

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Pietro L. VERGA



## HIGHLIGHTS

## Current Work

**COMUNE DI MILANO** • Project Manager CENTRINNO | Horizon2020  
**UIA/EUI** • UIA Expert; EUI-IA Expert and City-to-City Exchanges Moderator  
**URBACT IV** • Validated Lead Expert for Circular economy, Mobility, Social innovation, Strategic Urban Planning, Integrated and participatory design of strategies  
**INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT** • Sustainable Territorial & Urban Development; EU Projects Design and Management

## Education

Ph.D. in Urban Studies

## Languages

Native Italian; Fluent English; Intermediate German; Basic Spanish

## WORK EXPERIENCE

04/2021–Present  
34 months

## UIA/EUI Expert

ECORYS Nederland B.V., Rotterdam (The Netherlands)  
 · UIA Expert for the Urban Innovative Actions project AIR-BREAK Ferrara  
 · Expert for the *Urban Innovation and COVID 19 UIA Capitalisation Activity*  
 · EUI Expert / City-to-City Exchanges Moderator  
 · EUI-IA Expert for We-Z Roma and InterACT Green Varaždin

01/09/2020–Present  
42 months

## Project Manager

Comune di Milano, Milano (Italy)  
 · Coordination of the Horizon2020 project CENTRINNO

01/10/2019–31/08/2023  
46 months

## Urban Planning Expert / Project Manager

Urbasofia SRL, Bucharest (Romania)  
 · Project Manager and Technical & Scientific Coordinator for UIA SPIRE Baia Mare  
 · EU Projects designer (e.g., Horizon Europe INCA; BRIGHT)

09/03/2021–30/09/2021  
6 months

## Ad-Hoc Expert

URBACT, Paris (France)  
**Ad-Hoc Expert:** NEXTAGRI URBACT-UIA Transfer Mechanism

27/01/2017–Present  
94 months

## Sustainable Territorial &amp; Urban Development Expert / EU Projects Designer and Manager

Independent Consultant, Milano (Italy)

## Main Clients:

**Municipality of Ferrara**, Ferrara (IT), Nov. 2022-Jan. 2023 (2,5 Months); Jul.-Oct. 2023 (3 Months)  
 · Led and coordinated all stages of the preparation and submission of a proposal to the First Call of the European Urban Initiative

- Led and coordinated all stages of the preparation and submission of a proposal to the Second Call of the European Urban Initiative

**City of Copenhagen**, Copenhagen (DK), Aug.-Oct. 2023 (2,5 Months)

- Led and coordinated all stages of the preparation and submission of a proposal to the Second Call of the European Urban Initiative

**AEIDL asbl**, Brussels (BE), Sept.2019 (1 month); Apr.-June 2023 (2 months)

- Expert contribution to curriculum design and moderation of EUI Urban CLLD Capacity Building Event – Timisoara, 7-9/06/2023

- Expert contribution to the preparation of AEIDL's bid to Call for tenders N° EAC/21/2019 "Peer-learning scheme on cultural heritage for cities and regions"

- Expert contribution to the AEIDL Focus Group "Looking Towards 2021- 2027 Citizen Climate Action" – Brussels, 21/09/2019

**Urbasofia SRL**, Bucharest (RO), Nov. 2018-Sept.2019 (10 months)

- Co-led the preparation and submission of EU Project Proposals for Territorial, Regional and Urban Development (INTERREG, Horizon2020, Urban Innovative Actions, URBACT).

- Developed Territorial Analyses and Contributed to the Participatory Planning Workshops of the CRISALIDE Project under the ERA.Net RUS Plus Framework.

**Nextdoor.com Inc.**, San Francisco (USA), Feb. 2017-Apr. 2019 (26 months)

- Advise on and plan the mapping strategy for Italy; lead the mapping efforts in Italy.

- Research and identification of neighbourhoods' boundaries in several German and Italian cities based on historical records, interviews and own expertise; production of digital maps.

**Walloth Urban Advisors SPRL**, Brussels (BE), Jul.-Nov. 2017 (5 months)

- Territorial Analysis and Regional/Local Development Potential Assessment.

- Research on relevant European case studies and preparation of synthetic booklets.

- Contribution to the organisation of strategic planning workshops with local administrations and stakeholders.

04/11/2013–03/11/2016  
36 months

**Doctoral Researcher - PhD Candidate**

Gran Sasso Science Institute, L'Aquila (Italy)

01/01/2012–31/09/2012  
9 months

**Researcher**

Fondazione Fratelli Confalonieri, Milano

Visiting Scholarship at Center for Community Planning & Development - Hunter College - CUNY, New York City (United States) to develop a research on NYC's model of Community Development Corporations and its transferability to the Italian context

28/12/2011–28/01/2012  
2 months

**External Collaborator**

Comune di Bergamo - Area Politiche del Territorio - Direzione Pianificazione Urbanistica – Servizio Sviluppo Territoriale e Politiche della Casa, Bergamo (Italy)

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

04/11/2013–24/02/2017	<b>Ph.D. in Urban Studies</b> Gran Sasso Science Institute & Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna L'Aquila and Pisa (Italy) Dissertation Title: <i>Towards Urban Community-Led Local Development in Europe. Learning from Soziale Stadt in the Körnerpark, Berlin.</i> Supervisors: Dr Laura Colini; Prof. Dr. Frank Eckardt.	EQF level 8
26/09/2009–20/07/2011	<b>Master's Degree in Urban Planning &amp; Policy Design</b> Politecnico di Milano, Milano (Italy) 110/110	EQF level 7
10/09/2004–25/02/2009	<b>Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning</b> Politecnico di Milano, Milano (Italy) 99/110	EQF level 6

## PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Italian

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2
German	B2	C1	B2	B2	B1
Spanish	B2	B2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user  
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Digital skills

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Independent user	Independent user

Digital skills - Self-assessment grid

Proficient User of: Adobe Design Suite (Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop, Bridge) • MS Office (Word, Excel, Power Point) • Google Suite • QGIS • Miro • Video Conferencing Tools (MS Teams, Zoom, Webex, Google Meet)

Independent User of: STATA

Publications & Working Papers

2023. **Towards Inclusive, Creative and Innovative Hubs in European Cities – Policy Report.** (Verga, PL (ed.), Besana, F., Gregório, V. Martelloni, L., Mehmeti, B.)

2023. **A Crisis-Resilience Handbook for Innovative Urban Projects.** Urban Innovative Actions (Jegou, F., O'Herlihy, D., Verga, PL.)

2020. **SPIRE Baia Mare. State of Play in Baia Mare. Desk Analysis, Research Repository & Awareness Appraisal.** Bioflux: Cluj-Napoca. eISBN 978-606-8887-75-3. (Verga PL, editor)
2020. **SPIRE Baia Mare. State of the Art. Innovation Landscape Report.** Bioflux: Cluj-Napoca. eISBN 978-606-8887-73-9. (Verga, PL et al.)
2019. **Overcoming EU Discontent in “Places That Don’t Matter” through the Community-Led Local Development.** Position Paper. <https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3329280> (also on LDnet.eu)
2017. **Towards an Inclusive and Sustainable CLLD. Lessons from a Neighbourhood Management in Berlin.** Working Paper. <https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.2947817> (also on LDnet.eu)
2016. **Ambiguities of the Community-Led Local Development: An Instrument Hovering Between Neo-Liberalism and Participatory Democracy.** Conference Paper.
2016. **Beyond the Rhetoric: The Emerging Configuration of the Padova-Monza Area in Milan.** Working Paper with Chiara Vitrano. <https://dx.doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.3289874>
2016. **Rhetoric in the Representation of a Multi-Ethnic Neighbourhood: The Case of Via Padova, Milan.** Antipode 48(4). <https://doi.org/10.1111/anti.12229>
2016. **Community Development as a Way-Out from Crisis. Guidelines From New York City's Experience.** In Borghini, A. and Campo, E. (eds.). *Exploring the Crisis: Theoretical Perspectives and Empirical Investigations*. Pisa: Pisa University Press
2013. **Rigenerare via Padova.** Milano: Ilmiolibro Self-Publishing. ISBN:9788891046079

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