

To whom it may concern,

My name is Cristina Álvarez Martínez, I am currently twenty-two years old and I live in Spain. These are facts that you may have already seen in my profile, therefore, with all due respect, I would like to take the advantage that this form of written communication provides me for expressing myself in a more personal and familiar way, so that you can get to know me further than what my curriculum provides.

Ever since I was a little girl, I have always been curious to learn about everything around me: cooking, writing, dancing, animals, cultures, etc. This personality trait of mine led to a hundred different answers to the big question “*what do you want to be when you are older?*”. At eight years old I wanted to be a baker, but some years later I changed my opinion and I was sure I wanted to be an astronaut; nonetheless, once I started high-school and discovered physics I realized that my dream of becoming the first person to live in Mars was only a frustrated dream.

Once I was fourteen years-old I travelled to Ireland in order to study the fourth year of high-school. There, I discovered that life was much more than what I thought up until then; there were other cultures, other perspectives about absolutely everything I could imagine, and I loved realizing that. Ever since then, I have always been willing to learn about other countries’ cultures and traditions.

When I came back to Spain, I passed the Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (C1) and I started my last two years of high-school. In this new era of my life, I discovered my passion for the field of communication, however, given my intrinsic curiosity for understanding how the world works, my passion brought me to enroll in the degree of International Relations.

Throughout these past four years – three in Madrid and one in Milan – I have had the opportunity to understand better how the world works but, above anything else, my college years have taught me that the best professionals do not only learn inside the classrooms of university buildings, but also in events, conferences and working in their own personal projects; so that is what I have been up to since then.

Living my college years as a challenge to learn as much as possible gave me the opportunity to explore diverse areas, not always related to my field of study. It was like this, working for different associations, that I remembered my passion for communication affairs, therefore, this year I decided to take a step forward and specialize in this area by studying a Master in Digital Marketing.

To sum up, I would say I am a passionate and dedicate person, who always puts its best efforts to carry forward the projects which I believe in, and I truly think working for The European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights would be a perfect match for my type of profile.

This vacancy in particular, *Information and Communication Officer – Communication Specialist*, combines perfectly both of my fields of study, international affairs and communication, while it also fulfils my requirement of working in an international environment.

Thank you very much for your time and attention.

Cristina Álvarez.