

Estelle Balian

FACILITATOR-EVENT PLANNER

INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT (2009- present)

- **European Commission- DG Development and Cooperation (DEVCO):**
 - September 2013 and November 2013: Co-facilitation of two 2-days-seminars (80 and 140 people) organised by DEVCO-Unit B2 for its grant beneficiaries on “management of the project cycle and monitoring of project implementation” for non-state actors and local authorities in Development
 - June 2012: Co-facilitation EC-DG Development and Cooperation (DEVCO) training on Project Cycle Management and Logical Framework Approach.
 - February 2012: Facilitation for DEVCO/Unit2 -one day workshop on the unit’s workplan and workflow.
 - Oct 2011: Co-facilitation (participatory processes) for a seminar organised by DEVCO- Unit B2, for its grant beneficiaries 2010-2011 on “management of the project cycle and monitoring of project implementation” for non-state actors and local authorities in Development
 - **MEDIAN S.C.P.** (<http://median-web.eu/>):
 - Organisation and facilitation of several participatory workshops from 2011 to 2013 for the EU funded project SPIRAL on Science Policy Interfaces for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (<http://www.spiral-project.eu/>) . Coordination of activities on test cases of Science Policy interfaces (interviews, focus groups, policy briefs, etc.)
 - **UNESCO- MAB (Man and Biosphere Programme):**
 - Facilitation of working groups on communication strategy for the 2011 EUROMAB meeting.
 - Organisation and facilitation of a 3-day participatory workshop in 2009 with 100 participants to develop a common vision and strategic planning of the EUROMAB Network.
 - Preparation of a toolkit on participatory methods for UNESCO-EUROMAB Biosphere Reserves
- BELGIAN BIODIVERSITY PLATFORM, Brussels, Belgium (2005- present- part time since 2011)**
- **2007-Present: EPBRs Secretariat:** <http://www.epbrs.org/> (European Platform for Biodiversity Research Strategy)
 - Organization of several EPBRs meetings (3 days- around 50 people) : Slovenia 2008, France 2008, Czech Republic 2009, Sweden 2009, Spain 2009, Hungary 2011, Denmark 2012, Dublin 2013.



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LANGUAGES

Mother tongue: French
Fluent: English
Working knowledge: Spanish

MAIN QUALIFICATIONS

Event organisation
Facilitation
Project Management
Communication and Networking

MAIN FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

Biodiversity and ecosystem services
Climate change
Science Policy Interface
Stakeholders Engagement
Conflict resolution

- Organisation of a participative workshop (100 participants) on a European Network of Knowledge , Brussels, 2009
- 2010 Event coordinator for a large European participatory event gathering 230 participants: "Positive Visions for Biodiversity, November 16-19 2010. <http://www.positivevisionsforbiodiversity.org>

COORDINATOR OF ACTIVITIES FOR ASTS (Association Science Technology, Society) 2004 , Paris, France. Coordinated public workshops/conferences and activities for a public event on sustainable development and environmental issues ("Biennale de l'Environnement" 23 to 26 September 2004; 45,000 visitors.

SCIENTIST- PROJECT MANAGER

BELGIAN BIODIVERSITY PLATFORM:

- **2010-Present: EU funded project BiodiversityKnowledge** (KNEU: <http://www.biodiversityknowledge.org>), Coordinator of the work-package 1 on mapping and analysing the network of knowledge on biodiversity in Europe.
- **2007-2012: ERA-Net BiodivERsA:** Coordinator of the Work-package on communication and database development..
- **2005-2010: Coordinator of the "Freshwater Animal Diversity Assessment (F.A.D.A)" Network.** An international network of taxonomic expertise on freshwater biodiversity.

SCIENCE OFFICER, CNRS- PEVS (Programme Environment, life and Society) & DIVERSITAS (2002-2003), Paris, France. Compiled a Global Assessment of Animal Freshwater Biodiversity.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT (1999-2001), University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA. Research project (Ms. Thesis): "Stem production dynamics of dominant riparian trees in the Pacific Northwest coastal rainforest".

PROJECT ASSISTANT (1998-1999), Steward and Associates (environmental consulting firm), Snohomish, WA, USA. ESA studies on Chinook salmon in Pacific Northwest.

FISHERIES BIOLOGIST (1996-1998), Conseil Supérieur de la Pêche (National Fisheries Council nowadays attached to ONEMA), Clermont-Ferrand, France.

EDUCATION

1999-2001: Master of Science in Aquatic and Fishery Sciences. University of Washington, Seattle, USA. School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences. *Magna cum Laude*. Advisor Dr. R.J. Naiman.

1993-1994: DESS (Specialized Degree) in Water Resources Management. *Summa cum Laude*. University of Caen, France.

1992-1993: Maîtrise in Freshwater Biology and Management. *Magna cum Laude*. University of Clermont-Ferrand, France.

1991-1992: Licence (B.S.) in Cell Biology and Microbiology. *Cum Laude*. University of Clermont-Ferrand, France.

1989-1990: DEUG B (Degree in General Science Studies); University of Saint-Etienne, France

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2012: 1 week Training Art of hosting (world café, open space technology, knowledge café, etc.): <http://www.artofhosting.org/home/>

Trainings at the "Centre pour la formation et l'intervention Psychosociologiques (CFIP)" Brussels, Belgium.

- 2011: 1 week workshop on facilitation of meetings
- 2012: 2 weeks workshop on conflict resolution

SKILLS

Organisational skills:

- Strong drive for achievement
- High aptitude to multi-tasking
- Strategic planning and prioritisation
- Expertise on participatory methodologies
- Result-oriented
- Independent and autonomous work
- Resilience and resistance to stress
- Incessant eagerness to learn and develop new skills and knowledge

Social skills:

- Natural networker
- Solid confidence in my communication skills
- Strong teamwork skills
- Flexibility and strong social confidence for working with others
- Experienced with multicultural collaborations within changing international environments
- Great enthusiasm and energy

REFERENCES UPON REQUEST