



Monica Frassoni

I was born in Veracruz, Mexico, on September 10, 1963.

After my family moved back to Italy, I attended high school in Brescia, specializing in languages, and later I graduated with a degree in Political Science from the University of Florence. My thesis was on the International relations between the European Union and Latin America. In Florence, in 1983, I became actively involved in the European Federalist Movement and in 1987 I was elected European General Secretary of the European Organisation of Young Federalists (“JEF”), and I moved to Brussels.

From 1991 to 1993 I continued following youth policies, as President of the European Co-ordinating Bureau of Youth' NGOs.

From 1990 until the elections for the European Parliament (EP) in 1999, I worked for the Green/EFA Group in the EP, as an advisor on institutional issues, internal rules and immunity. Working in this environment I concentrated on fighting for a democratic constitution of the European Union, by championing the cause of European citizenship and fundamental rights.

I was elected a member of the EP in Belgium, as part of the Belgian Green Party (ECOLO).

I was a member of the Constitutional Affairs Committee and of the EU-South America Relations and Mercosur Interparliamentary Delegation. I was also a substitute member of the Committee for Citizens' Freedoms and Rights, Justice and Home Affairs and the Delegation to the EU-Cyprus Joint Parliamentary Committee.

In the European elections of June 2004, I was re-elected at the EP with the Italian Greens. I was member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and of the Delegation for relations with Mercosur.

From 2002 to 2009 I was Co-President of the Green/EFA Group in the EP, together with Daniel Cohn-Bendit. In 2006 I was Chief Observer of the EU in the elections observation missions in Venezuela and Bolivia.

From October 2009 I am co-President of the European Green Party with Philippe Lamberts.