

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Portuguese Institute of International Relations - IPRI NOVA

Research Fellow. Lisbon, Portugal

2022 - present

Conducting research for PhD project on European Union's external action on peace- and state-building in the Horn of Africa and the Sahel through a comparative study between Somalia and Mali

Independent Consultant/ Evaluator

2013 - present

- Evaluation of EU cooperation strategy with Somalia in the period 2014-2021. Responsible for leading the analysis of the interventions falling under the peace- and state-building sector, including security sector reform: literature review, conduction of interviews for data collection, data analysis, reporting. Client: **European Commission (EC)/ European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM)**
- Quality overall assessment of Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) Art.3 and Art.4 projects (2014- 2020) to identify weaknesses and strengths, lessons learned and pitfalls; compilation of lessons learned from project implementation. Client: **European Commission (EC) / SOFRECO**
- Multi-Country Strategic Evaluation of the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)'s operations in the Nordic and Baltic countries from 2017 to 2020: literature review, design and coordination of the evaluation survey, conduction of interviews for data collection, data analysis, reporting. Client: **UNHCR**
- Support to the EU-funded CivilExt project aimed at strengthening situational awareness, information exchange and operational control in the context of civilian missions under the EU's Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP): monitoring and reporting of developments on CSDP missions and relating EU institutional changes. Client: **ECDPM**
- Mid-term evaluation of EU's Capacity Building for Security and Development Initiative funded by EU's IcSP based on OECD/DAC criteria and EU-specific criteria: desk review; remote data collection through a qualitative design including interviews with international and local stakeholders; reporting. Responsible for the Somalia and Central African Republic cases. Client: **EC/ GFA Consulting Group**
- Final Evaluation of Exceptional Aid Measures in the Central African Republic funded by EU's IcSP based on OECD/DAC criteria and EU-specific: desk review; conduction of field visit for data collection through a qualitative design including interviews with international and local stakeholders in Bangui; reporting. Client: **EC/ Transtec**
- Mid-term Evaluation of EU's IcSP, as per OECD DAC and EU specific evaluation criteria: desk review; conduction of pilot country visit (Jordan); data collection/analysis; report writing. Client: **EC/ ICON Institute**
- Final Evaluation of EU's IFS Crisis Preparedness component: reporting; design, coordination, and analysis of evaluation survey; conduction of field visits to Liberia, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal and Jordan for data collection. Covered actions e.g., promoting early warning, confidence-building, mediation and reconciliation, and improving post-conflict and post-disaster recovery. Client: **EC/ Social Capital Bank**

European Union Capacity Building Mission in Somalia - EUCAP Somalia

Reporting Officer. Mogadishu, Somalia

2018 - 2019

Monitored and collected information on political events and trends. Collated and supported quantitative and qualitative analysis of inputs originating from the Mission's operational HQ and EU Members States. Produced periodic and ad-hoc reports. Contributed to the development and regular updating of the implementation plan.

Handicap International

Desk Grant Development Manager. Nairobi, Kenya (+ Ethiopia, South Sudan)

2018

Contributed to the organization's fundraising strategy in East Africa; prepared technical and financial project proposals. Organized and delivered training on fundraising, project design and report writing.

CESO Development Consultants

Project Manager. Lisbon, Portugal

2015

Acquisition of short-term technical assistance projects issued under framework contracts in the interest of third countries benefiting from European Commission's external aid.

International Rescue Committee

Project Coordinator - Sahel. Bamako, Mali (+ Niger, Chad)

2014-2015

Coordinated a multi-country resilience project in the Sahel linking gender and rural livelihoods funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency. Liaised across three country programs (Mali, Niger, Chad) to facilitate communication, monitor project implementation, and prioritize program strategy and implementation approaches. Led on the research and learning component on Disaster Risk Reduction/Early Warning Systems. Planned the regional learning workshop in Niger. Developed and secured follow-on funding.

- Independent Humanitarian Consultant** 2014
- Proposal writing and communication for protection programming targeting Syrian refugees in non-camp settings in Southern Turkey (Antakya, Kilis). Client: **Danish Refugee Council**
 - Management of an UNICEF-funded child protection project in Bamako; design of projects focusing on the assistance to returnees and IDPs in conflict-affected areas in central and northern Mali. Client: **InterSOS**

Grants Officer/Manager/Coordinator

- International Rescue Committee UK**. London, United Kingdom 2013
International Rescue Committee. Bukavu, DR Congo 2013
International Rescue Committee. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire 2011-2012
Mission d'Aide au Développement des Economies Rurales. Kabul, Afghanistan 2010-2011
World Wide Fund for Nature. Antananarivo, Madagascar 2009-2010
- Business development, project design and preparation of technical and financial proposals. Support to program coordination. Management of grants, incl. technical and financial reporting, contract management and compliance, donor relations, namely: UN agencies, EU, USG and other bilateral aid donors, private foundations, and WB. Design and editing of public information materials. Training and capacity building on project design and reporting.

Project Manager

- Euronet Consulting**. Brussels, Belgium 2008-2009
Gruppo Soges Brussels, Belgium 2007-2008
- Prepared and submitted commercial tenders for long-term projects of technical assistance and offers for requests for services for short-term missions issued under EC Framework Contracts. Managed and backstopped technical assignments.

Embassy of Portugal

- Intern**. Paris, France 2004
- Attended press conferences, seminars, etc. and prepared reports for the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other diplomatic institutions. Represented the Embassy in academic and scientific events.

ACADEMIC PROFILE

- Universidade Nova de Lisboa** - Portugal 2019 - present
PhD candidate, International Relations
- Instituto Universitário Militar** - Portugal 2021
African Studies Course
- Universidade de Lisboa** - Portugal 2017
Specialized Training Course in Short-Term Electoral Observation
- University of Oxford** - United Kingdom 2014
International Summer School, Forced Migration/ Refugee Studies
- Université Catholique de Louvain** - Belgium 2005-2007
Research Master's Degree (D.E.A.), Political and Social Sciences - International Relations
- Universidade Nova de Lisboa** - Portugal 2000-2004
University Degree (pre-Bologna Licenciatura), Political Science and International Relations
 Included one semester abroad at the **Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris** - France

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Portuguese:** Mother tongue
English: Fluent
French: Fluent
Spanish: Intermediate

TRAINING COURSES

- Protection Induction Programme; BSAFE; PSEA; UN Course on The Prevention of Harassment, Sexual Harassment and Abuse of Authority - UNHCR, remote (2021)
- Training for CSDP Missions and Operations, European Security and Defense College and Maynooth University - Belgium (2018)
- Hostile Environment Awareness Training (HEAT), EUCAP Somalia - Somalia (2018)
- Landmine and Explosive Remnants of War Safety Training, UNMAS - remote (2018)
- USAID Rules & Regulations: Grants & Cooperative Agreements, InsideNGO - Liberia (2012)

PUBLICATIONS

- Article “External interventions in Mali and its borderlands - a case for stabilization”, in *Janus.net, e-journal of international relations*, vol.12, n. 2, November 2021-April 2022: <https://doi.org/10.26619/1647-7251.12.2.6>
- Final report (co-author), “External Evaluation of the Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (2014 - mid 2017)”, EC (2017)
- Final Report (co-author), "Evaluation of the Instrument for Stability Crisis Preparedness Component (2007- 2013)", EC (2014)
- Article, “European “Uncommon” Foreign Policy: Perspectives and Prospective on EU-India’s Partnership”, in *Peace & Conflict*, vol. 8, n. 7, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies - India (2005)

PRESENTATIONS

- Webinars “A Segurança Global: Oportunidades e Desafios para África” and “Terrorism in Cabo Delgado. Consequences for the security in Mozambique and beyond”, Africa Sessions (www.africasessions.com) – remote (2022, 2021)
- Lecture on international organisations and peace support operations in Africa - the interventions of the UN and EU on peacebuilding and statebuilding, Seminar on African Studies, Master’s degree in Political Science and International Relations, Universidade Nova de Lisboa – Lisbon, Portugal (11/2021)
- Paper “Instability in the Sahel: Intersections between Peacebuilding, Peacekeeping and Peace Enforcement”, International Political Sciences Association (IPSA) Congress - remote (2021)