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## About the Author



**Maurizio Abbati** Born in Bologna in 1977, he first attended *Liceo Classico* (Classical High School) and in 2000 he graduated in *Law* at the University *Alma Mater Studiorum of Bologna*, with an experimental *thesis* in *International Commercial Law and Maritime Navigation* prepared at the *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in London* and the *University of Southampton*.

He got two *Second Level Master's Degrees* respectively in *International Relations* and *Environment and Sustainable Development*. Between 2002 and 2006, he attended *workshops* in some of the most famous academic centers in Europe: *The International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics IIIIEE—Lund* (Sweden); *Université de Versailles-Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines—Paris* (France); *Sykli School of Environment—Helsinki* (Finland); *Centro de Estudios Ambientales del Mediterráneo (CEAM)—Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona* (Spain).

This educational root led him to his professional career as *European Manager of the Environmental and Social Sustainability, Project Manager and Auditor ISO 14001*.

In the academic domain he published several essays, among them a specific chapter in *Luca Mezzetti: “La Costituzione delle Autonomie”/The Constitution of Autonomies, Edizioni Giuridiche Simone, Naples, 2004*. He held conferences and courses among which the seminar “*Urban Sustainability and Local Agenda 21: the Ferrara Case Study*” at the *International Venice University*, in July 2009 [in English]; the conference *Environmental Management Systems Boost Green* at the *Italian Cultural Institute of Krakow*, May 2012; and the *lecture* on the same topic at *Jagiellonian University of Krakow, Economy Faculty*, May 2012 [in English].

In the professional field he has successfully completed European projects, held conferences, and has published some articles on *best practice* and on certified *Renewable Energy* and *Joint green public procurement* (for Ferrara Municipality), *Project Intelligent Energy pro-EE, 2009–2010* [in English]; “*5 Passi nella Green Way/Five steps in the Green Way—Green Management at Zero km: Sustainability*

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In particular, the author has been experiencing, for almost 10 years, a multitasking role with advanced communication skills. Consequently, he was able to create a network of international experts operating in different sectors: a selected community whose contributions are included in this manual in “*The interviews with professionals*” part.

After a long training and a careful examination, he got the journalist’s press card and since then he has been working as a freelance *qualified editorial journalist* in the Principality of Monaco, in France, and in Italy.

He has been involved in press projects in the different known languages (English, French, Spanish, and Italian as a mother tongue) writing articles specialized in legal, environmental, sustainable, and communication topics and he is the author of this book on “*Environmental Communication*” also in the Italian version.