



## Monica Frassoni

I was born in Veracruz, Mexico.

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 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. In 2006 I was Chief Observer of the EU in the elections observation missions in Venezuela and Bolivia.

From 2002 to 2009 I was co-President of the Green/EFA Group in the European Parliament, with Daniel Cohn-Bendit.

Since October 2009, I am co-President of the European Green Party.