für Asylfragen zur Asylagentur der Europäischen Union (EUAA)" (2023), *Asyl- und Fremdenrecht*, yearbook 23, pp. 125-143.
- *Between (non)compliance and legal discretion: a comparative analysis of the implementation of the Asylum Procedures Directive (2020)*, PhD dissertation – PhD in Political Science, European Politics and International Relations, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies.
- "The Strategic and Legal Impact of the Use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in UN Peacekeeping" (2014), *The ITPC International Commentary*, vol. X n. 36, pp. 27-32.

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

2009 – 2014: Honour student of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy.