

Dear Hiring Team,

I am applying for the Team Leader / Senior Stakeholder Engagement and Event Director position supporting the European Commission's Policy Forum on Development (PFD) and the Global Gateway CSO-LA Advisory Platform.

My background centers on international project design, EU funding management, and multi-stakeholder facilitation across Europe, Italy, and the Western Balkans. As a former UNOPS Staff Member, I have led cross-border initiatives requiring direct liaison between international organizations, public institutions, local authorities, and civil society networks.

My professional experience directly aligns with the key requirements of this role:

- Stakeholder Facilitation & Engagement: I have structured and facilitated complex dialogue processes bringing together civil society organizations, local government representatives, academic bodies, and institutional partners.
- Event & Operational Leadership: As the founder and director of the cross-border festival "Nei Suoni dei Luoghi", I managed technical, operational, and financial coordination across 8 countries, delivering complex international, hybrid, and in-person events.
- Institutional & Policy Alignment: My work involves designing projects compliant with EU international partnership frameworks, working in close coordination with public administration entities and international bodies.

Overview of my specific project portfolios:

- Main Overview: <https://www.massimogabellone.com/en/preview.html>
- Cultural & Event Direction:
https://www.massimogabellone.com/en/portfolio_cultura_preview_en.html
- Civil Society & NGO Engagement:
https://www.massimogabellone.com/en/portfolio_ngo_preview_en.html
- University & Academic Cooperation:
https://www.massimogabellone.com/en/portfolio_universita_preview_en.html

Based in Tirana, I am fluent in English and Italian and available for freelance engagement to provide Team Leader services, technical oversight, and stakeholder management for this contract.

Sincerely,

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