

PERSONAL INFORMATION	Monica Di Sisto
	
	
	

CURRENT POSITION	Italian Professional Journalist association member n°066646
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WORK EXPERIENCE

2003-ongoing	Journalist and a senior expert on global trade, fair trade and solidarity economy <i>Fairwatch</i> Responsible of the Italian observatory on trade and climate, Fairwatch, facilitating the national Trade Justice Campaign in Italy. As vicepresident of Fairwatch, the Italian observatory on trade and climate justice, she's accredited to the Civil Society Dialogue of DG Trade and has actively participated at the yearly editions of WTO Public Forum in Geneva (2002-2015), with specific attention paid to the activities related to trade agreements between EU and the WTO members in Mediterranean area. I also participated in the WTO Ministerials in Seattle (2019), Cancun (2003), Hong Kong (2005), Geneva (2009, 2011), Bali (2013) and Buenos Aires (2017), attending the Civils society meetings with the EU, and co-organising the Civil society activities hosted by the Ministerial on trade justice. In Cancun, I co-organised a seminar on "Fair Trade, agriculture and food sovereignty" with delegations from Latin America and Africa. In Hong Kong, I co-organized a seminar on "Fairer trade for cotton", with delegates from Mali, India, Brazil and the EU. In Geneva, in 2011 I co-organized a seminar hosted by Cgil with partners from trade unions of Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria, and members from the EU delegation on "Free trade in the Mediterranean area and its impact on decent wages".
2023-2024	Consultant and trainer <i>Med Dialogue</i> Med Dialogue coordinated by Cospe NGO promote in-depth dialogues between Civil Society in the Southern Mediterranean and EU institutions within predefined sectors including Good Governance, Human Rights, Rule of Law, Economic Development, Migration, and Climate Change/Green Transition.
2022 – 2023	Training plan manager and project consultant <i>ARCS/Concord Italia</i> Project "Reti solidali competenti", funder Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali
2020-2021	Training plan manager and project consultant <i>ARCS/Concord Italia</i> Project "P come Partecipazione: capacity building per uno sviluppo sostenibile partecipato", funder Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali.
2018-2019	Policy officer expert on Policy coherence <i>Fairwatch Italy</i> "Nuove narrazioni per la cooperazione" Raising awareness annual project financed by the Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
2016-2019	Professor <i>Massimo Baldini School of Journalism, LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome</i>

	I taught as Professor of "Civil Society communication and advocacy" in the Master "Open government and institutional communication".
2011-2016	Professor Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome I taught as Professor of "Models of economic development" and "NGOs and International institutions".
2015-2016	International policy officer Fairwatch Italy "Social & Solidarity Economy as Development Approach for Sustainability (SSEDAS) in EYD 2015 and beyond", DEAR project funded by EU.
2014-2015	Advocacy coordinator for PCD activities ARCS/Concord Italia "More and better Europe – Ensuring Italian contribution to enhance EU role as a global and consistent player on sustainable development issues" DCI-NSA/2013/334-175, DEAR project funded by EU.
2014	Advocacy coordinator for PCD activities ARCS/Concord Italia "Più Cooperazione in Europa. Più Europa nella Cooperazione. Il contributo delle ONG all'agenda per lo sviluppo del semestre di Presidenza italiana." AID 10245/OXFAM/ITA Raising awareness annual project financed by the Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
2013-2014	National contact point // Internal support for evaluation activities / Advocacy officer AMREF Italia "Health workers for all, all for health workers" DCI-NSAED/2001/106, DEAR project funded by EU.
2013	National contact point / Internal support for evaluation activities/Advocacy officer AMREF Italia "Personale sanitario per tutti e tutti per il personale sanitario AID/9924/AMREF/ITA Raising awareness annual project financed by the Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
2009-2013	Co-developer, co-coordinator, communication Fair Cooperative "Made in No": fair trade and organic cotton for local industrial recovery, Funder: Provincia di Novara, Mae, Comune di Genova.
2009-2012	Advocacy coordinator at European level / Internal support for evaluation activities RC – Ricerca e cooperazione DCI-NSAED/2009/202-255, "Knowledge, health and food for all" Raising awareness project in Italy, Spain, Brussels on intellectual property rights and their impact on development.
2006-2009	Advocacy coordinator at European level RC – Ricerca e cooperazione Project DPI ONG-ED/2005/097-524, "Intellectual property right and right to development" Raising awareness project in Italy, Spain, Brussels, India and Bolivia, on intellectual property rights and their impact on development funded by EU
2009-2011	National coordinator / Advocacy officer // Internal support for evaluation activities

	<i>Ong MAIS</i>
	Project "Creating coherence on trade and development" Raising awareness project on trade and development in Italy, Spain, Romania, Bulgaria, funded by the EU.
2009-2010	<i>National coordinator / Advocacy officer / Internal support for evaluation activities</i>
	<i>Ong CROCEVIA</i>
	Project "Economie solidali: aiuto al commercio come strumento di sviluppo" AID 8927/2009 Raising awareness annual project financed by the Directorate General for Development Cooperation of Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
2008-2010	<i>Advocacy coordinator at European level / Internal support for evaluation activities</i>
	<i>ADP -Amici dei Popoli</i>
	Project "EPAs, Partnership for Change" Raising awareness project in Italy, Netherlands, Spain, UK, on Economic partnership agreements and their impact on ACP countries, funded by the EU
2003-2007	<i>National spokesperson - Italy</i>
	<i>Questo Mondo non è in vendita</i>
	Raising awareness on trade justice in solidarity with "Our World is not for sale" global campaign and "Seattle to Brussels" campaign in Brussels.
1999-2002	<i>Speaker of the Social Affairs Committee</i>
	<i>Camera dei Deputati (Lower Parliament)</i>
	Media and institutional relations; Member of the internal committee on National budget and public spending.
1995-1999	<i>General coordinator; Coordination of national office activities towards the EU national evaluation mission</i>
	<i>Comunità di Capodarco</i>
	Capacity building projects for migrant agricultural workers and former sex workers in the framework of EU FSE project.
1994-1996	<i>Coordinator of projects on Social services and communication with Local Authorities for Circoli dell'Altra Italia (local supporting groups)</i>
	<i>Avvenimenti association and magazine</i>
	Capacity Building for local coordinators, Support to application on public funding at national and local level, support on Fundraising initiative.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1996	<i>Professional journalism licence</i>
	Ordine dei Giornalisti
1989-1994	<i>Bachelor of Arts (Honour) Degree in Literary criticism</i>
	Università degli Studi di Roma La Sapienza

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)	Italian				
Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	

English	C1	C1	C1	C1	B2
French	C1	C1	C1	C1	B2
Spanish	C1	C1	A2	A2	A2
Portuguese	C1	C1	A2	A2	A2
Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user Common European Framework of Reference for Languages					
Computer skills	Good command of Microsoft Office™ tools: - Word™ - Excel™ - PowerPoint™				

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Memberships and participation to international conferences/summits	2022- 2023: Member of the Italy C8 Promoting Committee and co-coordinator of Finance and trade and Labour Working groups 2020-2021: Member of the Italy C-20 2021 Promoting Committee and responsible for Trade subtrack; 2017-2025: Member of the National Development Cooperation Council of Maeci and in the Forum for Sustainable Development of the MATTM representing the Italian NGO Association of which I am a national councilor. 2020-2025 Member of the coordinating group of the Cgil Climate Coalition “Alleanza Clima Lavoro” 2004-2009: Member of the Ethics Committee of Ethics Sgr, of the Rome Capital City Committee for Development Cooperation and representative of the Italian Fair Trade in Brussels. - In 2018, she participated in Brussels in the seminar: “Aleca: climate change and a sustainable trade agenda for the Mediterranean area” hosted by Rosa Luxembourg Foundation, Seattle to Brussels network and the Greens in the European Parliament. - In 2016, invited by EuroMed Rights Paris and Arci, she attended online the regional Seminar of Hammamet, participating to the main panel as speaker on the topic “DCFTAs, trade liberalization and protection of human rights in the Mediterranean” - In 2015, in the framework of Italian presidency of the EU, she co-organized for the Italian branch of Concord Ngo network the seminar “Towards a solidarity economy”, with the participation of the Italian Trade minister Carlo Calenda, representatives from Concord, Italian NGOs, and a focus on trade justice in the Mediterranean with the participation of ANND representatives - In 2013, she participated in Brussels in the Seminar “The EU trade and investment agenda: quashing the aspirations of the Arab Spring” organised by S2B and SOMO, and coordinated the campaign to support the challenges posed by the launch of DCFTAs in the area; - In 2013, in the framework of World social forum in Tunisi, she co-organized the seminar “DCFTAs: which development after Arab springs” together with Seattle to Brussels, Cgil, Arci and Legambiente, with the participation of UGTT Tunisia and EU Commission representatives. - In 2007, she participated in Mali to the international conference “Femmes protagonistes” hosted by the Italian Government, with the participation of Foreign Affairs vice-minister Patrizia Sentinelli, participating to the workshop: “Economic justice and trade: gender gap for women in the informal sector”. - In 2002, at the European Social Forum (Florence), as member of the Italian network on economic justice Rete Lilliput, I started to deepen the impact of free trade agreements in the Mediterranean area thanks to the participation to the seminars “Political, economic and social consequences of the Mediterranean agreements” organised by Attac France, Euromediterranean festival, Dwrc, Cscs, + H.Boell found.; and “Mediterranean between globalization and identity search” (run by Legambiente and Social forum Sud). As member of the European trade justice network “Seattle to Brussels”, when the EuroMed forum in Brussels adopted a roadmap for the establishment of a free trade area around the Mediterranean starting in 2010, I started to work together with partners in the area coordinated by the Arab Ngo Forum on analysing the treaty.
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Publications	• From 2003 editor of the "Solidarity Economy" section of the "Controfinanziaria" annual report of the "Sbilanciamoci" campaign • 2025 - Monica Di Sisto "Ue-Mercosur, un accordo a perdere", in Alternative per il socialismo, n.75, Castelvechi • 2024 - Di Sisto-Negri Zamagni "Quale futuro per l'Africa nei rapporti economici internazionali", in Paradoxa n.24, Mimesis • 2024 - Monica Di Sisto "Sovranità alimentare e tensioni globali", in Ae 2/2024, FlaiCgil/Fondazione Metes • 2024 - Monica Di Sisto "Dal Piano Mattei al 'Piano Ostrom'", in Alternative per il socialismo, n.72, Castelvechi • 2024 - Monica Di Sisto "La globalizzazione che inquina", in La fionda 1/2024, Rogas edizioni • 2024 - Aavv "Il cibo a pezzi", Bompiani Overlook (ricerche e consulenza) • 2023 - Monica Di Sisto "La sinistra è morta per chi non la frequenta", in Micromega 1/2023 • 2022 - Monica Di Sisto "I nemici della transizione" in Guida rapida alla fine del mondo, Aavv, Castelvechi • 2021 - Aavv, "Un altro mondo è ancora possibile" a cura di Fairwatch e Cantiere delle idee, Fondazione Feltrinelli • 2021 - "La nuova frontiera" in "Pubblico è meglio" curated by Alterio Frigerio e Roberta Lisi, Edizioni Donzelli • 2021 - Monica Di Sisto "Le ragioni del 'noi' nella lotta alla pandemia", in Alternative per il socialismo, n.62, Castelvechi • 2021 - Monica Di Sisto, "Alzarsi ogni mattina con una buona battaglia", in La rivoluzione non è che un sentimento, Edizioni Ets • 2021 - Monica Di Sisto "Politiche commerciali post Covid", in La fionda 1/2021, Rogas edizioni • 2020 - "Le parole non riempiono le tasche" with AAVV in "I dimenticati", Infinito Edizioni • 2016 - Monica Di Sisto, Elena Mazzoni, Paolo Ferrero. «TTIP. L'accordo di libero scambio transatlantico/ (TTIP: the transatlantic free trade agreement)», Edizioni Derive Approdi • 2015 - Monica Di Sisto, Alberto Zoratti, Marco Bersani. «Nelle mani dei mercati (In the hands of the markets)», Edizioni EMI, Editrice Missionaria Italiana • 2012 - Monica Di Sisto, Alberto Zoratti. «I signori della Green Economy (The lords of the Green Economy)», Edizioni EMI, Editrice Missionaria Italiana • 2011 - Monica Di Sisto. «Un commercio più equo (A Fairer trade)», Edizione Altreconomia • 2010 - Monica Di Sisto, Alberto Zoratti. «Ri (E)voluzione. Dal fallimento fossile alla giustizia climatica e sociale (Re-(E)volution. From fossil bankruptcy to climate and social justice)» Edizioni Altreconomia • 2009 - Dario E. Viganò, a cura di. «Dizionario della Comunicazione (Communication Dictionary)» voci su "comunicazione politica" e "movimenti", Edizioni Carocci • 2008 - Monica Di Sisto, Leonardo Becchetti, Alberto Zoratti. «Il voto nel portafoglio. Cambiare consumo e risparmio per cambiare l'economia (My vote in the wallet. Change consumption and save to change the economy) ». Edizioni Il Margine • 2007 - Monica Di Sisto, Alberto Zoratti. «Voci di donne: modelli agricoli, diritti di genere, il futuro di tutti noi (Women's Voices: agricultural models, gender rights, the future of all of us)». Edizioni EuropAfrica • 2005 - Monica Di Sisto, Alberto Zoratti, Paolo Foglia. «Il cotone: commerci, ingiustizie e alternative (Cotton: trade, injustice and alternatives)» in Atlante di un'altra economia, a cura di Virginia Cobelli e Grazia Naletto Edizioni Manifesto Libri • 2005 - Monica Di Sisto, Alberto Zoratti, Roberto Bosio. «WTO: dalla dittatura del mercato alla democrazia (WTO: from market dictatorship to democracy)». Edizioni EMI, Editrice Missionaria Italiana • 2004 - Monica Di Sisto, Claudio Rigacci. «WTO e Paesi del Sud del mondo - La favola della lotta alla povertà». • 2003 - in <i>Our World It's Not For Sale - How to oppose the strategies of the world supermarket</i>, a cura di Alberto Zoratti, I libelluli di Altreconomia, Editrice Berti • 2003 - Monica Di Sisto, Alberto Zoratti. «Europa in movimento. Lotte e sogni nelle testimonianze (Europe on the move: fighting and dreaming)» with di don Luigi Ciotti, Sergio Cofferati, Gherardo Colombo, Rudi Salvai, Nicoletta Dentico, Serge Latouche, Claudio Martini, Riccardo Petrella, Wolfgang Sachs, Michele Sorice, Gino Strada, Antonio Vermigli, con la prefazione di padre Alex Zanotelli, Fratelli Frilli Editori • 2002 Monica Di Sisto. «La Cisl ha bisogno delle donne (Cisl trade union needs women)» Storia delle donne nella Cisl, Roma, Edizioni Lavoro
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