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The European External Action Service – the Foreign Ministry of the EU: Prospects and Challenges



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Miss COSTANTINI graduated *summa cum laude* in International Studies and Diplomacy, Diplomatic Operator, from the University of Trieste, Gorizia (Italy) in July 1996. Her Thesis on "Public expenditure in European Countries: the five "great" of the European Community in the 80s" received the prestigious national award of "Printing dignity".

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Earlier she had been EU External Relations Trainer at the European Affairs Course, Scuola Superiore della Pubblica Amministrazione's academic year 2002-03 (Rome, Italy). Before that she was Researcher and Teaching Assistant of International Law (*Culture della materia*) at her *alma mater* in Gorizia (between 1996 and 1998). Since 1994 she is a Member of the Board of the International Centre for Studies on Alberico Gentili (San Ginesio, Italy), one of the founding fathers of International Law. She is currently a co-opted EEAS Temporary Agents informal network liaison group member, since September 2013. She is also a former peer-elected Member of the board (2010-12) of the Italian Female Diplomat Association (*Donne Italiane Diplomatiche*), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome.

In the past she authored scientific articles on European Affairs and Foreign policy. In addition to Italian (mother tongue), she is fluent in English, French, Spanish. She also studied German, Russian, Polish, Albanian, Chinese, Arabic and currently Hindi. Her professional interests vary from EU issues to international politics and economy as well as Environmental policies. Her personal ones from opera to women empowerment. She practices yoga and enjoys horse riding, long walks and swimming. She is an *amateur* Italian language opera singers' coach, photographer; ballroom and Bollywood dancer.

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