

SC Candidate 2022



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Candidate statement

Equality, labor rights, press freedom and quality jobs are key-words in my own life, because I decided a long time ago journalism is not possible with no equal and no quality jobs. I'm completely sure about every journalist need to be on safe and have covered their basic necessities to do real journalism, defending and practicing press freedom and thinking in our profession as a public good, because it's what I think we are whatever would be property of television, journal, radio, webpage in which we were working.

All kind of precariousness, from low salaries to false freelancers, no collective bargaining, no copyright rights or censorship are principal topics who we need to fight, over my point of view, always having gender and youth perspective because they are the most precarious collective in Journalism.

I want to still working to care our young journalist offering them future with good salary, copyrights, safety, guarantee for work in a real press freedom environment; to offer our old colleagues good conditions to be retired and to look on the eyes to my women colleagues to claim all of them never more the need to elect between to be mother, editor in chief, war correspondent, economical or sports editor or to be journalists.

We have too much work to do, Let's work!

CV

- 1996-2001 (from 1 July to 15 September every single summer): Intern in Diario Palentino (Palencia) doing unpaid journalist work from correcting texts to coordinating the province journal department (with four graduate journalists in).
- September 2001 - March 2002: Correspondent for Diario Palentino in Venta de Baños (Palencia), with half a contract, half a category and complete work (I was alone, with no photographer, in that office).
- March 2002 - October 2002: National and news agencies editor in Diario Palentino.
- October 2002 - October 2003: Political issues editor and coordinator on regional department in La Tribuna de Toledo (Toledo).
- October 2003 - Until now: Political, construction, military, and transport issues editor

in ICAL (Valladolid), a regional news agency in Castilla y León (Spain).

BIO

Journalist and unionist half and a half, I was born in Palencia (Spain) in 1975. I lived and studied there until 1995 when I moved to Salamanca to study Journalism Degree in Pontificia University.

After that I returned to Palencia to start to work in different positions in Diario Palentino, then moved to Toledo, to work on La Tribuna; came back to Castilla y León to work in ICAL regional news agency, where my journalist work is actually.

In 2007 I moved to Madrid to work in CCOO to start to build Media Sector on this industrial union, the biggest socio-political organization in Spain, with more than 950.000 affiliates,

230.000 on Citizen Services Federation, in which actually I'm Institutional Affairs responsive and FSC-CCOO Journalist Association co-chair.

UNION CAREER

I have been a union delegate for the first time in Diario Palentino, when I only had six service months in the journal, minimum time to be union delegate in the Spanish labor law. There weren't any bands in the first-aid kit, and any answer when you asked for your labor rights so

I decided to help solve that kind of problem. I became a member Union when my company moved me to Toledo.

I was a candidate as union delegate in La Tribuna de Toledo too but my company offered to move me to Valladolid, nearest to my family and friends and I said yes, and in only 6 months more I became a union delegate again in ICAL.

When I came back to Valladolid, the FSC-CCOO Journalist Association chair in Castilla y León contacted me again because she wanted to be retired... It was a really good time, and she is in my mind every day because half of the unionist I became, it's because of her. I'm a really lucky person because I have met really good unionists on my way.

After 5 years improving my negotiating, unionism, institutional and organization skill I moved to Madrid in 2007 to start to organize Media Sector in FSC-CCOO, and after survive the most horrible year and a half for employment and right on the Spanish media sector, my union decided change my position and I was working in my confederation for 3,5 years as deputy secretary in Sectorial Political issues.

In December 2012 I came back to the Media Sector in FSC-CCOO where I was organization, budget, international and Journalist Association responsive until may 2017, when I became Institutional responsive in the whole FSC-CCOO, position I'm doing now. In this period I was a member in Digital, Copyrights and vice-chair in Labor EFJ Expert Groups.

Since 2019 I am the vice-president of the EFJ and although the last three years were very hard because of the pandemic and then the war in Ukraine, I want to be the vice-president of the federation again because now more than ever there is a lot of work to do.

I do not understand life without fighting for better conditions for journalists and I believe that I must not stop working to make EFJ the reference point in the fight for freedom of expression and journalists' labor rights and to protect journalists inside and outside Europe.