



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).

In 1999, I was nominated to the steering committee for the constituency phase of the Italian Greens and then I became a member of the Executive Committee of the Green Party in Italy (Federazione dei Verdi).

In the past legislature, 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 am a member of the Committee on Legal Affairs and of the Delegation for relations with Mercosur. I am also a substitute member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs, of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, of the Delegation for relations with Iran and of the Delegation to the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly.

Since December 2001 I have been Co-President of the Green/EFA Group in the EP, together with Daniel Cohn-Bendit, and therefore I am member of the Conference of Presidents.