

Irene Vivas Lalinde

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (+ 6 years)

LANGUAGES

Spanish, English, French and Catalan. I have also studied German, Dutch, Italian and Chinese.

NATIONALITY

Spanish
Colombian

SKILLS

Critical thinking
Creativity
Co-creation
[Oral skills](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Innovation platforms fostering low-carbon economy resource mobilization (2018)

Circular Cities - A practical approach to developing a city roadmap focusing on utilities (2019)

Challenge-led System Mapping (2020)

IN-PERSON COURSES

European Union - Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2016), Who wants to be a businessman? - ADEIT (2015)

ONLINE COURSES

The Hague Academy of International Law (2021), International Water Law (2020) International Environmental Law (2020), EU and Human Rights (2015), The Age of Sustainability (2015), Public Policy (2015), International Criminal Law (2014) and International Organization Management (2013).

Eurocities, Valencia— Net Zero Cities City Support Officer

July 2023 – Present

- Designed and implemented different parts of the NZC programme.
- Co-designed support to 25 Mission cities.
- Supported the coordination of the city support team.
- Facilitated exchanges amongst eight European cities.
- Analysed project and city data and managed knowledge flows across the consortium.

Eurocities, Brussels — Project Officer

June 2021 – July 2023

- Organised and facilitated stakeholder meetings and co-design processes
- Project management: reporting, budget control, etc.
- Research on citizen science, air pollution, digital inclusion and behavioural change

EIT Climate KIC, Brussels—Project Officer

April 2019 – April 2021

- Facilitated technical assistance to policy makers through engagement workshops in topics such as circular economy, land use, just transition, monitoring and evaluation, etc.
- Managed communications with partners and external stakeholders.
- Supported a portfolio of European innovation projects (H2020 CICERONE, MOTION, CircularCities, RIS programme, among others) from 100k to +1million.
- Participated in international and European call for tenders and project proposals.
- Co-authored handbooks, academic papers, whitepapers and other knowledge products.
- Organized online and in-person events at local and EU level.

European Parliament, Brussels — MEP junior assistant (Greens/EFA)

4 months, 2019

EIT Climate KIC, Brussels — Research Assistant

6 months, 2017

Women's Link Worldwide, Bogotá — Legal Trainee

3 months, 2016

UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva — Assistant

2 months, 2016

European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA), Brussels—Project Assistant

3 months, 2015

NOATUM Port Logistics, Valencia—Legal Trainee

3 months, 2015

Law Department at Valencia City Council, Valencia—Legal Trainee

3 months, 2015

SPEAKER

I have participated in multiple events as a speaker and moderator.

References on request

EDUCATION

United Nations University MERIT, Maastricht Graduate School of Governance, Maastricht — Double M.Sc. in Public Policy and Human Development

September 2016 - July 2017

Dissertation: The power dynamics of wastewater in Bogota, D.C from the perspective of end-users and women participation

University of Valencia, Valencia — L.L.B Law

September 2011 - July 2015

Bachelor Thesis: A study on the Record, Acknowledgment, Prosecution and Enforcement of the crime of rape by International Tribunals

Université Paris V, Paris — Exchange Program

September 2013 - July 2014

OTHER PROJECTS AND ENGAGEMENTS

International Visitors Leadership Programme — US Department of State (September 2023)

I have been selected to participate in this exchange about the climate crisis.

Board Member — Verdes EQUO (2022 to 2024)

I developed a training programme and supported the design and implementation of political campaigns.

Climate Resilience Leadership Programme — Atlas Corps (2023)

Ten emerging social leaders from Spain and Andorra participated in a six-month training program to boost their leadership skills.

COP26 and 27 Delegate — Young European Greens (2021 and 2022)

Attended COP 26 in Glasgow and COP 27 in Sharm El Sheik, lobbied for more ambitious climate action and liaised with other stakeholders including media.

Author — Hyperbole (2021-present)

I publish articles in this online magazine.

Feminist Climate Ambassador — Green European Foundation (2021)

Twenty ambassadors from across the globe participated in a six-month training program promoting the growth of the green feminist movement across Europe.

Executive Committee Member and Gender Officer — Young European Greens (2018-2019)

I contributed to the designed and implementation of the 2019 European elections campaign and the elaboration of the manifesto of the European Green Party. I also managed relationships with member organisations in Southern Europe and drafted and negotiated internal protocols.

Proyecta Valencia - Hacia el 2030 — Founder (2016-2018)

This youth-led initiative aimed to bring citizens and civil society closer to the 2030 Agenda. More information: www.proyectavalencia.org

Other: Citizen Journalists Initiative (2016), Law Clinic of the University of Valencia (2014-2015), Paris International MUN (2014), Harvard WorldMUN (2013) and Universitas Foundation (2011).