

# Gavagni Alessandra

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## **PROFILE**

*My cosmopolitan background and a great interest in other cultures together with a command of a few foreign languages has allowed me to manage multinational projects for several years as a teacher of English and a coordinator of international exchanges. Such activity of project funding by planning, implementation, coordination and control has been proved effective in developing strategies and getting goals such as decision making and problem solving inside the international groups enhancing collaborative learning, motivation, best practice policy while promoting the high school through media communication among stakeholders and limiting the dropout rates.*

## **EDUCATION**

**Graduate in Foreign Languages**, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy

*Key coursework:* English language, English literature, Anglo-American literature, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, Modern History, Pedagogy, Psychology, Italian Literature, Journalism History, Mass Media, Geography, The Church History;

**Master in Journalism and Media**, Luiss Libera Università degli Studi Sociali, Roma, Italy

*Subject areas:* Media and news, Image Strategies, TV structures and technologies, Mass Communications Markets and Systems, Media language, International relations, Media Management, Advertising Techniques, Market Research, Media Law, Economics and International Policy

**Master in Education, Programming and Assessment**, Forcom, Formazione per la Comunicazione, Consorzio Interuniversitario, Roma, Italy

*Subject areas:* Education Processes, School Curricula, Development, Learning and Personalized Education, Assessment Procedures: tests, timing, aims, Problem Solving, Education and Media

**Master in Communication Techniques and Media Education**, Forcom, Formazione per la Comunicazione, Consorzio Interuniversitario, Roma, Italy

*Subject areas:* Communication Psychology, Communication Sociology, History of Journalism and Social Communication, Theory and Techniques of the cinema language; Advertising Language Techniques, New Media

**Postgraduate course in Foreign Languages Education**, Forcom, Formazione per la Comunicazione, Consorzio Interuniversitario, Roma, Italy,

Subject areas: Language Teaching Methodology, Foreign languages methods, Second Language Learning, Communicative Approach in Language Learning, Reading Techniques, Writing Production, Assessment Strategies

**Master in Special Needs Teaching**, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy

Subject areas: Special needs Law, Sociology, Pedagogy, Psychology, Biology, Languages Areas, Methodology Problems, training

**Master in Training and Pedagogy Counselling in Organizations**, Università degli Studi di Siena, Italy

Subject areas: Soft Skills, Employment Psychology, Organizations Ethics and Sustainability, Education Counselling, Community Pedagogy, Learning Theories, Organization, Training Pedagogy and Teaching

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

University of Maryland: **Lecturer of Italian Language, Culture and Literature** (2020-now)

Liceo Piero della Francesca Arezzo, Italy

**Permanent teacher (2006-2020)**

- International Projects and Exchanges Coordinator (2006-2016)
- Planned, won grants, organized and reported Comenius and Leonardo projects, international study-visits with stakeholders, decision makers and high schools from 20 different European countries and hundreds of students and staff mobilities from the high school:
- LLP Comenius Project Temas – Ict and Foreign language skills to fight the drop out phenomenon (2013-2015) – Partners: Portugal, Germany, Austria, Finland, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Greece, Turkey  
LLP Comenius bilateral titled Let's sing and move on our dancing and singing traditions – Partner: Hungarian high school  
LLP Leonardo Aiet (2012-2014) about the recognition of protocols for the special needs pupils' skills – Partners: Sweden, Poland, Turkey, Italy  
LLP Leonardo Project Co-Safe on Health, safety and good practice examples at workplace (2011-2013) – Partners: high schools and organizations in Turkey, The Netherlands, Germany, Lithuania, Slovakia, Italy  
LLP Leonardo Project coordinator of a Study Visit for decision makers on Ict in education at Piero della Francesca high School with school Headmasters, university professors and company experts from ten European countries – September 2009  
LLP Multilateral Project We Care on environment and ethnic minorities (2009-2011) – Partners: Austria, England, Spain, Italy

LLP Multilateral Project Cura on the study of waste and how to preserve environment (2008-2010) – Partners: France, Germany, Denmark, Poland, Wales, Ireland.

Euroscola Project: Students visit the European Parliament in Strasbourg (2009-2010)

LLP bilateral Comenius project “A Rainbow of knowledge” (2006-2008) - Partner: Romania

LLP Comenius Project Students’ job experiences in Europe (1998-1999)- Partners: Ireland, Germany, France

- Planning Language exchanges:  
High school Mondariz in Spain (2006-2007; 2007-2008; 2008-2009); cultural exchange with high school Mendizabala in Vitoria (Spain) (2007-2008); exchange with Lycée Galilée, Guerande, France (2007-2008);
- Got grants for teacher training: LLP study visit on Soft Skills in Liechtenstein September 2013; LLP study visit on ICT in high schools, Blackpool, UK, June 2010; LLP grant for training course in methodology, London, September 2010; LLP Roots and Wings European Network, Dublin, October 2007
- Teacher training to the high school staff on “Disability and inclusion in education”, May 2014
- Running English courses for the staff in order to let them get the Pet Esol certification (2003-2014)

Liceo Piero della Francesca high school, Arezzo, Italy

#### **Non permanent teacher (2003-2006)**

- Class coordinator and Regional project coordinator;
- got grants for the high school students and teachers training abroad;
- Ket and Pet level English courses for high school students and staff

Various high schools in the district of Arezzo

#### **Non permanent teacher (1995-2003)**

- 2 grants for teacher training: Full intensive course at Nile, Norwich, UK August-September 2001; Teachers’ course advanced level, Alpha College, Dublin, August 2001;
- held a training course for teachers and collaboration to a Comenius project titled “Study Project on high school students’ job experiences in Europe” (1998-1999);
- held English courses for drop out students (1998-2006)

- taking part in several training courses organized by Miur, Language teacher associations, international publishing houses recognized by the National Ministry of Education

La Libertà, newspaper, Piacenza, Italy

**Journalist (1987-1995)**

- reporter on culture, travelling, local and national news, running travel and health columns

Liceo Pirandello, Roma, Italy

**Non permanent teacher (1986-1987)**

- English teacher to high school students attending the scientific course.

**LANGUAGES**

English, Spanish and Italian

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Outlook

**CULTURAL INTERESTS AND PHYSICAL RECREATION**

Cinema, theatre, walking and swimming