

# EUI Alumni Association Executive Committee

## Proposed Programme for the term of office 2017-2019

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In accordance with the letter and the spirit of its Statute, the **EUI Alumni Association (AA)** represents a unique organisation, comprising high-level professionals in European public affairs working both in the academia as well as in the policy world (with many being present in the European institutions).

The **Executive Committee**, as the administering body of the EUI Alumni Association, must use its position to enhance and further the dialogue and close links among the EUI Alumni Association members, the EUI and other institutions and associations sharing the same objectives in order to contribute developing the highest level of expertise on European affairs. The Executive Committee must thus ensure the promotion and continuous development of contacts, networking and mutual assistance within the EUI Alumni community also as an expression of the development and growing life of the EUI as such.

Overall, the main priority of the Alumni Association should then be that of encouraging the professional and personal development of its members, both internally and by means of the Association unique network.

In order to promote and further strengthen the statutory objectives of the EUI Alumni Association, the **following three proposals** are put forward:

- 1) Increase the interaction within the EUI Alumni Association of leading academics and policy makers, for the sake of the continuous promotion of Europe and its project of integration. More concretely, this would involve the organisation of seminars and workshops addressed to the two above-mentioned groups, to heighten the awareness of policy makers about academic engagement with European affairs. It would also give academic observers of European policy direct insights to the daily policy making and implementation at the European and national level. These events should be held both in Florence at the premises of the 'Alma Mater', or in the location of existing AA's local

chapters. The publication and edition of an interdisciplinary book on the current challenges facing the European project today (with the contribution of EUI Alumni coming from the four different Departments) should be encouraged.

- 2) In order to achieve its objectives, the EUI Alumni Association will commit itself to provide optimal access to its assets and to the resources in Florence for its members. This would include access to the Library, the Archives, the canteens and – during the summer and winter periods – to the flats available in the EUI dormitories.
- 3) The EUI Alumni Association will also contribute to the development of the global outreach and recognition of the EUI as the centre of excellence on European affairs.

### **Short Biography**

**Alessandra Chirico** graduated with a PhD in Law in 2004 with a dissertation entitled “Monetary sovereignty within the ESCB: towards a multi-layered approach to the Euro-sovereignty game in the EMU”. Alessandra also holds a Post-doc from the Walter Hallstein Institute of the Humboldt University in Berlin, where she has been conducting research on the project for a European Constitution. In addition to such an academic background, Alessandra is a qualified lawyer admitted to the Italian Bar. Alessandra has a varied professional experience in the academia as well as a practitioner, as legal consultant, regulatory adviser, legal translator, compliance expert and EU public affairs expert. She is the author of numerous publications in European law, most notably on monetary law, EMU and economic governance, corporate governance and financial services regulation (with a special focus on Directive 2004/39/EC, Markets in Financial Instruments Directive, MiFID) and EU constitutional law. She is currently working as an independent consultant.