

## Michelle Armstrong



Michelle is a European policy and funding programme specialist and has worked in this field of expertise for the last 7 years. In addition to being contracted to the East of England Local Government Association as a EU Connects Project Associate, Michelle is also contracted to National Government as a Territorial Facilitator for the 2 Seas Cross Border Programme, where she advises on various technical aspects of Cross Border project development. Michelle has worked with numerous organisations in developing effective European partnership applications, as well as facilitating the subsequent effective delivery of multi-million pound projects.

Prior to setting up her own consultancy service in 2010, Michelle worked for over four years as a Senior European Policy and Programmes Officer for the East of England Local Government Association working closely with local government representatives, broader regional stakeholders as well as national government in responding to policy positions and promoting increased access to funding opportunities. Michelle was responsible for representing the East of England Local government position in the development of the two new Maritime Cross Border Programmes back in 2007/8 taking a leading role in multi-national working groups. Michelle also led regional involvement in various pan-European lobbying and project development networks, namely the North Sea Commission and the Conference for Peripheral and Maritime Regions.

Before moving to the East of England region, Michelle worked for the European Centre for Minority Issues in Germany, developing programmes and various project applications in the field of economic development, social inclusion and good governance models. Prior to this experience, Michelle held a research-based position at the European Inter-Parliamentary Assembly for Security and Defence of the Western European Union in Paris.

In addition to working for such European institutions, Michelle has taught English in the ESCP-EAP European Business School in Paris and was awarded her Honours degree in European Studies as well as her Masters Qualification in European Project Development, Negotiation and Evaluation from La Sorbonne University in France. With a passion for travel, languages and cultures, Michelle is a fluent speaker of French and German.