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POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

JNC European Officer (elected in March 2019) & **LYMEC delegation leader** (Spring Congress 2019 in Brussels and Autumn Congress in 2019 in London)

LYMEC delegation member (Autumn Congress 2017 in Sofia, Spring Congress 2018 in Berlin and Autumn Congress in Vilnius 2019).

LYMEC delegation member to the ALDE Congress (Autumn Congress 2019 in Athens).

ALDE Summer School (in 2017 and 2018).

Student representative during my high school and university.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

International Digital Policies Advisor

September 2019 – March 2020

Ministry for Digital Policies and Public Administration of Catalonia. Via Laietana 26, 08003, Barcelona, Spain

- Elaborate bilateral treaties with other regions and countries.
- Coordinate the participation in European programs and projects and forums of interest according to the strategic priorities.
- Coordinate the international activity of the Ministry.
- Update various databases.
- Update international initiatives and directives in the area of digital policies.
- Prepare supporting texts and reports on the issues of interest to the management units.

Trainee at the EU Delegation to Hong Kong and Macao

June 2019 – August 2019

European External Action Service. 19/F, St. John's Building, 33 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong

- Research and analysis of information;
- Draft analytical reports on various policy developments in Hong Kong and Macao;
- Attend and participate in meeting, seminars and conferences on Hong Kong and Macao;
- Support the Section in the preparation of visits, missions and meetings as well as follow-up actions;
- Promote EU's interests and values in the region.
- Monitor, analyse and report on internal and regional economic and trade developments, as well as other policy areas such as climate change, environment and innovation, and write briefing dossiers, speeches, statements, press releases and articles.

Trainee at the Catalan Trade and Investment Agency

September 2018 – May 2019

ACCIÓ. Rue de la Loi 227, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

- Assist Catalan companies in applying for calls for tender by the EU institutions (H2020, COSME, etc.); draft their application strategies, do networking and identify potential partners and engage with relevant stakeholders in the EU.
- Track the current EU legislation and policy debates on ICT, circular and digital economy, transport, defence and energy sector.
- Attend diverse public events (workshops, debates, conferences, etc.) on the main issues discussed and potential opportunities in terms of business networking.

- Prepare reports and agendas for Catalan companies with interest on specific issues or in meeting policy-makers, consultancies and other relevant partners in Brussels.

Internship at the Department of European Funds

March 2017 – June 2017

Generalitat de Catalunya. Carrer de la Pietat 2, 08002 Barcelona, Spain.

- Monitor the latest calls from European Funds, national funds and regional funds; identify the main stakeholders in Catalonia who may be interested in each call; follow up the ones who had already won a project; follow political and economic news of interest; help and assist in partner research; and elaborate the weekly European Funds magazine.

Internship at the Spanish Embassy in London

September 2016 – January 2017

Ministry of External Affairs and Cooperation. 39 Chesham Place, Belgravia, London, SW1X 8SB, UK

- Tasks at the Cultural Office: organization of events, answer correspondence, data base creation and update, art work, public relations.
- Tasks at the Political Office: write informs, follow political actuality, in-depth analysis of successes.

Consultor

February 2016 – June 2016

Young Potentials. Interleuvenlaan 62, 3001 Leuven, Belgium

- Project leader, team organization, crowdfunding campaign creation, MBA design.

EDUCATION

PhD Candidate on International Relations

April 2020 – ongoing

Institut de Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) - UPF. Research on: EU-China economic cooperation through financial flows and investment projects.

Postgraduate Degree in International Commerce and Economy

October 2019 – ongoing

Universitat de Barcelona. Courses on: International Economy, International Marketing and Foreign Trade.

MSc in International Relations

September 2017 – August 2018

London School of Economics and Political Science. Average mark: 62.25.

- Core course: International Politics. Specialization courses: Foreign Policy Analysis III and Chinese Foreign Policy.
- Dissertation: "The role of cognition and analogical reasoning in the declaration of Catalan independence".

Degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics

September 2013 – June 2017

Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona; Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, and Universidad Carlos III, Madrid. Erasmus: Katholieke Universiteit van Leuven (courses from the MSc in Business Economics). Average mark: 9.07. First position in 2016-2017 promotion.

Honorary Scholarships in "Introduction to Political Science", "History of Political Philosophy", "Government and Public Policies", "Ethics", "Political Analysis and Theories on Democracy", "Macroeconomics", "Descriptive Statistics", "Contemporary Political Philosophy", "Microeconomic Theory", "European Politics" & "Technologies of Information and Communication for Development".

Professional Degree in Music (Piano)

September 2008 – May 2015

Conservatory of Music. Vic.

- Harmony; Chamber; Choir; Musical Language; Concert performance.
- Speciality in Piano. Teachers: Joan Rubinat and Miquel Oliu.

LANGUAGES

- Catalan (Mother tongue).
- Spanish (Mother tongue).
- English (C2).
- German (B1).
- French (B1).
- Mandarin Chinese (A2).
- Dutch (A1).

SKILLS

Job-related skills: strategic thinking, negotiation and pursuit of a defined objective; public speaking and communication (public speaking course at UPF); data base creation skills; translation skills.

Organisational skills: leadership, teamwork and multicultural sensitivity; organization and prioritization of tasks; time management, multitasking; responsibility and perseverance.

IT skills: good command of office suite (word processor, spread sheet, presentation software); basic command of photo editing software; basic command of AutoCAD.