

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Leonardo Di Franco

Sex Male | Date of birth 02/02/1975 | Nationality Italian

WORK EXPERIENCE

01/09/2009–Present

Legal and Policy Advisor

European Parliament, Brussels (Belgium)

- Analysis of legal issues related to the parliamentary activities; reports on legal issues and EU policies; legal opinion in the fields of intellectual property, competition law, state aid, transports, commercial law, european, private and public law, administrative law, criminal law.
- Drafting, coordinating, political strategy and lobbying work to influence relevant legislation via Parliamentary Committees (TRAN and REGI from 2009 to 2014; JURI and LIBE from 2014 to nowadays) and plenaries;
- Representing MEP, attending meetings on MEP's behalf, briefing colleagues and the media
- Speech writing and press work as appropriate
- Desk research for reports, speeches, Parliamentary questions/letters and constituent queries
- Recruitment, management and training of stagiaires and junior officials

26/06/2014–Present

Vice President & Chief Legal Officer

Fondazione Teatro Massimo, Palermo (Italy)
www.teatromassimo.it

Vice President of the board of directors and Chief Legal Officer of the National Opera House of Palermo. Management of the legal affairs of the Foundation (litigation, contracts, labour law, copyright, entertainment law, tax law etc.)

12/03/2013–11/03/2016

President

Accademia di Belle Arti di Palermo, Palermo (Italy)
www.accademiadipalermo.it

Head of the State Academy of Fine Arts of Palermo and chairman of its board of directors.

17/12/2015–Present

Vice President

Fondazione Manifesta 12, Palermo - Amsterdam (Italy - Netherlands)
www.manifesta.org

Vice President of the board of directors of the body that will organize the 2018 edition of the European Biennial of Contemporary Art

01/12/1999–31/08/2014

Lawyer

Palermo - Milano (Italy)

Civil litigation and consulting activities in the field of private law, commercial law, contracts and public law. Specialist in European law, IT law, Intellectual Property law and Competition law.

01/10/2006–30/09/2012

Temporary Professor of Intellectual Property Law

University of Palermo - Law School, Palermo (Italy)

teach classes; students assessment; scientific research

- 01/06/2005–31/05/2009 **Researcher - Lecturer**
University of Palermo - Law School, Palermo (Italy)
Scientific research; lecturer; writing of papers and essays in the fields of Intellectual Property and Competition Law.
- 15/02/2004–31/10/2008 **Visiting Researcher**
Max Planck-Institute for Intellectual Property and Competition Law, Munich (Germany)
Research on "The IP – Antitrust Conflict in Information Technologies Markets".
- 01/02/2007–31/05/2007 **Legal Advisor**
Ministry for EU Affairs, Rome (Italy)
Draft of the Twinning Project between Italy and Turkey: "Support to the Turkish Police in enforcement of Intellectual and Industrial Property Rights".
- 01/01/2004–31/12/2006 **Researcher**
University of Palermo - Law School, Palermo (Italy)
Research project on "The enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in the EU law and in the Chinese Law".
- 01/11/2000–31/07/2004 **Researcher - Editor**
Federconsumatori (National Consumers' association), Rome (Italy)
Research projects on the "Effects of the liberalization of public utilities services in Europe. The consumers' Rights", and "Counterfeiting and piracy of IP Rights". Co-author of the respective papers.
- 11/08/2003–19/09/2003 **Stagiaire**
World Intellectual Property Organization - WIPO, Ginevra (Switzerland)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 01/10/2001–29/07/2005 **Ph.D. in Private Law - curriculum: Intellectual Property and Competition Law**
University of Pavia - Law School, Pavia (Italy)
- 01/03/2003–29/09/2003 **Master of Laws in Intellectual Property**
University of Turin Law school & WIPO Academy, Turin - Geneva (Italy - Switzerland)
- 01/11/1999–17/12/2001 **Master of Laws in European Law**
University of Palermo - Law School, Palermo (Italy)
- 01/11/1993–29/10/1999 **Master's Degree in Law**
Università of Palermo - Law School, Palermo (Italy)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Italiano

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C2	C1	C1	C1
French	C1	C1	B2	B2	B2
German	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1

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

Communication skills

- Communication and mediation skills, empathetic attitude;
- Team planning, team coordination and team working with cooperative attitude also in multilingual and multicultural contexts;
- Diplomacy, problem solving and self-control;
- Flexibility and adaptation ability to different work contexts;
- Very good public relations and networking skills;
- Good command of intercultural communication;

Organisational / managerial skills

- Leadership, teamwork organisation, management and coordination skills;
- Strong planning skills, problem analysis, problem management and problem solving;
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines; ability to work with specific goals.

Job-related skills

- Diplomacy and mediation skills in multilingual contexts; very good international public relations and intercultural communication

Digital competence

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

Digital competences - Self-assessment grid

Other skills

Author of 21 scientific articles, essays and papers in the field of intellectual property and competition law. Speaker in several national and international scientific and political conferences.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Winner of 9 national and international research awards and scholarships granted by the following institutions: DAAD (Germany), Max-Planck-Institut für Geistiges Eigentum, Wettbewerbs- und Steuerrecht (Germany); IULM University (Milan - Italy), University of Turin (Italy), WIPO (Switzerland); University of Pavia (Italy); University of Palermo (Italy).
- Experienced in scouting with Agesci association (Italian Scout Association)
- Member of the alumni association "Freunde und ehemalige Mitarbeiter des Max-Planck-Instituts für Immaterialgüter- und Wettbewerbsrecht e.V."
- Proficiency both in team sports (football) and individual sports (swimming, trekking and jogging)