



Matteo Brizzi

"THINK EUROPEAN, ACT LOCAL"

OVERVIEW

- Young activist at European and local level
- EU Affairs professional with experience in: European Parliament, Council and private leading consultancies
- Strong academic background on European affairs and International relations
- In love with chess, hiking dancing and book-reading

SKILLS

- Leadership & Team-building
- Public speaking & Networking
- Event planning & management
- Communication and social media
- Writing of political speeches, policy briefs, and legislative analyses

LANGUAGES

- Italian: native speaker
- English: fluent
- Spanish: intermediate/advanced
- French: intermediate

ACTIVISM AND VOLUNTEERING

Vicepresident of Young Democrats for Europe (YDE)

OCT 2022 - ONGOING

- In charge of the relationship with the European institutions and spokesperson
- Organization of youth events, conferences and workshop around Europe
- Collaboration with international partners, such as the Young Democrats of America

City councillor of Massa e Cozzile (PT, Italy)

JUN 2019 - ONGOING

- The youngest and the most voted city councillor in my home town
- President of the Commission on public housing
- Responsible for youth policies, tourism, urban regeneration and schools

Member of the network "Building Europe with Local Councillors" (BELC) - European Commission

DEC 2023 - ONGOING

- Network of locally elected politicians aimed at communicating the EU through an alliance between the European and local government structures
- The project is allowing me to work together with local politicians from all over the continent to disseminate information about EU issues that concern our constituents
- Engaging with citizens and local media about political initiatives and measures carried out by the Union which affects local communities

Alumni of the Young Elected Politician (YEP) Programme - European Committee of the Regions

JAN 2022 - JAN 2023

- YEP is a network of politicians who are no older than 40 and hold a mandate at regional or local level in the EU with the aim to:
- Boost engagement of young citizens at local level on EU topics
- Speak for EU regions and municipalities in the European legislative process

Founder of Young European Society (YES)

FEB 2019 - ONGOING

- YES is a youth, pro-European and non-partisan association, with 70 members from all over Italy and in Brussels
- Being the founder and the current leader, I manage the activity of the members, whose main goal is to make young people closer to the European Union, both through in-person events and social media engagement
- We are currently collaborating with Members of the European Parliament and European Commission representatives

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Policy officer - Research & Innovation

EUROPEAN COMMISSION | SEP 2025 - ONGOING (Brussels)

- Conduct in-depth analyses of national R&I systems to inform the European Semester and oversee R&I measures within the Recovery and Resilience Facility.
- Provide Member States with support tools, including the Policy Support Facility, to bolster their R&I capabilities.
- Promote the integration of R&I in Cohesion Policy and facilitate synergies with Horizon Europe and other policies and funding programs.

Accredited Parliamentary Assistant - Policy advisor

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT | SEP 2022 - AUG 2025 (Brussels)

- Policy advisory for ITRE and TRAN Committees and EuroLat/DMER Delegations
- Elaboration of speeches, briefings and legislative analysis
- Organization and management of conferences and events

Policy advisor trainee - Networking and interinstitutional unit

RENEW EUROPE GROUP - EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT | FEB 2022 - AUG 2022

- Development of networking strategies of the political group and institutional relations
- Elaboration of political analyses, policy notes and newsletters
- Regular attendance of group meetings and working groups

Auditor - Commission on EU policies and international affairs

TUSCANY REGION | APR 2021 - MARCH 2022 (FLORENCE)

- Participant to the Commission on European Policies of the Regional Council of Tuscany
- Monitoring and analysing of European policies and legislation

Intern - Political and Security Committee (Council of the EU)

PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF ITALY TO THE EU | JUN 2020 - SEP 2020 (BRUSSELS)

- Preparation and examination of background documents, drafting of reports and summary notes
- In-depth analysis of EU Foreign Policy key issues, such as Brexit and the geopolitical implications of Covid-19
- Analysis of the political & diplomatic impact of legislative files

EDUCATION

Advanced Master's degree - European Integration

INSTITUTE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES & BRUSSELS SCHOOL OF GOVERNANCE | SEP 2021 - SEP 2023 (BRUSSELS)

- Specialization in European climate and energy governance as well as in circular economy and sustainability policies
- Thesis on the EU financial support for the green transition of SMEs (Grade: great distinction)

Master - Global Marketing & Communication

CENTRO STUDI COMUNICARE L'IMPRESA | MAR 2021 - SEP 2021 (ONLINE)

Advanced Webinar - EU Project Management

BELGIAN ITALIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE | FEB 2021 (ONLINE)

Master's degree - International Affairs

ALMA MATER STUDIORUM UNIVERSITA' DI BOLOGNA | 2018-2020 (BOLOGNA)

- Thesis on European international connectivity and inter-regional cooperation has been published as an article by CESPI, the Center of International Political studies (Grade: 110/110 cum laude)

Erasmus Exchange semester - International Affairs

CHARLES UNIVERSITY OF PRAGUE | 2019-2020 (PRAGUE)

Bachelor's degree - Development economics and international cooperation

UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI FIRENZE | 2015-2018 (FLORENCE)

- Grade: 110/110 cum laude