SOFIA CHERICI

Investigative journalist with a track record of delivering high-stakes cross-border investigations. Writes about environmental crimes, business malpractices, and state negligence.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Multimedia and Investigative Journalist (freelance)

International publications (e.g. The New Arab, FTM)

2020 – ongoing Remote

Reporter, project manager and coordinator of successful cross-border investigative teams in Europe funded by IJ4EU, CIJI, and Journalism Fund Europe, including:

- **Scrap Wars**: Metal scrap sourced from Syria and Libya's wars feeds Turkey's steel industry, bankrolling warlords and militias. Led to **Lebanon's ban on Syrian scrap import.** Shortlisted: **European Press Prize** and **One World Media**.
- **Built to Fail**: investigating buildings' compliance with seismic codes in Turkey. Ex.releaved the impunity of Turkish public officials for earthquakes deaths.
- **The Green Mirage:** the hidden costs of biomass power plants in Europe.

Programs Manager (freelance)

SIRAJ - Syrian Investigative Reporting for Accountability Journalism Association

May 2026 – ongoing Remote

- Support for strategy and programs management for investigative newsroom

Impact Producer (freelance)

The Examination

Sept 2024 – November 2024 Remote

- Support for impact strategy and outreach for the investigation World of Pain.

Multimedia Journalist (internship)

Collettiva (Italian newsroom)

Sept 2021 – Dec 2021 Rome, IT

- Podcasts, video interviews and reports on foreign politics and workers' rights.

Programme Assistant and Project Manager

Cesvi Tunisia - Libya (INGO)

Feb 2019 – Dec 2019 Tunis, TN and Misrata, LY

Programme Intern

UN Women Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Office

June 2018 – Dec 2018 Istanbul, TR

EDUCATION

M.A. International Development

Sciences Po University, Paris

Sep 2017 – July 2020

B.A. in Culture and Society of Asia and Mediterranean Africa

Ca' Foscari University of Venice

Sep 2014 – June 2017

PORTFOLIO

BEST PUBLISHED STORIES

TRAINING

360/Digital Sherlocks training program: OSINT techniques, deepfakes detection, data visualization
by Atlantic Council (2022)

Data Journalism Training Program
by Dataninja School (2022/2023)

Climate Journalism Fellowship
by The Arena Climate Network (2023)

Podcasting School
by Chora Media (2022)

NEXT-IJ Cross-border Investigative Training Course
by OCCRP (2025)

EXPERTISE

Investigative and Collaborative journalism
Open Source Intelligence - OSINT
Video
FOIA | Public Records
Podcasting
Data: Basic R, Pivot

Project management
Grant writing
Budgeting | Excel
Coordination
Infographics
Impact Strategy

AWARDS

- 2026: **"Scrap Wars" investigative story** was shortlisted for **the European Press Prize and longlisted for One World Media.**
- 2023: **Cross-border investigation shortlisted for the Hostwriter Pitch Prize.**
- 2020: **Winner of Sciences Po-Kuwait Paper Awards** for the **best research article** on the Middle East and the Gulf.

LANGUAGES

English - C2
Italian - Native
French - B2
Arabic/Turkish - B1

