

## **Maria Santonastaso**

Born on 14/08/1978 in Vittorio Veneto, Treviso  
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Based in Beijing since 2006, I have started my career in the humanitarian/development cooperation sector, having worked for the United Nations (UNHCR/UNDESA) and for the Italian Cooperation (Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Embassy of Italy in Beijing). While working at the Italian Embassy, I have been coordinating the healthcare projects promoted by the Italian Cooperation in Tibet, Inner Mongolia, Liaoning, Sichuan, and Beijing.

Since 2012, I work for the Dedalus Group, global leader in the Healthcare IT sector.

Dedalus China Managing Director since 2018, I am in charge of the Country operations and run two Healthcare IT companies in China, the Beijing-based Dedalus China and the Heilongjiang-based Sunway Software.

My educational background includes a Bachelor in Oriental Languages and Civilizations (Specialization in Chinese language and Oriental Philosophies and Religions) at Ca' Foscari University (Venice), a Master's degree in human Rights and Conflict Management at Sant Anna School of Advanced Studies (Pisa), and an Executive MBA at Hult/Ashridge Business School (Boston/London/Shanghai), with specialization in Marketing & Entrepreneurship.

Dedalus was among the founding members of the CICC Healthcare Working Group, for which I have been covering the position of Coordinator from 2018 to 2022.