

ILARIA GHALEB

Project Manager in the Earth System Modelling and Data Assimilation

Natural and environmental scientist with a strong background in **project management, science communication, and climate research**, built over more than **six years of professional experience**. Skilled in managing and supporting European, international, and **multi-stakeholder projects** for NGOs, startups, and public institutions. Strong organizational and multitasking abilities, with a keen attention to detail. Comfortable working independently as well as collaboratively within multidisciplinary teams. **European Climate Pact Ambassador** at the European Commission and climate **journalist** at UNFCCC COPs.

IT Skills

- Project management tools: Trello and Asana
- Reporting Platforms: Canva and Looker Studio
- Microsoft Office and Google
- Meta/ Meta Business
- Familiar with environmental and Earth system data platforms such as Google Earth Engine, Copernicus Climate Data Store, QGIS, NASA Earthdata, ODV.

Languages

- Italian: Native speaker
- English: C1
- Spanish: B2
- Basic knowledge of french and arabic

Education History

MSc Global Change Ecology and SDGs, University of Bologna

Present [Bologna]

BSc Natural and Environmental Sciences, University of Tuscia

2022-2025 [Viterbo]

Thesis in climatology, with a focus on teleconnections and ENSO events in relation to monsoons. **Erasmus+ Best Nature**, program in collaboration with Alma Mater Studiorum of Bologna, CUFAA, University of Graz, Carinthia University of Applied Sciences, E.C.O. - Institut für ökologie, University of Passau.

Professional advanced course *Ecological Transition Management* at EIS (European Institute of Innovation for Sustainability)

September 2022-February 2023 (6 months) [Online/Rome]

Final project awarded as second place winner. Courses held by CNR, WWF, Patagonia, P&G and other relevant institutions.

Professional training course at Oxford School of Climate Change

2022, 4 months [online]

Lectures held by Oxford's Professors and climate experts.

Work Experience

Junior Scientific Manager-Project Manager at CMCC in the ESYDA Division

October 2025 - present [Bologna]

- **PM** of the RESCUE and C-Blues Horizon projects

Project Manager at Change for Planet-NGO

February 2025 - September 2025 [Italy-Remote]

- **Coordination** of the EU Ecofeminist Movement Building Fund, a WECF-funded initiative involving 16 organizations across four continents, focused on **climate justice, water, waste, and energy**.
- **Monitoring** progress toward established goals, timelines, and funding requirements, while facilitating **communication** between project grantees and the funding body.

- Drafting, reviewing, and supporting the submission of **interim and final reports** to funders, including analysis of achieved progress and definition of medium- and long-term goals and work plans.
- Organizing and managing **project-related meetings, workshops**, and outreach events.

Freelance journalist at Valori.it

December 2023- February 2025 [Dubai-Baku-Italy] (1 + years)

Reporter at UNFCCC COP covering climate negotiations and climate justice topics

Consultant at Oxfam

July 2024 - February 2025 [Remote-Italy] (7 months)

- **Consultant** for the Ecoality and Generation 2030 European Commission funded projects, with a focus on climate education.
- **Writer** of the European report as part of the Ecoality project involving 10 Oxfam offices.
- **Developer of the Generazione 2030 project** of the Tuscany Region aimed at approximately 50,000 young people throughout Europe with the aim of raising awareness on issues relating environmental sustainability.

Researcher at Observatory Albania-UNICEF

May 2023 - July 2024 (1 year, 2 months) [Tirana]

- **Researcher on the issues of climate change** in Albania with a focus on gender, water, and health, as part of the "Youth Build Sustainable Environmental Solutions" project, supported by the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, International Development Cooperation (MFEA), and carried out in partnership with the Forum for Equitable Development (FER).
- **Author of reports** created for various international entities, including UNICEF, UN Women, the Slovenian government, the Albanian government, and European and Balkan NGOs on the topics of climate change and environmental sustainability.
- **Public relations and partnership building** with universities, NGOs, and AICS, aimed at establishing collaborations for the development of project proposals.

Communication Manager at Change for Planet-NGO

January 2020 - May 2023 (3.5 years) [Italy-Netherlands-Remote]

- **Communication Manager** for "Zero in Condotta", a 2-year project funded by **AICS** and carried out in collaboration with several Italian organizations, including **CESVI** and Italian Climate Network. The project focuses on science, climate, and education. **Coordinator of the Climate Training Camp**, a six-day intensive program led by scientists, companies, and journalists, involving over 100 selected young participants from across Italy.
- **Co-Coordinator** of various projects focused on environmental sustainability, funded by the EU and by diverse stakeholders.
- **Speaker** at national conferences and **guest lecturer** in the Master's course Environmental Sustainability and Environmental Accounting in Territorial Contexts offered by the University of Genoa.
- **Observer** at **UNFCCC COPs**.

Volunteer work

European Climate Pact Ambassador at European Commission (May 2023-present)

1 of the 839 Climate Pact Ambassadors from all around the European Union

Italian Red Cross- Emergency operator (April 2014-May 2023 [9 years])

Emergency operations in places affected by environmental disasters (earthquakes and floods), member of civil protection, and Environmental education teacher in elementary schools.