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● WORK EXPERIENCE

07/2020 – CURRENT – Vienna, Austria

ECONOMIST – The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw)

- Ecological economics, international trade, European policy

2016 – 2020 – Ljubljana, Slovenia

PROJECT MANAGER – Circular Change, Institute for Circular Economy

- Expert work on projects; oversaw administration, communication, content writing
- Co-author of the Roadmap: Towards the Circular Economy in Slovenia in 2018 with dr. Janez Potočnik and Ladeja Godina Košir
- Team leader for organisation, technical preparation finance, partnerships for the International Circular Change Conference in 2018 and 2019 featuring 400 participants and over 50 speakers
- Project manager for EFFECTIVE (GA 792195, backed by H2020/BBI-JU): Wrote project's Communication and Dissemination plan
- Prepared applications for H2020/EU tenders
- Speaking opportunities at international events in 6 countries, several domestic events
- Expert contribution to studies by Boston Consulting Group (2019), acatech and Sistemiq (2019)
- Designed and co-led workshop on circular economy Roadmap in Serbia for UNDP

2018 – Maribor, Slovenia

TEACHING ASSISTANT, MASTER PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OF SMART CITIES – DOBA Business School

Courses taught: Economics of Future Cities, Public Policy, Smart and Sustainable Mobility Systems

- Prepared and graded study assignments, lectured via webinars, mentoring students, technical support for e-learning

2018 – Maribor, Slovenia

ASSISTANT LECTURER, MASTER PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT OF SMART CITIES – DOBA Faculty of Applied Business and Social Studies

- Designing and grading study assignments
- Lecturing via webinars, organizing guest lectures
- Courses taught: Economics of Future Cities, Public Policy, Smart and Sustainable Mobility Systems

2017 – 2018 – Maribor, Slovenia

BUSINESS DEVELOPER – G-Whisper d.o.o.

- Business model development for innovative green hydro-tech products
- Prepared Strategic Business Plan

2017 – Maribor, Slovenia

TRAINEE – Institute for Ecological Engineering, d.o.o.

- Prepared public tender and H2020 applications
- Authored research paper “Wastewater Sludge Treatment and the Circular Economy”
- Managed communication with international partners
- Administrative assistant to the CEO

2014 – Amsterdam, Netherlands

INTERN IN FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT – Metabolic

- Assistant to the CFO
- Developed budget projections, financial planning tools
- Co-developed circular business models for experimental products
- Team leader for designing and implementing an internal multi-level impact assessment study
- Researched urban sustainability, impact investment and clean-tech development

2013 – 2014 – Ljubljana, Slovenia

RESEARCH ASSISTANT – Wotra d.o.o.

- Conducted interviews and wrote report on the impact of EU Directive on consumer bank credits for a research project

● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

2014 – 2016 – Vienna, Austria

Master of Science in Socio-Ecological Economics and Policy – Vienna University of Economics and Business,

- In-depth knowledge of Environmental policy, Globalization and Multi-level policy, Climate change adaptation models, International environmental governance, Institutional economics, Complexity theory, Agent-based modelling, Qualitative research methods
- Master thesis: “The Political Economy of Sustainable Palm Oil: The Institutional Impact of the European Union’s Renewable Energy Directive on the Governance of Palm Oil in Indonesia”.

2016 – Yogyakarta, India

Study and Research exchange programme Erasmus+ – Gadjah Mada University, Faculty of Economics and Business

- Empirical research on palm oil

2010 – 2014 – Ljubljana, Slovenia

Bachelor of Science in International Economics – University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Economics

- In depth knowledge of International economics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, European monetary system, Finance and Quantitative research methods in economics
- Tutor for Macroeconomics in 2012 and 2013.

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Study exchange programme Erasmus – University of Amsterdam, School of Economics and Business

Classes on Finance, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Public Economics

● **ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONOURS**

2016

Graduated with Honours

2014 – 2015

Awarded the Merit-based scholarship for academic excellence

2012 – 2013

Dean's Award for outstanding academic performance

● **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): **SLOVENIAN**

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
GERMAN	C1	B2	C1	C1	B2
SERBIAN	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
CROATIAN	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
BAHASA INDONESIA	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● DIGITAL SKILLS

Power Point | Microsoft Excel | STATA (Intermediate) | NetLogo | Visual PROMETHEE | S
PSS software | Vensim

● OTHER SKILLS

Skills and experience

- Extensive knowledge of circular economy as theoretical and practical concept, policy frameworks for circular economy, business model development
- Qualitative research methods methods: statistical analysis and basic econometrics
- Qualitative research methods and analysis: expert interviews, semi-structured and structured interviews
- Using various methods used in environmental policy such as systems modelling, agent-based modelling, multi-criteria assessment, environmental valuation, participatory decision-making
- Theoretical foundations in multi-level policy
- Experience with public speaking, lecturing, workshops
- Working in multicultural environments, start-up culture
- Project management, experience with tenders, EU projects
- Communication and dissemination: website design, writing content, social media
- Leading project teams
- Event management

● PUBLICATIONS

As author:

- Godina Košir, L., Potočnik, J., Korpar, N. (2018). Roadmap Towards the Circular Economy in Slovenia. Ministry for the Environment and Spatial Planning, Republic of Slovenia: Ljubljana.
- Korpar, N., Godina Košir, L., Giacomelli, J. (2017). Inside the Regions of Slovenia. Ministry for the Environment and Spatial Planning, Republic of Slovenia: Ljubljana.
- Korpar, N. (2017). The Political Economy of Sustainable Palm Oil: The Institutional Impact of the European Union's Renewable Energy Directive on the Governance of Palm Oil in Indonesia. Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien: Vienna.

As expert contributor:

- Weber, M. & Stuchtey, M. (2019). Pathways towards a German Circular Economy. Lessons from European Strategies. Preliminary Study. Acatech: München.
- Meyer zum Felde, A. et al. (2019). A Circular Solution to Plastic Waste. Boston Consulting Group.

● **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

2019 – Milwaukee, St. Louis, USA

Post Carbon Cities of Tomorrow by Ecologic Institute US

2019 – Arandjelovac, Serbia

Workshop on Circular Economy Roadmaps by UNDP

2018 – Madrid, Spain

Seminar on National Strategies on Circular Economy

2018 – Athens, Greece

Re-turn to the tap conference

Brussels, Belgium

Workshop on guidance on cascading use of woody biomass by European Commission

2018 – Ljubljana, Slovenia

Green Building Council conference

2018 – Ljubljana, Slovenia

SDBP conference

2018 – Hainburg, Austria

Future of EU Environmental Policy

2017 – Ljubljana, Slovenia

Eurocities