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Profile

Empathetic and curious designer with a collaborative mindset, creative thinking, and a flexible approach to problem-solving. Elisa works best where research, people, and design meet, deeply caring about thoughtful and human-centred solutions that have a long-lasting effect on both end users and design teams. She is of Italian origin, 24 years old, and readily available to strengthen your team.

EDUCATION

2025 – 2026
Mechelen, Belgium

Design | Space and Service Design Postgraduate
Thomas More Hogeschool

- Applied user-centred research and co-creation methods to live social design challenges.
- Prototyped service and spatial solutions for real clients aligned with UN SDGs.
- Built cross-cultural collaboration and project management skills in international teams.

2021 – 2024
Genoa, Italy

Product & Communication Design | Bachelor's degree
Università degli Studi di Genova

- Built skills in product design, visual communication, materials, and user-centred design.
- Developed design skills through labs, workshops, prototyping, web, and sustainability projects.
- Thesis on Material.Data, a digital library for materials across design and engineering.

2017 – 2021
Genova, Italy

Design Art | Highschool Degree
Paul Klee Barabino

- Applied industrial production methods, technical drawing, and 3D modelling tools.
- Designed ergonomic products and interiors using virtual, standard, and 3D techniques.
- Prototyped finished and semi-finished objects for product and interior design contexts.

EXPERIENCES

Summer 2026
2 months
Antwerp, Belgium

Service Design Intern
Gutsy | Dog-food start-up

- Conducted user research to understand customer needs and satisfaction.
- Contributed to service-design concepts and customer-experience improvements.
- Created graphic-design materials to support communication and the brand experience.

2026
3 months
Leuven / Brussels

Cafeteria Employee
Lloyd Coffee Eatery

- Opened and closed the cafeteria, restocked products, prepared juices, welcomed and served guests, took orders, and managed the dishwashing area.

2026
Mechelen, Belgium

Service Design Intern
Circulaire Innovatie Laboratorium

- Prototyped a digital material library and catalogue for clients and production staff.
- Researched inventory needs and designed a scalable warehouse classification system.
- Supported prototyping, material research, and operations in a circular textile environment.

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2025 – 2026
Mol, Belgium

Service Design | Capstone Project
APB Provinciaal Recreatiedomein Zilvermeer

- Researched Zilvermeer and the Province of Antwerp to map the client context and structure.
- Created sketches, drafts, light renders, personas, and service blueprints for new concepts.
- Co-developed new services, spatial ideas, and a playground in a cross-cultural design team.

PERSONAL SKILLS

The five characteristics that most distinguish me in my work environment:

- Problem solving
- Empathy
- Curiosity
- Creative thinking
- Flexibility

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- Web development (UX/UI)
- Travelling and discovering new cultures
- Sketching and drawing by hand
- Environmental sustainability and new materials
- Eco-design and co-living
- Scouting and volunteering activities

SOFTWARE & TOOLS

Adobe InDesign – Excellent
Adobe Illustrator – Excellent
Adobe Photoshop – Good
Microsoft Office Suite – Excellent
Rhinoceros 7 & V-Ray – Excellent
Adobe Premiere Pro – Basic
Figma – Excellent
Web development – Good

LANGUAGES

Italian	Native	English	Fluent
Dutch	Basic understanding	French	Basic understanding