



Pietro Costanzo

ABOUT ME

I am an experienced programme and project manager for EU and UN funded projects in the security sector, specialised in capacity building actions, police and military training, institutional cooperation, with specific focus on counter-terrorism, asymmetric threats, organised crime, technology innovation and research.

I directly participated in about 50 projects over 15 years in Europe, South East Asia, MENA, Sahel, Horn of Africa regions, as project manager, team member or short term expert.

I hold a Degree in Law and Master Degrees in "Theories and Methods in criminal investigation" and in "Strategic Information and Information Security", as well as specialization courses in CBRNe intelligence, crisis management, civil-military cooperation, law enforcement.

Italian Carabinieri military officer (reserve) specialised in international cooperation, I work as Senior Expert in EU funding at Eutalia (public company). Member of the Management Board at the Observatory on Security and CBRNe Defence – OSDIFE, Italy and co-founder at Il Caffè Geopolitico, cultural association and magazine on geopolitics.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior expert - European funding and technical assistance on project management

EUTALIA s.r.l. [07/2022 – Current]

City: Rome

Country: Italy

- European funding sources and EU project management specialist.
- Technical assistance in the management of operational and administrative aspects related to EU direct and indirect management of funds.
- New business development.
- EU Pillar Assessment senior consultant.

Adviser and operations consultant

Observatory on Security and CBRNe Defence – OSDIFE [30/06/2020 – Current]

City: Rome

Country: Italy

Operations consultant of the center and project manager for EU and international projects. Main duties:

- Consultancy and direction support, reporting to the President
- Strategy and organization responsibility, team management
- Academic, editorial and research activities management
- EU funded project management (scouting, proposal drafting, project management)
- Partnerships management, new business development at the national and international level
- Short Term Expert appointed to EU funded Projects for management duties and technical tasks within EU funded IcSP/FPI projects for Expertise France, Civipol, Carabinieri.

Currently contributing pro-bono as Adviser to the President

Military reserve officer - EU and International funding programme officer
Arma dei Carabinieri [07/04/2018 – 31/05/2022]

City: Rome

Country: Italy

Programme officer and Staff member at International Cooperation Office – International projects branch, General Headquarters

Military officer in the reserve, employed for fixed term assignments.

- First shift on duty: from 8 April 2018 to 30 June 2020
- Second shift on duty: from 1 October 2021 - 31 May 2022)
- Currently in the reserve

As **HQs Staff officer** I support the decision making process related to Carabinieri international non-military engagements, mainly by:

-reporting to higher ranks on ongoing operations in Third Countries where Carabinieri personnel is engaged for capacity building, mentoring and advising activities (mainly MENA, Sahel, Horn of Africa regions);
-proposing decisions for daily and strategic issues related to personnel deployment, operations planning, participation to international actions funded by National, EU, International Institutions;
-managing relationships with National, European and International public safety and security Institutions and with partner organizations.

As a **Programme Officer**, specialized in national and EU funded projects, I manage, under the supervision of Head of Section and Head of Office, a portfolio of about 35 projects (most of them funded by EU Institutions and programmes FPI, EEAS, DG INTPA/DEVCO, DG NEAR, DG HOME, Italian Ministry of Foreign affairs) dealing with operations and administration, mainly by:

-coordinating study, preparation and realization phases of international projects on capacity building, mentoring, advising, training of Third Countries law enforcement agencies and other national level Institutions (i.e. carrying out needs assessments, writing, reviewing and delivering concept notes, description of action, terms of reference, technical and administrative reports, general contracting drafts, framework agreements, consortium agreements);
-preparing Carabinieri participation to EU and International Organizations funded projects driving or contributing to internal consultation, supporting to decision making process and assessment of action cases, designing of concept notes and descriptions of action, etc.)
-managing and monitoring information exchange and operations with personnel deployed in the field and with stakeholders, also by short-term missions abroad;
-preparing technical project proposals, budgeting and reporting for European Commission, International and national agencies funding.

Project manager

Fondazione FORMIT [29/02/2008 – 30/03/2018]

City: Rome

Country: Italy

Business development and project management for EU and UN projects - Junior Manager and analyst

As **junior manager (2014-2018)**, I was involved in internal decision-making processes and in new business development planning, with progressively increased autonomy in the management of projects and related funds and personnel (both internal and external teams). Main activities in developing new opportunities:

- Scouting for new opportunities, including monitoring of funding sources
- Setting up consortia
- Drafting technical proposals for new projects and agreements with partners
- Identifying partners, teams of experts, stakeholders
- Designing budget for complex projects
- Fact finding missions abroad, management of international relations

As **project manager (2008-2018)**, I had direct management responsibilities in 11 projects abroad (and I also took part to several other activities for support purposes or to manage specific tasks) mainly for:

- study, preparation and realization of EU research projects and studies in the field of public safety and security (e.g. H2020 projects, EU Commission DG Home projects);
- design and implementation of capacity building projects in the public security sector (police and Institutional cooperation, CBRNe threats, crisis management, ICT implementation) in Third Countries (mainly MENA and South East Asia regions, under EU Commission DG DEVCO and EU CBRN Centres of Excellence funding).

Main activities in managing projects:

- Coordinating the projects with the partners and the team of experts (ensuring technical management, contract and finance procedures)
- Design and coordination of proposals (including concept notes, descriptions of action, budget, creation of consortia)
- Participating to research tasks, information collection and analysis, training programmes development
- Attending and organizing official meetings, representing the organization in the countries of operations or in the project bodies
- Consolidating relationships with partners, experts and stakeholders
- Managing Institutional & External Relations
- Ensuring overall control of the projects

Contributor, Political analyst

Equilibri srl [29/02/2008 – 29/11/2009]

City: Milan

Country: Italy

- Open source intelligence analysis on security, economic cooperation, geopolitical issues with particular reference to the Central Asia, Russia, Afghanistan.
- Publication of analysis on the Equilibri.net magazine.
- Drafting of reports and analysis for public institutions and private companies.

Editorial assistant (internship)

Agenzia Nazionale della Stampa Associata (ANSA) [31/07/2007 – 30/12/2007]

City: Rome

Country: Italy

- Assistance to the editorial office and news publications on the Agency web sites.
- Assistance for the management of photos archives and related external services provided to national and European news outlets.
- Relationships with national and European media.
- CMS and website management.

Lawyer

Micchè Law Firm [31/10/2007 – 30/10/2009]

- Lawyer practice.
- Civil and administrative legal assistance, including support to local court hearings.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Military Officers school qualification

Arma dei Carabinieri [08/04/2018 – 29/06/2018]

Address: via Aurelia, 511, 00185 Rome (Italy)

Master Degree in Information security and strategic information

University of Rome La Sapienza, Department of Computer, Control, and Management Engineering [30/11/2013 – 31/05/2015]

Address: Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5, 00185 Rome (Italy)

Master Degree (II level) in Theories and Methods in criminal investigations
University of Rome La Sapienza, Department of Sociology [31/01/2007 – 30/01/2008]

Address: Piazzale Aldo Moro 5, 00185 Rome (Italy)

Law degree

University of Catania, Faculty of law - Italy [30/09/1999 – 09/01/2006]

Address: Via Gallo, 24, 95124 Catania (Italy)

40° Training Courses on Civil-Military Cooperation

Centro Alti Studi per la Difesa (CASD) - Italian Ministry of Defence [31/08/2019 – 29/11/2019]

Address: Piazza della Rovere, 83, 00165 Rome (Italy)

Training Courses on CBRN Intelligence (3 courses in 2013, 2014, 2015)

Scuola Interforze per la Difesa NBC (Italian Army Joint National training centre on CBRN defence)

Address: Piazza Marconi, 7, 02100 Rieti (Italy)

Training Course on CBRN incident management

NATO Joint Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Defence Centre Of Excellence [25/05/2014 – 30/05/2014]

Address: V. Nejedlého 423/3, Dědice, 682 01 Vyškov (Czechia)

PRINCE 2 Foundation certificate

Axelos ltd [04/05/2014 – 14/05/2014]

Address: On premises course at office, Rome (Italy)

BLSA and first aid practice certificate

Italian Red Cross [04/06/2018 – 29/06/2018]

Address: on premises at Carabinieri Officers school,

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **Italian**

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C1 READING C2 WRITING C1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1

French

LISTENING B1 READING B1 WRITING A1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A1 SPOKEN INTERACTION A1

Spanish

LISTENING B1 READING B1 WRITING A1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A1 SPOKEN INTERACTION A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

DIGITAL SKILLS

Office tools

Microsoft office (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Access, Teams) / Virtual Conference: Zoom, Webex, Google Meet

Team management and communication

Social media management (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn) / Team management tools (Asana, Trello, Slack, Productive...)

Web applications

Basic graphic design - Canva / Wordpress, SEO, Analytics / Web hosting, CMS and database management experience (PHP/MySQL/Wordpress);

PUBLICATIONS

Several scientific and general publications

For scientific publications list see the professional profile on LinkedIn at: <https://it.linkedin.com/in/pietrocostanzo>

For other publications see: <https://ilcaffegeopolitico.net/author/pietro-costanzo>

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Board of directors member, Co-Founder at Il Caffè Geopolitico APS

[12/05/2009 – Current]

Co-founder of the association and online registered magazine "Il Caffè Geopolitico" - www.ilcaffegeopolitico.net

Member of the board of the organization, in charge for new business development, supervisor of the online registered magazine on geopolitics and foreign affairs.

DRIVING LICENCE

Driving Licence: AM

Driving Licence: A1

Driving Licence: B