

Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

15th of July - ongoing research fellow in Analytica - a non-profit independent institution. Responsible for the EU Approximation and Integration Advocacy Programme. Main tasks include: doing research, writing policy briefs and papers on themes connected to the EU Integration of Macedonia and the Western Balkans; promoting ideas and policy solutions for issues connected to the EU Integration; cooperation with the government and its institutions, as well as the EU Mission in Skopje, the other international organisations and local civil society organisations for successful completion of the EU Integration Process in Macedonia and wider in the region; managing different projects; organising and attending seminars, conferences, workshops, etc.

10th of April 2009 - 30th of June 2009 internship at Analytica, a non-profit, independent research institution in Skopje Macedonia. Main task included doing a research on a certain topic. Daily duties included desktop research on certain topics, doing interviews and surveys, writing monthly newsletters, etc.

August 2008 - February 2009 - internship in the Technology Transfer Centre in Bremerhaven Germany (Technologie Transfer Centrum, TTZ Bremerhaven). Worked as a project manager assistant at the Environmental Institute (Umwelt Institut) on EU Projects which were mostly dealing with environmental issues and renewable energies.

December 2007 - assistant in organising seminar: *Alumni Expert Seminar; Globalization and the EU: How Europe fights global warming, saves jobs and protects social security*. Organisator: Dr. Monika Blaschke, International Graduate Centre, Hochschule Bremen, Germany.

February-August 2007 assistant in "VIP Agency Consulting" Ltd. Skopje, Macedonia - worked on a UNDP project called *Self-employment 2007*. The goal of the project was to reduce poverty and unemployment and support business start-ups by assisting vulnerable groups among unemployed to become self-employed/open family businesses, as described in the Governmental Operational Plan on Employment (OPE) for 2007.

EDUCATION

26.09.2008 Master Degree in European Studies (grade 1,62)

2007-2008 Post-graduate studies at Hochschule Bremen Germany, Master in European Studies M.A. (European Private and Public Management)

21.06.2006 Bachelors Degree in Political Science

2002-2006 Undergraduate studies at the Faculty of Law "Justinianus Primus "-Skopje, Department of Political Science; average grade 9, 52 out of ten

1998-2002 Public Secondary School of Economic and Law "Vasil Antevski-Dren"-Skopje, graduated with honors

PRACTICE WORK

2006 Successfully completed the course: *Process of EU Enlargement* held at the European Winter University 16-27 January. Grade: B; Credits: 2, 5.

2005 Successfully completed practical tuition in the General Secretariat by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, according to the curriculum of the Secretariat itself.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS

2003-2006 Ministry of Education, Scholarship for talented students

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English, Serbian and German

SKILLS

Organization and communication skills, experience in team-work and organizing seminars, as well as in developing and assessing projects, highly motivated, pro-active, competitive, resourceful, flexible, creative, etc;

Microsoft Word and Excel, PowerPoint and Internet user skills.