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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Project Manager with over five years of experience in the design, coordination, monitoring and reporting of international cooperative development projects, funded under EU multilateral programmes (Civil Society Dialogue, Erasmus+, ENI CBC MED, SWITCH Asia), as well Italian agency of cooperation, UN agencies programme and many other donors. Experienced in coordinating multi-country consortia involving cooperative organisations, international networks and local institutions, and in facilitating international workshop, study visits, training of trainers. Actively engaged with the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) network, including work on Cooperative AI at international level and facilitation of ICA institutional meetings. Fluent in Italian, English and French, with a working knowledge of Arabic.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Manager | Haliéus — NGO of Legacoop, Rome, Italy

September 2022 – Present

- Manage the full project cycle of the Association's ongoing international cooperation initiatives, including planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting.
- Coordinate the YouCool project (Civil Society support programme) in partnership with the Vietnam Coop Alliance, an ICA member organisation, supporting the digitalisation of youth cooperative members with a pilot action on the coffee value chain in Vietnam.
- Coordinate the "Be the Impact" project, financed by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) in partnership with WeWorld, promoting cooperatives as a model of local development in Palestine. Managing training of trainers, mentoring, tutoring activity within the INDIMEJ project (AICS) in Tunisia in partnership with ARCS Tunisia.
- Lead the FISHMEDNET (ENI CBC MED programme) on artisanal fishery cooperatives in Italy, France, Tunisia, Lebanon and Palestine.
- Manage SuperWeCoffee project (SWITCH Asia) on coffee cooperatives in Laos, with international organizations as partners and with ICA AP, implementing ToT on cooperative identity, following process of new cooperative law in Laos, marketing analysis.
- Coordinate consortium partners across projects, including Legacoop and its structures, the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) and its regional offices, local ministries and local cooperative organisations.
- Coordinate and manage workshop on Youth cooperators and green & digital transition by selecting 30 young cooperators from Italy, Turkey and Spain. Youth4Coops project in partnership with Genç İsi Kooperatif.
- Manage and organise field-based training activities, facilitating selected experts, notably in Tunisia, Turkey and Laos, Algeria, Palestine.
- Organise and coordinate study visits to Italy for international delegations (Brazil, Turkey, Palestine, Korea, Azerbaijan and others), including logistics, visa procedures and direct liaison with Italian cooperatives.
- Manage institutional communication with Donors and EU delegation in partner countries, as with the Italian Agency of cooperation (AICS)
- Manage institutional and external communication, including social media, website content and reporting of project outcomes.
- Manage and monitor an internal platform for the collection and reporting of development-cooperation project data.
- Currently working on Cooperative AI at international level within the ICA network, contributing to reflection on digital transformation and artificial intelligence applications for the global cooperative movement.
- Facilitated the ICA Annual Review Meeting held in Rome, supporting the organisation, logistics and facilitation of sessions among international ICA member representatives.

Support Staff | Haliéus — NGO of Legacoop, Rome, Italy

September 2019 – September 2022

- Supported the reporting of project activities implemented in Turkey under the Civil Society Dialogue (CSD-V, CSD-VI), CSSP and Erasmus+ programmes.
- Managed financial reporting in line with EU programme guidelines (CSD-V, CSD-VI, CSSP, Erasmus+).
- Coordinated consortium partners and supported the monitoring of activities under international cooperation projects.

- Organised and coordinated study visits to Italy for international delegations, including hosting and logistical support.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Master II Level — Cooperative Enterprise: Economy, Law and Management

Università Roma Tre — Italian Alliance of Cooperatives *March 2024 – March 2025*

Master's Degree — Development and International Cooperation Science

Sapienza Università di Roma *October 2019 – January 2022*

Master I Level — International Relations & Promotion of Human Rights

SIOI — Società Italiana per l'Organizzazione Internazionale, Rome *2018 – 2019*

Bachelor's Degree — Linguistics and Cultural Mediation

Università per Stranieri di Siena *2014 – 2017*

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- CoopSpring Training — International Cooperative Alliance (ICA)
- Financial reporting courses on EU programme guidelines
- Arabic language course — Institut Fassah, Paris

SKILLS

Project Management	Design, coordination, monitoring and reporting of international cooperation projects (EU-funded and multilateral programmes)
Digital Tools	Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Google Workspace (Meet, Drive, Forms, Sheets), Teams, Zoom, Canva, ChatGPT, Claude,
Cross-Cultural Competence	Strong ability to understand and manage multicultural environments and needs, built through direct cooperation with partners across Europe, Africa, Asia and the Middle East; committed to inclusive approaches regardless of gender, religion, nationality or political affiliation.
Communication	Institutional communication and visibility, social media management, website content, drafting of articles and reports
Data & Reporting	Data collection and analysis; financial and narrative reporting under EU and international donor guidelines

LANGUAGES

Italian	Mother tongue
English	C1 — Advanced
French	B2 — Intermediate
Arabic	A2 — Basic

DATA PROTECTION

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