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Summary

Work experience in public institutions on European and regional level as Web and Knowledge manager. I have acquired extensive experience in large dimension and multilanguage website design and redesign, information architecture, content management, documentation management, reporting, media monitoring and in training design and delivery. Experienced researcher in History and Science, Technology, and Society Studies with strong IT skills (PhD at University College of London plus MA in Multimedia Communications at University of Florence).

Work Experience

Dates Employer	May 2011 to present INDIRE (Government body) via M. Buonarroti 10 50122 Firenze http://www.indire.it/	
Position held	 EU funded project – ICT Competencies for Teachers Reviewing the contents of the course Overseeing the development and distribution of web-based course content Responsible for adapting existing technology to make the technology functional for students Conducting training sessions and seminars 	
Dates Employer	November 2010 to April 2011 Euromonitor International –strategy research for consumer markets (independent company) 60-61 Britton Street London EC1M 5UX http://www.euromonitor.com	
Position held	Researcher Italian market analyst (IT consumers)	
Dates Employer Position held	September 2007 to December 2010 University College London, Gower Street, London, WC1E 6BT – UK Phd student	
Dates Employer	June 2010 to September 2010 Centre for History of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of Manakastan Simon Building, Manakastan JUK M12 OBL	
Position held Key Responsibilities	 Manchester, Simon Building, Manchester, UK, M13 9PL. Researcher and document specialist I worked as a consultant for the European Research Council-funded project n 241009 "The Earth Under Surveillance" (TEUS), lead by the Centre for History of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of Manchester. My role included extensive archival researches at the Historical Archives of the European Union and their analysis and formatting. Moreover I planned and implemented both a physica and electronic archival system for the European reports and other documents pertaining uranium mining in Europe. 	
Dates	February 2007 to September 2007	

Employer	Firenze Tecnologia - (Local Government body for adapting new technologies to suit the specific requirements of the medium and small enterprises)			
Position held Key Responsibilities	 Volta De' Mercanti, 1 - 50122 Firenze, Italy Web communication manager Website management Monitoring and proofreading of all electronic documents Defining and implementing processes and quality assurance for smoother workflow, brand consistency and SEO Designing and development of micro-websites for special events Designing, production and delivering of the weekly newsletters Liaising with editorial and technical teams on a day to day basis to ensure the correct functioning of the service Briefing and managing external suppliers and freelancers Planning and overseeing projects through the full project lifecycle Liaising with regional administration and media Monitoring of national and EU policy developments relevant to the agency's mission 			
Dates Employer	September 2005 to September 2006 ETF, European Training Foundation – Agency of the European Union dedicated to Improve vocational training system in non-EU countries			
Position held	Villa Gualino, Viale Settimio Severo 69 - Torino, Italy Web communication manager for the MEDA-ETE project (Operational			
Key Responsibilities	 Department) Designing and development and daily update of the MEDA-ETE multilanguage project website http://www.meda-ete.net Designing, producing and delivering of the bi-monthly newsletters Photo and video editing Revising content and structure of website Conducting qualitative researches (including performing literature searches) and quantitative researches Creating and developing of digital based products from specifications and consultation with the project team managers Developing enterprise-wide knowledge sharing platform to facilitate internal and external communication processes and knowledge management, particularly to leverage opportunities and contain issues, trained and rolled out to partners Authoring a range of training manuals on CMS (Lotus Notes) for internal users Creating and delivering training sessions for internal users by introducing standard document management practices with high level of positive feedback Reporting to senior program officer Liaising between IT, Operational and the Internal and External Communications departments Liaising with EU institutions, European policy networks, national ministries, 			
Position held Key Responsibilities	 regional administration and media Web editor (External Communication Unit) Designing and maintenance of the main multilanguage website http://www.etf.europa.eu News, photo and video editing Designing and development of micro-sites for special events Designing and implementation of the web platforms relevant to the agency projects. My role included close co-operation with the agency project managers Updating general country information and project summary sheets Preparing and delivering of presentations at working group sessions for external meetings 			

	 Working on the public website and the intranet migration to new platforms based on Lotus Notes Evaluating the usability of the Intranet and the website, identify problems experienced by users 		
Dates Employer Position held Key Responsibilities	April 2005 to September 2005 E-ducation.it , Scala Group - (publishers) Via Chiantigiana 62, Antella - Firenze, Italy Developer of e-learning courses As a developer I followed the whole development process of the e-learning courses produced by the agency for the Tuscany Region, from the authoring phase to the editing and XML coding		
Dates Employer Position held Key Responsibilities	January 2005 to April 2005 University of Florence – Department of Historical and Geographical Studies, Via S. Gallo 10, Firenze, Italy Archivist/Document Specialist I was in charge to Catalogued and digitized documents for inclusion into the electronic archive of the Department in the context of a project leaded by Paul Ginsborg, professor of European History		
Education			
Dates Name of the Institution Qualification Dissertation title Principle Subjects PhD Summary	September 2007 to November 2010 University College London (Ucl) Gower Street - London - WC1E 6BT PhD – History of the nuclear power development in Italy The Nuclear Power Plant in Garigliano. The World Bank and the history of an Italian State Business (1957-1964) Science and Technology Studies, European Economic and Political History My PhD looked in detail at the US technology available and then analysed how and in which specific forms national nuclear programmes were set up in Europe before moving onto a discussion of the results of the Italian programme. This involved a multi-method research approach which incorporated both quantitative and qualitative data: interviews, extensive archival researches (World Bank Group Archives – Washington DC, National Archives – London, Historical Archives of the European Union – Florence, Bank of Italy Archives – Rome, among others), web retrieval information, social network analysis.		
Dates Name of the Institution Qualification Principle Subjects	January 2004 to December 2004 University of Florence, Department of Engineering, RAI Sede Regionale Toscana, L.go A. De Gasperi 1 - Firenze, Italy M.A. in Multimedia Content Design Web and Graphic design, Web editing, Communication Theory, Photography, Video editing		
Dates Name of the Institution Qualification Dissertation title Principle Subjects	September 1997 to November 2003 University of Florence, Department of Historical and Geographical Studies, Via S. Gallo 10 - Firenze, Italy B.A. European History (advisor: Paul A. Ginsborg) The History of British Soldiers during the Italian Campaign: Daily Life and Relations with the Civil Population Modern History, Anthropology, Sociology.		

Further training

Type of course (subject) Drupal (Cms administration and development)		Duration of course (years/months) From To 09/2010 12/2010		Institute Ucl Information Service Division		
Python Php Interviews and Oral History Statistics for the Faculty of Social and Historical Sciences		From 03/2009 From 09/2010 From 09/2009 From 09/2009	To 04/2009 To 12/2010 To 11/2009 To 11/2009	Ucl Information Service Division Ucl Information Service Division University College London University College London		
UK Science Policy Plone Workshop (Cms administration)		From 09/2009 From 04/2009	To 11/2009 To 04/2009	University College London University of Rome, La Sapienza		
Other	January 2011 – present – Counselor and IT assistant for "Centro prima accoglienza – Anelli Mancanti". 2000-2002 - Customer service assistant in Blu - mobile company. 1999 - Data Analyst for ISTAT (Istituto Nazionale di Statistica – National Institute of Statistics).					
Conference presentations:						
Awards Scholarship Travel Grant	2007-2010 - Graduate School Research Scholarship, University College of London 2004 - MA Scholarship Engineering Department, University of Florence 2010 - Graduate School Research Travel Scholarship, University College of London					
Language Skills Mother tongue Other languages	Italian English – full working knowledge; French – working knowledge					
Skills	 Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Indesign, Premiere Proficiency in Microsoft suite of tools Experience with ArcGIS Extensive experiences on CMS (management and development): Lotus Notes, Drupal Full knowledge of XHTML, CSS (Html5; Css3) Understanding and writing basic Php Knowledge of SEO 					