

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal information

- Family name Luarasi
- First name Iris
- Nationality Albanian
- Sex Male Female

Relevant qualifications summary¹

Extensive work experience as a civil society leader in the fields of gender issues, women's rights, advocacy, strategic development and public education. One among the leading group of civil society activists that took actions that led to some of the key laws and creation of non-governmental programs that remain leaders in efforts to advance gender equality. Strong expertise and work to effectively empowering civil rights groups on the creation of referral mechanism system in Albania. Established the first male center for rehabilitation of the perpetrators in the country: the center works in prevention work with young boys in schools.

Current professional activity

- Start date: 2000
- Name and address of employer: Counselling Line for Women and Girls
- Sector of activity: NGO
- Occupation or position held: Head of Board and Manager
- Main activities and responsibilities²: Team Leader on Women's rights, domestic violence, lobby and advocacy, capacity building, senior expert, consultant and researcher.

Relevant previous professional activity(ies)³

- Dates: January 2013 – on
 - Name and address of employer: Counselling Line for Men and Boys
 - Sector of activity: NGO
 - Occupation or position held: Team Leader
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Team leader on engaging men and boys in fighting domestic violence, senior expert and researcher
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- Dates: January 2014 – January 2015
 - Name and address of employer: CLGW and Soros Foundation
 - Sector of activity: NGO
 - Occupation or position held: Team Leader
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Improving gender equality and women economic empowerment in rural areas
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- Dates: January 2014 – October 2014
 - Name and address of employer: CLGW and Assist Impact
 - Sector of activity: NGO
 - Occupation or position held: Lead Expert
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Empowerment of DV victims through social and economic integration
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- Dates: November 2008 – May 2014
 - Name and address of employer: UN Women and NAGBVaT
 - Sector of activity: Lobbying and Advocacy
 - Occupation or position held: Senior Expert
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Developing a sustainable system for addressing violence against women. An intervention on local and national level through advocacy, alliances and partnerships, and capacity building activities.

¹ Please provide a summary (100 words maximum) of your qualifications relevant for membership of GREVIO.

² In particular, specify whether you hold a decision-making position as regards defining and/or implementing policies in the field of preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence in government or in any other organisation or entity which may give rise to a conflict of interest with the responsibilities inherent to membership of GREVIO.

³ Add separate entries for the most relevant professional activities, starting from the most recent.

- Dates: February 2013 – December 2013
 - Name and address of employer: CLWG and SIPU/SIDA
 - Sector of activity: NGO
 - Occupation or position held: Team Leader
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Preparing a study for victims of domestic violence and sexual assaults in Albania
- Dates: February 2012 – July 2013
 - Name and address of employer: GADC and European Commission in Albania
 - Sector of activity: European Integration
 - Occupation or position held: Lead Expert
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Women empowerment: Building capacities to improve access economic opportunities with a special focus to victims of domestic violence
- Dates: November 2012 - February 2013
 - Name and address of employer: UNICEF
 - Sector of activity: Media
 - Occupation or position held: Senior Expert
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Audience research and evaluation of the Roma TV program
- Dates: January 2011 – October 2012
 - Name and address of employer: Soros Foundation, New York
 - Sector of activity: NGO
 - Occupation or position held: Project Manager
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Leading a team composed from 13 organizations (service providers) “Strengthening service delivery for survivors of gender-based violence in Albania”. Enable Albanian women and girls victims of violence and those at risk to receive essential support and services, mitigating the effects of the current economic crisis resulting in a dearth of funding while the incidence of domestic violence is on rise.
- Dates: November 2010 – December 2010
 - Name and address of employer: UNFPA
 - Sector of activity: Education and Awareness
 - Occupation or position held: Lead Expert
 - Main activities and responsibilities: “Know your rights” education and awareness campaign tools with schools and community on gender equality, domestic violence and protection from HIV/AIDS at the national level.
- Dates: February 2010 – January 2011
 - Name and address of employer: US Embassy
 - Sector of activity: Capacity Building and Assessment
 - Occupation or position held: Project Manager
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Implementation of the project “Break the silence - It’s time to talk about it” Empowerment of Violence against Women victims and those at risk, as well as of those who support them, to not suffer in silence, but seek help.
- Dates: December 30, 2009 – October 31, 2010
 - Name and address of employer: Swiss Cooperation
 - Sector of activity: Policy Research
 - Occupation or position held: Team Leader
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Designing strategies for lobbying women's rights as human rights
- Dates: September 10, 2007 – October 31, 2009
 - Name and address of employer: UNIFEM
 - Sector of activity: Capacity Building
 - Occupation or position held: Senior expert
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Training and technical assistance for public and private stakeholders, including social partners and NGOs, in implementing the new law against domestic violence in Albania
- Dates: April 2007 – April 2011
 - Name and address of employer: IAMANEH

- Sector of activity: Service delivery
 - Occupation or position held: Project Manager
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Support the abused women and girls to get professional help and promote competence with capacity building for the stakeholders on effective implementation of the National Strategy and Action Plan against domestic violence in combating violence against women.
- Dates: October 2009 - July 2010
 - Name and address of employer: France Cooperation Internationale
 - Sector of activity: European Integrations
 - Occupation or position held: Local Expert and Consultant
 - Main activities and responsibilities: "Enhancing the professional capacities of Albanian journalists to monitor the government's management of the Association and Stabilization process and European Integration.
- Dates: October 2007 – May 2008
 - Name and address of employer: Amnesty International Germany
 - Sector of activity: Capacity Building
 - Occupation or position held: Senior Expert
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Help and support for abused women and those risked from trafficking in urban and rural areas. Improving anti-trafficking coordinated response in country and regional level
- Dates: September 2007 – November 2007
 - Name and address of employer: Soros Foundation Albania
 - Sector of activity: Training
 - Occupation or position held: Senior Expert
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Women empowerment and their increased role in local governance
- Dates: October 01, 2007 – December 30, 2007
 - Name and address of employer: World Bank
 - Sector of activity: Awareness
 - Occupation or position held: Consultant
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Women participation in local radio programs discussing issues that concern them: education, corruption, poverty, unemployment, domestic violence and trafficking
- Dates: December 2006 – May 2007
 - Name and address of employer: Royal Netherlands Embassy
 - Sector of activity: Trainings and Workshop
 - Occupation or position held: Team Leader
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Reducing women poverty and help them thrive from abusive relationships. Assist women in securing the tools that offer a way out, including job training, information on labor laws and rights, credit, and access to land and water.
- Dates: January 2006 – December 2006
 - Name and address of employer: Global Fund for Women
 - Sector of activity: Capacity Building and Service Delivery
 - Occupation or position held: Team Leader
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Support the work of the Counseling Center for Women and Girls, the only hotline and support center for abused women in Tirana established in 1996 and a leading advocacy organization in Albania
- Dates: January 2005 – June 2005
 - Name and address of employer: Amnesty International Switzerland
 - Sector of activity: Assessment
 - Occupation or position held: Consultant
 - Main activities and responsibilities: Contributing to the process of increasing the effectiveness of government and civil society efforts towards implementation of gender equality commitments by using MDGs as a conceptual framework for mainstreaming gender into national socio-economic program.
- Dates: May 2005 – September 2005
 - Name and address of employer: Royal Netherlands Embassy
 - Sector of activity: Media
 - Occupation or position held: Consultant

- Main activities and responsibilities: Promoting Civil Society and Citizenship Participation through Media and Women Lobbyist.

- Dates: January 2003 – June 2003
- Name and address of employer: UNDP Albania
- Sector of activity: Research
- Occupation or position held: Lead Expert
- Main activities and responsibilities: Developing a strategy for women in decision-making and political process.

- Dates: January 2003 – June 2003
- Name and address of employer: Soros Foundation, New York
- Sector of activity: Research
- Occupation or position held: Evaluator and Consultant
- Main activities and responsibilities: Monitoring and Evaluating the Women's Programs at Soros Foundation Albania

Relevant additional responsibilities⁴

- Dates: 1995-on
- Name and address of organisation/body: Department of Journalism and Communication, Tirana University
- Sector of activity: Public University
- Position held: Lecturer
- Main activities and responsibilities: Lecturer of Media Management, and European Institutions

- Dates: September 2004 – June, 2006
- Name and address of organisation/body: SEENAPB
- Sector of activity: Media
- Position held: President of SEENAPB
- Main activities and responsibilities: Managing the Radio Networks of 400 radio stations throughout South East Europe

- Dates: March 15, 2003 – February 28, 2004
- Name and address of organisation/body: Albanian Council of Ministers
- Sector of activity: Central Government
- Position held: Director
- Main activities and responsibilities: Managing Information Sector, Public Relations Office and the Office of Media Monitoring and Analyzing

Education/training⁵

- Dates: 2009 – 2014
- Title of qualification awarded: PhD
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered: Impact of Albanian Press during 1921-1924 historic events
- Name and type of organisation: Faculty of History and Philology, Tirana University

- Dates: February 2009
- Title of qualification awarded: Docent
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered: Media and Women's Rights
- Name and type of organisation: Faculty of History and Philology, Tirana University

- Dates: 2003 - 2005
- Title of qualification awarded: Master Degree of Arts in European Studies
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered: European Studies
- Name and type of organisation: Postgraduate school of European Studies

- Dates: 1991 - 1995
- Title of qualification awarded: Bachelor in Linguistic and Literature (Golden Medal)

⁴ Add separate entries for the most relevant responsibilities outside your principal professional activity, starting from the most recent.

⁵ Add separate entries for the most relevant courses you have completed, starting from the most recent.

- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered: Linguistic and Literature
- Name and type of organisation: University of Tirana, Albania

Publications⁶

- Luarasi Iris, “Media in Democracy”, Tirana: Papirus, 2014, ISBN 978-9928-4153-7-0
- Luarasi Iris, “Women Issues and cultural diversity in Media”, Tirana: Tirana University Press, 2014, ISSN: 2305-3828
- Luarasi Iris, “ICT Education, Knowledge Society, Open Governance” Tirana: Pitagora, 2014, ISBN 978-9928-4221-0-1
- Luarasi Iris, Fuga Artan, Pilika Anita, Gadeshi Elvana, “Study for the victims of crime of domestic violence and sexual assault”. Tirana: Edlora, 2013, ISBN 978-9928-139-83-2
- Luarasi Iris, Fuga Artan. Leading Expert of the Survey and Measurement of the imoact on the audience for Roma TV Program” produced from Roma journalists, Tirana: UNICEF, 2013
- Luarasi Iris, “New Technology, surfing on wide web and risks for young children” Tirana: Tirana University Press, 2013, ISSN 2305-3828
- Luarasi Iris, “Rediscovering the history through Media”, Tirana: Tirana University Press, 2012, ISSN 2305-3828
- Luarasi Iris, “The active role of NGOs on protecting human rights through legal constitutional instruments” Tirana: The Albanian Academy of Science, 2011,
- ISBN 978-99943-706-6-5
- Luarasi Iris, “The Role of Media in covering religious topics in their own natural diversity” on the book “Society and Technology 2011” Croatian Communication Association and International Federation of Communication Associations, Zagreb University, 2011. ISBN 978-953-6226-22-1

Computer skills

- Software packages⁷

Google Docs, Microsoft Office, Mozy, Word Press, FileMaker Pro, Thunderbird,

- Other IT skills and competences⁸

Chandler, Skype for business, LinkedIn, etc

Language skills⁹

Mother tongue	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Language	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing skills
English	C1	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	A2	B1	A2	A1	A1

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

⁶ Please list recent relevant publications, starting from the most recent, but not more than 10.

⁷ Please indicate the software packages you are familiar with.

⁸ Please specify any other IT skills and competences.

⁹ Please provide a self-assessment of your level in languages other than your mother tongue using the following Common European Framework of Reference for Languages.