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**Professional – Managerial Experience**

**Date and Year** March 2015 - ongoing  
**Location:** Mitrovica  
**Name of Institution:** International Business College Mitrovica (IBCM)  
**Position:** Vice - Rector for International Cooperation, Projects, Innovation and Scientific Research  
**Detailed job description:** Coordination of International cooperation, innovation and scientific research

- Professor of the following courses:
- Agriculture and resource policy (Master)
- Sustainable Agricultural Management (Master, Bachelor)
- Food Security and Natural Resources (Bachelor)
- Natural Resource Management (Bachelor)

Key teaching methodology: from theory to practice / project-based learning / problem-based learning / research-based learning.

**Date and Year** October 2021 – June 2023  
**Location:** Mitrovica  
**Name of Institution:** ENACTA & IBCM  
**Position:** Teaching Staff  
**Detailed job description:** [Jean Monnet Module in Best European Practices in Environment and Agriculture](#), The Jean Monnet Module in Best European Practices in Environment and Agriculture – ENACT consist of 3 courses:

- Environmental and agriculture legislation of the EU
- **Agri-Environmental economics and sustainable growth: EU practice**
- Nature protection and environmental impact assessment in EU

**Date and Year** October 2022 – November 2023  
**Location:** Prizren  
**Name of Institution:** University “Ukshin Hoti” Prizren, Faculty of Life and Environmental Science  
**Position:** Head of educational affairs at Agribusiness Management MSc Programme  
**Detailed job description:** - The head of Education of the Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences has the duty to follow the educational process, monitor their realization, advise the dean on the research activities and proposals, and propose the schedule of lectures and exams, as well as other field trips and educational activities.

**10. Professional – Managerial Experience**

**Date and Year** January 2023 -  
**Location:** Prizren  
**Name of Institution:** University “Ukshin Hoti” Prizren, Faculty of Life and Environmental Science  
**Position:** Assoc. Prof. Dr. Group subjects in Agribusiness Department  
**Detailed job description:** Theory and practices in subjects;

- Integrated Rural Development
- Economics
- Agricultural Financial Management
- EU Common Agricultural Policy

**Date and Year** October 2017 – January 2023  
**Location:** Prizren  
**Name of Institution:** University “Ukshin Hoti” Prizren, Faculty of Life and Environmental Science  
**Position:** Prof. Ass. Dr. Group subjects in Agribusiness Department

*Detailed job description:* Theory and practices in subjects;  
 - Economics  
 - Agricultural Financial Management  
 - EU Common Agricultural Policy

**Date and Year** March 2023 – January 2024

*Location:* Prishtina

*Name of Institution:* FAO

*Position:* Floods Response Local Coordinator

*Detailed job description:*

- A work plan with sequencing of its implementation
- Support the design and development of the survey questionnaire
- Supervise the field testing of questionnaires for the assigned enumerators
- supervise and coordinate movement of assigned enumerators, ensure daily targets for quantity and quality are met
- Ensure assigned teams are ready and fully equipped for data collection
- Monitor and supervise daily activities of enumerators, including daily quality control checks of data collected
- Support the analysis and interpretation of assessment results, in particular to prioritize the needs caused by floods, ensuring that resources are allocated effectively and efficiently to address the most pressing issues.
- A list with potential supplier of the goods and inputs
- Technical specifications for the inputs to be purchased
- Report on the criteria for beneficiary selection
- Draft LoA for the NGO involvement
- Report on beneficiary selection
- Report on distribution of the inputs and monitoring of the beneficiaries
- Draft project activities report
- End of assignment report

**Date and Year** June 2022 – February 2024

*Location:* Kosovo – Italy

*Name of Institution:* CIHEAM BARI - ITALY

*Position:* Country Manager/ Scientific expert

*Detailed job description:*

**Project title: Building Resilient food system in the Mediterranean area**

- Development and enhancement of the SFS MED platform;
- Establishment of interregional working groups for round tables and meetings;
- Exchange of innovation and best models;
- Data collection and systematization in the SFS MED Platform;
- Advocacy and lobbying actions at regional level;
- Identification of locally produced foods closest to the Mediterranean Diet;
- Identification of international certification systems and standards;
- Consumer awareness campaign;
- Dissemination of project results through visibility actions.

**Date and Year** June 2021 – June 2023

*Location:* Prishtina – Bordeaux

*Name of Institution:* University of Prizren, Faculty of Life and Environmental Science & Bordeaux Science Agro & Intereco – International

*Position:* National Coordinator

*Detailed job description:*

**Project title: University training VINE & WINE France-Kosovo**

- Organizing and managing project activities,
- Promoting the wine sector,
- Organizing webinars, seminars, and training related to wine and enology,
- Organizing meetings with stakeholders in the wine sector,
- Organizing field visits, vineyards, winemakers,
- Reviewing the FLES curricula,

**Date and Year** June 2022 – September 2022

*Location:* Mitrovice

*Name of Institution:* Municipality of Mintrovica

*Position:* Senior Expert on Rural Development

*Detailed job description:* Preparation of the Municipal Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development 2023-2027

- Desk research,
- Collecting field data,
- Conduct workshops/seminars using PRA, RRA, and World Cafe approach,
- Quantitative and qualitative analysis,
- Conduct debates and discussions with involved stakeholders,
- Presenting results,
- Drafting and finalizing the strategy,

**Date and Year** May 2022 – September 2022

*Location:* Prizren (RKS) –Sofia (BG)

*Name of Institution:* University of Prizren, Faculty of Life and Environmental Science & University of National and World Economy & JICA

*Position:* Scientific Expert

*Detailed job description:* Project title: Strengthening Capacity and Competitiveness of Rural SMEs in Kosovo; Financed under the Bulgarian Development Aid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bulgaria, in Cooperation with JICA, Japan Partner from Kosovo: University of Prizren, Kosovo

- The main tasks were related to:
- Organising roundtables on problems in front of rural SMS-s
- Discussion on problems and barriers that entrepreneurs and managers of SMEs face; possible ways to remove /overcome existing barriers,
- Delivering training in management skills of managers of rural SMEs from Kosovo;
- Support and improving the institutional communication between the agencies for small and medium enterprises from Bulgaria and Kosovo;
- Exchange of experience and establishing contacts between project participants;
- Integration with JICA activities in the Balkans;
- Organising SV to Bulgaria

**Date and Year** 18 May 2018 – 02 July 2022

*Location:* Prishtina

*Name of Institution:* Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development (MAFRD)

*Position:* CEO of Agency for Agriculture Development/IPARD Paying Agency

- Detailed job description:*
- Management of Directorate,
  - Implementation of Controls and Reporting on the area of work
  - Coordination activities for legal affairs, common affairs, human resources and document management,
  - Preparation of Legal acts of the Agency,
  - Coordination of activities for supporting common operations of Agency, i.e. financial resources, human resources, material resources, logistics,
  - Coordination of activities for financial planning, planning of material resources and purchases and implementation of public procurement,
  - Human resources management

**Date and Year** May 2009 - June 2019

*Location:* Prishtina

*Name of Institution:* University "Hasan Prishtina" Prishtina- Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary

*Position:* Group subjects in Agricultural Economics Department

- Detailed job description:*
- Theory and practices in subjects;
  - Regional and Managerial Economics,
  - Economic Valuation of Market Goods and Natural Resources
  - Food Security and Natural Resources,
  - International Markets and trade policy
  - Agriculture and food policy

**Date and Year** September 2018 – August 2019

*Location:* Pristine

*Name of Institution:* PANGEA

*Position:* Country Expert

*Detailed job description:* **JRC/SVQ/2018/D.4/0008/NC Food quality standards and participation of farmers in modern supply chains in the Western Balkans (Food Quality-WB),**

- Study research regarding the following fields: Vegetables (tomatoes), Livestock (milk) distribution and retail sectors, quality standards for consumers and the way these standards are passed on the farmers.
- MVC analysis,
- Sample selection, drafting questionnaire, testing questionnaire,
- Conducting the survey about the modern value chain on the above sectors - potentially involves standards for the production, certifications,

**Date and Year** January 2012 – May 2018

*Location:* Prishtina

*Name of Institution:* Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development (MAFRD)

*Position:* Director of Department for Economic Analysis and Agricultural Statistics

*Detailed job description:*

- Manage the staff and operations of the Economic Analysis and Agriculture Statistics Department (EAASD)
- Prepare annual budgets for the operation of the EAASD and manage the operating budget
- Recruit, hire, supervise, train and regularly evaluate professional staff
- Conduct activities related to research and structuring of economic analysis; Conduct activities related to research and structuring of sectorial analyses of agro-rural sector. Provides data and analysis to support the economic development programs supported by Ministry and preparation of other related measures;
- Preparation of annual Green Report for development of structural changes in agriculture sector;
- Forecast, organize and prepare analytical systems required for the work of the Ministry in meeting the EU admission requirements and in conformity with CAP and other EU standards and procedures;
- Conduct Analysis for cost of production and costs investment for certain crops;
- Conduct analysis in food value chain Evaluation of Ministry programs in line with MAFRD's preparations for EU accession;
- Foresee scenarios / perspectives of agricultural rural development;
- Processing and collecting of agricultural statistics, organization and development of FADN and AMIS and AIIS;
- Cooperates closely with the Department for Agricultural Policy and Trade, management authority, Agriculture Development Agency and advisory services.

**Date and Year** February 2018 – February 2021

*Location:* Mitrovica

*Name of Institution:* **IBC-M /EC - Erasmus+ project 'Creating Theory to Practice Centers for Innovation and Employment', Project No: 586347-EPP-1-2017-1-XK-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP**

*Position:* Key Expert/ Leader Component "Experts Network" WP1. activity 1.3 & WP2. Activity 2.1.4.

*Detailed job description:*

- The establishment of Theory to Practice Centers are a key objective of the project and are a significant mechanism in creating sustainable partnership between the stakeholders. The new centres will bring together more than 120 local teaching staff from six partner institutions in Kosovo engaged in peer learning activities, 189 participants in individual mobility, more than 500 students benefiting from updated courses and lifelong education studies and 450 researchers and business professionals at the conferences.
- The project will reach out to 20,000 persons engaged in higher education and economy in Kosovo and abroad (through its professional dissemination). Furthermore, the project includes increasing professional capacities of staff within IBCM and partnering Higher Education Institutions while also working directly with the private sector to build long-term cooperation.
- Additional outcomes include the modernisation and innovation of existing educational programmes while also updating and creating new courses where skill mismatches have been identified.

**Date and Year** December - 2017 – October – 2018

*Location:* Prishtina

*Name of Institution:* FAO & MAFRD

*Position:* National Coordinator

- Detailed job description:*
- Preparing project proposal and ToR,
  - Recruiting project staff,
  - Preparing the study methodology and selecting sample, commenting questionnaire
  - Managing and coordinating all activities between partners (MAFRD – FAO-University – local staff) related to commercialization of smallholder farms in Kosovo for setting the policy course on how to support semi-subsistence farmers in Kosovo,
  - Quality assurances of the project documents

**Date and Year** May 2015- January 2018

*Location:* Prishtina

*Name of Institution:* **CIHEAM/IAM Bari, KosAgri Project**

*Position:* National Coordinator

- Detailed job description:*
- Managing and coordinating all activities between partners (MAFRD - IAMB - University - local staff).
  - Preparation of official documents
  - Quality assurance of project documents,
  - Approval of project reports,
  - Italian Cooperation Project - Strengthening the Kosovo Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Rural Development for the improvement of the vegetable production according to EU standards"
  - The project aims to support and strengthen the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, its departments and services for the adoption of measures improving the economic development of the communities living in the rural areas according to EU standards.
  - The main activities are: Implementation and harmonization with EU standards of the legislative measures in the field of plant protection, organic and food safety sectors.
  - Rehabilitation of the public laboratories for pest diagnosis and chemical analysis.
  - Strengthening of the National Plant Protection Service;
  - Selection at sanitary and clonal levels of the native plum, apple and grapevine varieties;
  - Development of the nursery activity at national level Strengthening of the extension service of MAFRD

**Date and Year** March – June 2017

*Location:* Prishtina

*Name of Institution:* GIZ & MAFRD

*Position:* National Coordinator

- Detailed job description:*
- Preparing project proposal and ToR,
  - Recruiting project staff,
  - Preparing the study methodology, selecting sample, commenting questionnaire
  - Managing and coordinating all activities between partners (MAFRD – GIZ-IAMO – local staff) related to study on Rural Migration in Kosovo.
  - The study deals with the causes and effects of international migration from rural areas in Kosovo. A particular focus is placed on the 2014/2015 migration wave,
  - Quality assurances of the project documents

**Date and Year** April – July 2017

*Location:* Mitrovica

*Name of Institution:* IBCM & HELP

*Position:* Local Expert

- Detailed job description:*
- Contract for the implementation of vocational training / agricultural consultations (field visits) ("Support to socio-economic stability through strengthening the micro-business sector in Kosovo").

**Date and Year** February – April 2016

*Location:* Mitrovica

*Name of Institution:* IBCM & HELP

*Position:* Local Expert

*Detailed job description:*

- Agriculture Trainings - implementation of good agricultural practices,
- Project: Supporting Socio-Economic Stability through Strengthening the Micro Business Sector in Kosovo,
- Classroom training,
- Field visits and counseling,

**Date and Year** February - December 2016

*Location:* Prishtina

*Name of Institution:* FAO & MAFRD

*Position:* National Coordinator

*Detailed job description:*

- Preparing project proposal and ToR,
- Recruiting project staff,
- Preparing the study methodology and selecting sample, commenting questionnaire
- Managing and coordinating all activities between partners (MAFRD – FAO-University – local staff) related to three different studies on VCA, (Value chain analysis for vegetables, soft fruits, grape and vine,)
- Quality assurances of the project documents

**Date and Year** February - December 2014

*Location:* Prishtina

*Name of Institution:* FAO & MAFRD

*Position:* National Coordinator

*Detailed job description:*

- Preparing project proposal and ToR,
- Recruiting project staff,
- Preparing study methodology and selecting sample to identify support measures linking local agricultural production with the domestic market.
- Managing and coordinating all activities between partners (MAFRD – FAO-University – local staff) in preparing the policy recommendations to the MAFRD policy and decision makers.
- Quality assurances of the project documents

**Date and Year** May – June 2011 & May – June 2012

*Location:* Prishtina

*Name of Institution:* Regional Development Agency – Center

*Position:* Short Term Local Expert

*Detailed job description:*

Responsible to prepare the whole application file for the respective beneficiaries to apply for respective call for proposal or support other potential applicants on specific topics related to the EURED GS.

1. Preparation of the whole application file including Concept Note;
2. Review and finalization of:
  - o Activities Description
  - o Methodology
  - o Action Plan
  - o Sustainability Justification
  - o Budget
  - o Logical Framework
  - o PADOR registration

- According to the ToR as additional input required was to update “RDA Centre Implementation Strategy Plan 2011-2013”.

**Date and Year** April – May 2012

*Location:* Prishtina

*Name of Institution:* Meridian Cooperation; & Alpina

*Position:* Local Expert

*Detailed job description:*

Responsible to prepare the whole application file for two different local private companies: Meridian Corporation LLC and Alpina L.L.C to apply to the Rural Grants for respective call for proposal on specific topics related (Lot 4: Targeting Cereals Sub-Sector and Lot 2: Milk sub sector). Preparation of the whole application file including



Concept Note;

Review and finalization of:

- Concept note
- Activities Description
- Methodology
- Action Plan
- Sustainability Justification
- Budget
- Logical Framework
- PADOR registration

<b>Date and Year</b>	2009 – 2016
<i>Location:</i>	Prishtina
<i>Name of Institution:</i>	Kosovo Institute of Public Administration
<i>Position:</i>	Senior Expert
<i>Detailed job description:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Providing the training modules in field of local economic development, during the training was explored the relation between local development and structural change and the factors that make the businesses of a certain municipalities competitive in a national economy, with particular attention given to the role of business clusters in the establishment of competitive advantage and the importance of small firms in local development.</li> <li>- The training is dedicated to municipalities directors from all over Kosovo, and the goal of training is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To highlight the relation between structural change and the local economy;</li> <li>- To explore the factors that make businesses operating in a certain municipalities competitive in the national market and beyond;</li> <li>- To pinpoint the role of business clusters in the establishment of competitive advantage;</li> <li>- To assess how policy intervention can help and sustain the development of economic activities in order to obtain locally ingrained economic development, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Date and Year</b>	March 2013 – Decembre 2014
<i>Location:</i>	Prishtinë – Irnding (AT) – Porec (HR)
<i>Name of Institution:</i>	Höhere Bundeslehr- und Forschungsanstalt für Landwirtschaft Raumberg-Gumpenstein - International Cooperation Project between Austria, Croatia and Kosovo
<i>Position:</i>	Team Leader / National Coordinator
<i>Detailed job description:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Project Name: Sustainable Agriculture in the light of European environmental targets</b></li> <li>- The main objective was to jointly develop instruments and tools on how to increase the agricultural production, taking into account the environmental aspects in Kosovo and help young researchers in Kosovo to cognize the need and advantages of a sustainable agricultural approach.</li> <li>- The acquisition and evaluation of resources, potentials and structures for the development of multifunctional agriculture in KOSOVO Promotion of innovative, networked and interdisciplinary thinking experts available as knowledge carriers for future practitioners.</li> <li>- Acquisition and sustainable expansion of a knowledge base for users (Scientific Agricultural ECO Information System (SAEIS).</li> <li>- Generation of long-termed partnerships and prospective research and development concepts (development of an interdisciplinary, international research platform for ecological agriculture)</li> </ul>

<b>Date and Year</b>	Janary 2012 – May 2014
<i>Location:</i>	Prishtina
<i>Name of Institution:</i>	EU Twinning Project implemented within Austriak, Gjerman, Hungarez & MAFRD
<i>Position:</i>	Leader Component 1 "Mid-term Evaluation of the Existing ARDP 2007-2013 and preparation the ARDP 2014-2020
<i>Detailed job description:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organising and coordinating daily project activities</li> <li>- Organizing and leading different working groups</li> </ul>

- Organizing and leading different events, seminars, workshops with all stakeholders
- Coordinating Preparation of the Mid-term evaluation of ARDP 2007-2013
- Preparation of the National Strategy 2014-2020
- Draft ARDP 2014-2020
- Priority measure fiches, guidelines, manuals and procedures for implementation of the ARDP 2014-2020
- Legal texts aligned to the EU acquis regarding ARDP implementation
- Recommendations on IT needs for establishing the monitoring and evaluation system

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**Date and Year** January 2010 – January 2012  
**Location:** Prishtina  
**Name of Institution:** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development  
**Position:** Head of Rural Programming and Coordination Division  
**Detailed job description:**

- Preparation/coordination of policy analysis, including sector studies
- Drafting Rural Development Programme (long-term and annual)
- Promotion, coordination and communication of RDP and RD support
- Drafting national Legislation in the fields of Rural Development
- Organisation of partnership arrangements – NGO's, social and economic partners, other ministries
- Participation in Negotiations, consultations of RDP and RDP approximation of legislation
- Coordination of the EU and Donor's support in the fields of Rural Development

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**Date and Year** January 2012 – December 2012  
**Location:** Prishtina  
**Name of Institution:** Women's Network QELIZA – KOSOVO, Project name: "Women in rural Development (WO RD) initiative" Project no: 2012/1  
**Position:** Part time Exper for Rural Dvelopmen  
**Detailed job description:**

In charge for preparing the national assessment report of rural women in the area of rural development of Kosovo (Assessment Report See WoRD), Mapping the current situation with regard to the rural development policy and a focus on LEADER, programs and activities as well as mapping of key actors and recognizing entry points for the national networks of women in rural development.

Organizing and mentoring national meetings of WoRDs and other stakeholders  
 Organizing and mentoring national strategic workshops for women's in rural areas of Kosovo  
 Preparation of four different brochures for women farmers and delivering four training days:

- o Rural diversification;
- o Marketing of Agriculture products,
- o How to write a business plan;
- o How to approach the grants through LAG-s.

Developing the common vision for advancing the position of rural women in the context of the European LEADER Program.

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**Date and Year** July – Decembre 2010  
**Location:** Prishtina  
**Name of Institution:** MDA - Management & Development Associates  
**Position:** Short Term Local Expert  
**Detailed job description:**

- Providing the core marketing trainings, the trainings were dedicated to the farmers, producers and processors from all over Kosovo.
- Preparation of four different brochures for farmers:
- How to apply for grants;
- Marketing of Agriculture products,
- How to write a business plan;
- How to approach the grants through LAG-s.

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**Date and Year** May – November 2009  
**Location:** Prishtina  
**Name of Institution:** Mercy Corps & SIT-M



**Position:** Short Term Local Expert

- Detailed job description:**
- Providing the core marketing trainings, the trainings were dedicated to the farmers, producers and processors from all over Kosovo.
  - The topics provided: product and process development;
  - Market research and consumer demand;
  - Creating marketing strategy and plan;
  - Understanding Marketing Mix;
  - Quality Standards and communication.
  - In total six modules have been provided

**Date and Year** June -July 2007

**Location:** Prishtina

**Name of Institution:** FAO

**Position:** Short Term Local Expert

- Detailed job description:**
- Provision of technical assistance to the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development (MAFRD) in the identification and preparation of a set of projects / programmes necessary to support implementation of the Agriculture and Rural Development Plan (ARDP) 2007-13, for presentation to the donor community at the upcoming international donor conference:
  - Collecting and analysing existing project proposals and drafts in the field of agriculture and rural development;
  - Identifying new project proposals for the various sub-sectors to be financed by the donor community;
  - Assessing the costs of the different identified project proposals;
  - Defining priorities of the projects in a workshop with all relevant stakeholders;
  - Preparing project summaries in a standard format to be presented to the donor community;
  - Submitting proposals for approval by the Permanent Secretary of the MAFRD

**Date and Year** July 2009 – January 2010

**Location:** Prishtina

**Name of Institution:** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development

**Position:** Senior Agricultural Policy Officer

- Detailed job description:**
- Analyses and design of agricultural and rural development policies and macroeconomic measures (measure technical fiches for rural development projects and for direct payments, taxes, prices, customs, and incentives).
  - Planning and elaborating of general policy concepts for the preparation of decisions on agricultural and rural development policies.
  - Offering support for advisory services, and maintain good relationship with all stake holders such as: civil society, municipalities, processing, marketing, rural finance, cooperatives and producers' associations.

**Date and Year** June 2007 – July 2009

**Location:** Prishtina

**Name of Institution:** Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development

**Position:** Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist

- Detailed job description:**
- Monitoring of international rural development projects and national programmes implemented under the responsibility of the MAFRD:
  - Ensuring effective implementation of on-going and future projects,
  - Review project progress reports and assess progress of project activities against TOR, gather information on lessons learned from projects, summaries and disseminate to Ministry staff, project staff and donors,
  - Responsibility for submission of monitoring reports,
  - Elaborate annual reports on the Programme implementation,
  - Establish financial and statistical information collection system on the implementation of the programmes and maintain the monitoring and evaluation data base in ACCESS,
  - Set up the system of project and programme specific and common evaluation questions, criteria and indicators;
  - Formulate program targets;
  - Prepare baselines, benchmarking and comparisons;
  - Set up the methodological requirements of the evaluation reports,

- Prepare ex ante, mid-term and ex post evaluation TORs,
- Assess the quality of ex ante, mid-term and ex post evaluation reports.

<b>Date and Year</b>	Decembre 2004 - January 2007
<b>Location:</b>	Prishtina
<b>Name of Institution:</b>	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development
<b>Position:</b>	Coordinator of Rural Finances & Income Generation
<b>Detailed job description:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Manage, coordinate and supervise all rural finance/savings and credit related activities under the auspices of the MAFRD.</li> <li>- Coordination off-farm income and employment generation schemes.</li> <li>- Conduct specific saving and credit studies, in collaboration with other units and in consultation with local agronomists and rural development officers on issues. Create necessary linkages with rural finance organizations;</li> <li>- Promote rural on-farm and off-farm credit schemes.</li> <li>- Represent the MAFRD in rural finance and income generation aspects in meetings with local and international organizations</li> <li>- Coordinate, organize and conduct training sessions on the development of micro and macro businesses in rural areas.</li> <li>- Prepare annual, biannual, monthly and weekly reports and plans!</li> </ul>

<b>Date and Year</b>	July 2000 - January 2005
<b>Location:</b>	Prishtina
<b>Name of Institution:</b>	Reggimento MSU - Carabinieri Missione della NATO "JOINT GUARDIAN" in Kosovo KFOR
<b>Position:</b>	National Junior Expert
<b>Detailed job description:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professional Upgrading of their staff in Pristine;</li> <li>- Preparing daily, weekly, monthly and annual programs;</li> <li>- Reporting on daily, weekly and quarterly basis;</li> <li>- Budgeting and office finance sheets, procurement;</li> <li>- Provision of interpretation skills;</li> <li>- Organizing field trips and other visit itineraries</li> </ul>

**Education:**

<b>Institution:</b>	Agricultural University of Tirana – Faculty of Economics and Agribusiness
<b>Date:</b>	26/06/2014
<b>Field of study:</b>	Economics and Agribusiness
<b>Doctoral thesis:</b>	"Development of SME-s in rural area of Kosovo, their role, problems and support policies".
<b>Degree or Diploma obtained:</b>	Dr. Sc. In Economics of Rural Areas

<b>Institution:</b>	University of Trento (Italy), university of Regensburg (Germany), Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary), University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)],
<b>Date:</b>	2007-2009
<b>Field of study:</b>	Mr. Sc. In Joint European Master in Comparative Local Development " Rural Income Diversification and diversity of livelihood activities in Kosovo"
<b>Msc thesis:</b>	Rural Income Diversification and Diversity of Farm Livelihood Activities in Kosovo

<b>Institution:</b>	University of Pristine/ Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary
<b>Date:</b>	1997- 2003
<b>Field of study:</b>	Agriculture Economics
<b>Doctoral thesis:</b>	Four years degree in Agricultural Economics

**Internships**

Year	Subject / Country / Institution
2012	International Summer Academy on Local Economic Development- Mesopartner, Berlin Germany
2010	Successfully participated in and completed a Young Professionals' Programme "Managing and Leading Regional Rural Governance", InWEnt, Germany
2008	Labour Migration – Migration from Albania and Kosovo to Central Europe (especially Germany) since 1990 and its implications for household welfare and rural development, IAMO, Germany
2007	Food and Agriculture Marketing, Scottish Agriculture College.
2004	Agriculture and food economics - SMEA Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Cremona, Italy, 2004

2003	Ecological Interrelationships of Nutrients in Poultry, Soil and Plants, Pristine, Kosovo, 2003- Summer school,
1999	Policy Analysis – Socio – Politics Education, University of Palermo, Italy.

**Engagements in Universities Abroad / visiting profesor**

Year	Subject / Country / Institution
2019	- Rural Development Policy; budget for agriculture and other horizontal issues - Strategic planning tools adapted for rural policy, Kosovo's case - Economic and Social disparities in rural areas - causes and consequences/ Bulgaria, University of National and World Economy/ Sofia.
2019	- "Agricultural Policies in Kosovo and the relationship between Extra-UE and UE Countries" in the Course of International Agricultural Policies, in the Master's degree in Banking, Finance and Markets of the Department of Economics of the University of Foggia/ Italy/ Universita di Foggia/ Foggia. - Increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of Kosovo agriculture policy in relation to subsistence farmers,
2019	- Possible new policy measures able to tackle some core problems of Kosovo agriculture and rural areas /UK/ School of Economics/ University of Kent/ Canterbury. - The role of Kosovo's agriculture in economic development
2017	- The role of public policies in rural development, Kosovo's case/ Bulgaria, University of National and World Economy/Sofia.
2013	- The sustainable cattle farming under the conditions of European targets/ Czech Republic/ Mendel University in Brno.
2012	- Dimensional View and into Economic Approach to Sustainable Rural Development,/ Germany/University of Hohenheim.

**11. Scientific Publications:**

No	Name of Author/s/ Title of the paper	Journal title	Scientific Journal Year / Volume /Pages
1.	Philip Kostov, Sophia Davidova, Ekrem Gjokaj: Marketing and subsidy effects on farm incomes: evidence from Kosovo	<i>Journal of Agricultural Economics</i>	JAE Under review process
2.	Drini Imami, Sina Ahmadi Kaliji, Iliriana Miftari, Maurizio Canavari, Ekrem Gjokaj Consumer segmentation by applying the food-related lifestyle approach integrated with consumer perceptions of organic food - the case of Kosovo	<i>BAE –Bio-based and Applied Economics</i>	BAE Under review process accepted
3.	Iliriana Miftari, Drini Imami, Sina Ahmadi Kaliji, Maurizio Canavari and Ekrem Gjokaj "Analyzing consumer perceptions about food safety applying Food Related Lifestyle approach"	<i>Italian Journal of Food Safety</i>	Manuscript Under review process accepted
4.	Nol Krasniqi, Stephan Blancard, Ekrem Gjokaj, Giovanna Ottaviani Modelling Technical Efficiency of Horticulture Farming in Kosovo: An Application of Data Envelopment Analysis	<i>BAE –Bio-based and Applied Economics</i>	Vol. 12 No. 3 (2023): in press
5.	Aurora Hoxha, Jona Mulliri, Edmira Shahu, Drini Imami, Edvin Zhllima, Ekrem Gjokaj Financial literacy for farmers– the case of vineyard farmers in Kosovo	Die Bodenkultur: Journal of Land Management, Food and Environment	Volume 74, Issue 1, 17–25, 2023
6.	Xhoxhi Orjon; Imami Drini; Hnaf Jon, Gjokaj Ekrem. Too much power or no power: When does intermediaries' bargaining power result into better wine	<i>Journal of International Food &amp; Agribusiness Marketing</i>	IFAMR-2021-0143R2 Dec. 2022 DOI: 10.22434/IFAMR2021.014

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- Iliriana Miftari , Rainer Haas , Oliver Meixner, Drini Imami and Ekrem Gjokaj: Factors Influencing Consumer Attitudes towards Organic Food Products in a Transition Economy— Insights from Kosovo
7. Sustainability 2022, 14, 5873.
- Maurizio Canavari, Sina Ahmadi Kaliji, Drini Imami, Muje Gjonbalaj, Ekrem Gjokaj: Food-Related Lifestyles, Consumer Attitudes and Preference for Fruits
8. British Food Journal (BFJ-09-2021-1001) 08.01.2022
- Philip Kostov, Sophia Davidova, Ekrem Gjokaj, Kaplan Halimi, How to increase productivity in Kosovo agriculture: a story of size and technical efficiency, Ekrem Gjokaj, Diana Kopeva, Nol Krasniqi, Henrietta Nagy, Factors affecting the performance of agri small and medium enterprises, with Evidence from Kosovo
9. US journal 'Journal of Applied Business and Economics' Vol. 23 No. 8 (2021):150 159
10. European Countryside Journal ISSN:1803-8417 Vol. 13 · 2021 · No. 2 · p. 297-313 DOI: 10.2478/euco-2021-0019
- Philip Kostov, Sophia Davidova, Alastair Bailey, Ekrem Gjokaj, Kaplan Halimi Can direct payment facilitate agricultural commercialisation: Evidence from a transition country, Ekrem Gjokaj, Diana Kopeva, Milen Baltov Kapllan Halimi, Women's entrepreneurship source for livelihood opportunities in rural areas of Kosovo and in Bulgaria
11. Journal of Agricultural Economics JAE Volume 72.2, 2021
12. Book chapter on Springer 2019 DOI:10.4324/9780429488597-7
- Gjokaj, E., Leeds, S. & Halimi, K. (2018). The impact of financial support program in creation on farm jobs, Kosovo's case
13. Bulgarian Journal of Agricultural Science 2018 24(6), 933–941
- Tina Volk, Miroslav Rednak, Emil Erjavec, Ilona Rac, Edvin Zhllima, Grigor Gjeci, Sabahudin Bajramović, Željko Vaško, Mihone Kerolli-Mustafa, Ekrem Gjokaj, Bekim Hoxha, Dragi Dimitrievski, Ana Kotevska, Ivana Janeska Stamenkovska, Darko Konjevic, Mirsad Spahic, Natalija Bogdanov, Milena Stevov, Agricultural policy developments and EU approximation process in the Western Balkan countries
14. JRC – EC 114163. 2019 JRC114163 EUR 29475 EN
- Rungsaran Wongprawmas, Maurizio Canavari, Drini Imami, Mujë Gjonbalaj, Ekrem Gjokaj, Attitudes and Preferences of Kosovar Consumer towards Quality and Origin of Meat
15. Studies in Agricultural Economics 120 (2018) 126-133
- Gjokaj, E., M. Gjonbalaj, K. Halimi, Nachhaltiges Wachstum – Unter Druck
16. IDM InfoEuropa Ausgabe 03/2017
- Nikolay Shterev, Ekrem Gjokaj, Kapllan Halimi, Diana Kopeva, The Role of Innovations and Investments in Rural Areas : The Case of Kosovo and Bulgaria
17. Central and Eastern European Online Library GmbH (DE)/ CEEOL (Book Chapter) Page Range: 249-262 October 2017
- M. Kerolli - Mustafa, E. Gjokaj, B. Hoxha, Monitoring of agricultural policy developments in the Western Balkan countries -Kosovo:
18. JRC - EC 2017 JRC105784 p. 60-67

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| 19. | agricultural policy development and assessment<br>Gjokaj, E., K. Halimi, V. Xhabali, D. Imami and M. Gjonbalaj, Fruits value chain and distribution channels in Kosovo.                | <i>Bulg. J. Agric. Sci.,</i>                                      | 2017<br>23 (1): 22–30         |
| 20. | Maurizio Canavari, Drini Imami, Muje Gjonbalaj, Ekrem Gjokaj Urban consumer preferences for food in post conflict economies – the case of Kosovo                                       | <i>Book chapter on CABI, 2017</i>                                 | March 2017                    |
| 21. | Ekrem Gjokaj, Kapllan Halimi, Muje Gjonbalaj, Stephen Leeds, Agricultural Finance in Kosovo  | <i>Economic Alternatives</i>                                      | 2017, Issue 1, pp. 79-88      |
| 22. | R. Haas, M. Canavari, D. Imami, , M. Gjonbalaj, E. Gjokaj, D. Zvyagintsev, Attitudes and Preferences of Kosovar Consumer Segments Toward Quality Attributes of Milk and Dairy Products | <i>Journal of International Food &amp; Agribusiness Marketing</i> | 2016,<br>p. 407- 426          |
| 23. | I. Miftari, B. Hoxha, E. Gjokaj Analysis of the agricultural and rural development policies of the Western Balkan countries- Kosovo: agricultural policy brief                         | <i>JRC - EC</i>   | 2016<br>JRC101320<br>p. 69-79 |
| 24. | Ekrem Gjokaj, Myslym Osmani, Syle Sylanaj, Muje Gjonbalaj, Enhancing the competitiveness of small and medium enterprises in rural areas of Kosovo                                      | <i>ERDN, IAFE-NRI, IAE RA, Warsaw-Bucharest</i>                   | 2014, Vol 11, p.131-142       |
| 25. | Ekrem Gjokaj, Karl Ortner, Lessons from the mid-term evaluation of the ARDP Kosovo   | <i>EAAE, Econ Paper</i>   | 2014                          |

## 12. Papers in international congress/conferences

No.	Name of author/authors / Title of the paper	Congress name / Institution / Place	Year
1.	Drini Imami, Iliriana Miftari, Ekrem Gjokaj: Consumer attitudes towards organic food -Evidence from Kosovo	<i>ICOALS III</i>	2021
2.	Philip Kostov, Sophia Davidova, Ekrem Gjokaj: Does policy support really help farmers' incomes: the case of Kosovo	<i>ICAE</i>	2021
3.	Drini Imami, Iliriana Miftari, Sina Ahmadi Kaliji, Maurizio Canavari, Ekrem Gjokaj: Consumer perceptions about organic food applying Food Related Lifestyle approach - the case of Kosovo	<i>IFAM 2021, World Symposium</i>	2021
4.	Iliriana Miftari, Drini Imami, Sina Ahmadi Kaliji, Maurizio Canavari, Ekrem Gjokaj: Food safety consumer concerns in the context of post-conflict transition economy – the case of Kosovo	<i>IFAM 2021, World Symposium</i>	2021
5.	Philip Kostov, Sophia Davidova, Ekrem Gjokaj, Kaplan Halimi, How to increase productivity in Kosovo agriculture: a story of size and technical efficiency, Xhoxhi, Orjon; Imami, Drini; Gjokaj,	<i>EAAE Congress 2021, Prague</i>	2021
6.	Ekrem. Relational Governance and Market Power in Transition Economies: The Case of Kosovo	<i>EAAE Congress 2021, Prague</i>	2021
7.	Gjokaj Ekrem, La Sala Pierrmichele,	<i>EAAE Congress 2021, Prague</i>	2021

8.	Krasniqi Nol, Kopeva Diana, Halimi Kapllan, The assessment of effects of agricultural and rural development programme: the case of Kosovo Iliriana Miftari , Muje Gjonbalaj, Ekrem Gjokaj, Drini Imami, Assessing technical and scale efficiency of Kosovo dairy and crop farms a non-parametric approach	<i>EAAE Congress 2021, Prague</i>	2021
9.	Kapllan Halimi, Ekrem Gjokaj - Rural Non-Farm Livelihood Diversification and Poverty Reduction in Kosovo	<i>T2P International Scientific Conference - Theory to Practice as a Cognitive, Educational and Social Challenge</i>	2020
10.	Mihone Kerolli Mustafa, Ekrem Gjokaj, Flamur Abazaj - Effect of Irregular Migration Flow on Agricultural Productivity in Kosovo	<i>T2P International Scientific Conference - Theory to Practice as a Cognitive, Educational and Social Challenge</i>	2020
11.	Philip Kostov, Sophia Davidova, Ekrem Gjokaj and Kaplan Halimi 'Can direct payment facilitate agricultural commercialisation: Evidence from Kosovo	<i>'INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "Agricultural sector development and policies in Western Balkans – challenges and prospective in the light of EU integration"</i>	2019
12.	Iliriana Miftari and Ekrem Gjokaj: Total factor productivity analysis of agriculture sector in Kosovo	<i>'INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "Agricultural sector development and policies in Western Balkans – challenges and prospective in the light of EU integration"</i>	2019
13.	Gjokaj E., Halimi K. Food quality standards and participation of farmers in modern supply chains in Kosovo.	<i>XVII, European Rural Development Network Conference: "CAP 2021+: balanced development among the dimensions of rural sustainability"</i>	2019
14.	Xhoxhi, Orjon; Imami, Drini; Hanf, Jon; Gjoka, Ekrem Intermediaries' power and trading relationship performance – can intermediaries' bargaining power improve	<i>IAMO Forum</i>	2019
15.	D. Imami, O.Xhoxhi, E. Gjokaj, Determinants of contract farming in transition countries – the case of vineyard sector in Kosovo	<i>ICAE 2018: Vancouver - Canada</i>	2018
16.	Ekrem Gjokaj, Diana Kopeva, Kapllan Halimi, Nol Krasniqi, Short food supply chains (SFSC) and their role for farmers and rural regions: cases from Kosovo and Bulgaria	<i>International Conference on Agricultural-food Sector – New Technology – Entrepreneurship – Local Development</i>	2018
17.	Miftari, Iliriana; Gjokaj, Ekrem; Bajrami, Egzon, Efficiency analysis of livestock farms in Kosovo-Data Envelopment Analysis	<i>ISAF</i>	2017
18.	Gjokaj, Ekrem; Halimi, Kapllan, Factors Affecting the Performance of Small and Medium Enterprises in Rural Areas of Kosovo	<i>ERDN</i>	2017 Vienna (A)
19.	Imami, Drini, You, Ny, Gjokaj, Ekrem, Halimi, Kapllan Agri-food Value Chain Developments, Governance And Farm Access To Market In Western Balkans From SFVC Prospective	<i>EAAE congress</i>	2017 Parma (IT)
20.	Kopeva, Diana Ilieva; Sterev, Nikolay Hristov; Gjokaj, Ekrem; Halimi, Kapllan Competitive Growth of Agricultural and Food Products: Comparative Analysis between Kosovo	<i>EAAE congress</i>	2017 Parma (IT)



	and Bulgaria		
21.	Miftari, Iliriana; Gjokaj, Ekrem; Zvyagintsev, Dmitry Efficiency measurement of Kosovo crop farms-Data Envelopment Analysis	<i>EAAE congress</i>	2017 Parma (IT)
22.	Gjokaj, Ekrem; Halimi, Kapllan, Income from migration and their return in Kosovo	<i>EAAE congress</i>	2017 Parma (IT)
23.	Kapllan Halimi, Ekrem Gjokaj Development of small and medium enterprises in the rural areas of Kosovo	<i>The 11th International Conference on Business Excellence</i>	2017 Bucharest, (RO)
24.	Kapllan Halimi, Thomas Herzfeld, Judith Moellers, Ekrem Gjokaj, The socio-economic challenges of return migration in Kosovo	<i>AIEAA</i>	2017, Piacenza (IT)
25.	Nikolay Shterev, Ekrem Gjokaj, Kapllan Halimi, Diana Kopeva, The Role of Innovations and Investments in Rural Areas : The Case of Kosovo and Bulgaria	<i>4th ICGSM/ "The Circular Economy"</i>	2017, Burgas, (BG)
26.	Diana Kopeva, Nikolay Shterev, Kapllan Halimi, Ekrem Gjokaj, Competitive growth of agricultural and food products: comparative analysis between Kosovo and Bulgaria	<i>EAAE</i>	2017, Parma (IT)
27.	Ekrem Gjokaj, Kapllan Halimi, The impact of rural development grants in creation of Rural Jobs in Kosovo	<i>EAAE</i>	2016, 160 <sup>th</sup> Warsaw (PL)
28.	Ekrem Gjokaj, Kapllan Halimi, Analysis of the development of SME in the agrofood system in Kosovo	<i>IAE</i>	2016, Sofie (BG)
29.	Ekrem Gjokaj, Kapllan Halimi, Muje Gjonbalaj, Fruits value chain and distribution channels in Kosovo – the case of berries	<i>IFPM – Institute of Food Products Marketing</i>	2016, University of Bologna
30.	Kapllan Halimi, Ekrem Gjokaj, CAP Impact on Economic Growth and Sustainability of Agriculture and Rural Areas, Kosovo's case	<i>EAAE</i>	2016, 147 <sup>th</sup> Sofia
31.	Iliriana Miftari, Nedkalvanova, Dmitry Zvyagintsev, Ekrem Gjokaj, Muje Gjonbalaj, Total factor productivity analysis in Kosovo agriculture	<i>IAMO Forum 2016, Halle (Saale), Germany</i>	June 22-24, 2016
32.	Mihone Kerolli-Mustafa, Ekrem Gjokaj, Effects of quail droppings as a fertilizers and rates of application on garden soil in Mitrovica, Kosovo	<i>Journal of Environmental Protection and Ecology (JEPE)</i>	2016, p.104
33.	Ekrem Gjokaj, Kapllan Halimi, Muje Gjonbalaj, Impact of investment measures on Kosovo Agriculture	<i>ERDN, Poland</i>	2015
34.	Ekrem Gjokaj, Kapllan Halimi, Syle Sylanaj, Pemët e imta si mundësi zhvillimi e bujqësisë intenzivenë Kosovë	<i>ICAFE 2015</i>	2015
35.	Ekrem Gjokaj, Muje Gjonbalaj, Kapllan Halimi and Anera Alishani, Review of Cross-Sectorial Developments of Agribusiness in Kosovo	<i>Orgprints</i>	2015, p. 221-232 Porec, Croatia
36.	Ekrem Gjokaj, Kapllan Halimi, Muje Gjonbalaj 'The Role of Agriculture in Local Economic Development. Kosovo's Case'	<i>Corvinus University Budapest Hungary</i>	2015, p. 15

37.	Ekrem Gjokaj, Muje Gjonbalaj, Agricultural Finance in Kosovo	MISIC	2015, Volume I, p.362-371
	Maurizio Canavari, RungsaranWongprawmas, Drinilmami, Muje Gjonbalaj, Ekrem Gjokaj,	<i>IFAMA 25th Annual World Conference Saint Paul, Minnesota, USA,</i>	June 14 - 17, 2015 IFAMA.
38.	Attitudes and Preferences of Kosovar Consumer towards Quality and Origin of Meat		
39.	R. Haas, M. Canavari, D. Imami, , M. Gjonbalaj, E. Gjokaj, D. Zvyagintsev, Attitudes And Preferences Of Kosovar Consumer Segments Towards Quality Attributes Of Milk And Dairy Products	<i>IFPM – Institute of Food Products Marketing</i>	2015, p. 97-121
40.	Ekrem Gjokaj, Jehona Shkodra, Agriculture finance and credit infrastructure conditions, policies and channels in Kosovo	<i>ERDN, Poland and Moldova</i>	2014
41.	Ekrem Gjokaj, NEXT Conference “Partnership & Communication - A Key Elements of Successful Research & Technology Transfer	<i>Collaborative platform to support research and technology transfer (IPA)</i>	2013, Porec, Croatia
42.	Ekrem Gjokaj, BE-NATUR: Better Management of NATURA 2000 sites, Land-use Management and Biodiversity: Nature Protection - Chance for Agriculture and Promotion of Rural Areas,	<i>Agricultural Research and Education Centre (AREC) Austria</i>	2013, Irdning, Austria
43.	Ekrem Gjokaj, First Regional Networking Workshop:” Streamlining of agriculture and rural development policies of SEE countries for EU accession”	SWG	2012, Vodice, Croatia

### 13. Trainig – courses

Year	Trainings
2013	Leadership Academy of TUBITAK TUSSIDE, Turkey, from 18 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2013, Istanbul, Turkey
2013	EU Trade Policy – Training on Customs Tariffs and Related Charges from August 12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2013, Pristine
2013	Training course on Key Performance Indicators from 14 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> May, 2013, Pristine
2012	Training course on Cost-Benefit Analysis Fundamentals, five day course held on July 16 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2012, USAID, Pristine
2012	The territorial LEADER approach to Regional Rural Development: strategy, organisation and finance, GIZ, Germany from March 26 <sup>th</sup> to 31 <sup>st</sup> 2012
2012	EU Trade Policy – Foundation Skills Training for Trade Analysis from February 20 <sup>th</sup> to March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2012, Pristine
2012	Training on Agri-environmental and Sustainable agricultural production methods; Hungarian Best Practices, from April 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2012, Hungary
2012	Summer Academy 2012 on Economic Development, Berlin, Germany from 2 <sup>nd</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> July, 2012, Germany
2011	Training on Managing staff: Developing Leadership Skills of Civil Servants –, from 27 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2011 ReSPA-EIPA. Danilovograd MNE
2011	Moderation – An Effective Approach to Design and Conduct Group Event –, from 12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2011, GIZ Germany
2011	Second European Integration Workshop from 14 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> November, 2011 Hungary
2010	Young Professionals Programme on Managing and Leading Regional Rural Governances from March 18 <sup>th</sup> to June 19 <sup>th</sup> , Inwent, Germany
2010	Regional Marketing: Branding of Products and Regions from September 20 <sup>th</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 Inwent Germany
2010	Theory and Practice of the Policy Cycle: From Drafting to Evaluating Policies, from November 29 <sup>th</sup> to December 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2010, ReSPA-EIPA, Danilovograd MNE
2009	Training of Trainers from 6 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> May, 2009, designed practical exercise and a final competence test, Pristine
2009	Training on Strategic Management: From Strategic objectives to operational planning, from 13 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> October, 2009, ReSPA – EIPA, Skopje
2007	Training on agro-truism and rural development from 16 - 20 July 2007, AER, Pristine
2006	Eighteen month course in Basic Economics and Policy Impact Analysis, 2006, AER, Pristine

2006	Core Marketing Training four modules: marketing strategy, marketing research, marketing mix, communication, 2006, AER, Pristine
2006	Training course on Project Cycle Management – Elaboration of Project Proposals in the Rural Development Sector in Kosovo from April 3 <sup>rd</sup> to May 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2006, FAO, Pristine
2006	Training course on Monitoring and Evaluation, July – September, 2006, AER, Pristine
2006	Training course on Project Cycle Management – Monitoring and Evaluation of Agricultural and Rural Development Project from November 30 <sup>th</sup> to December 07 <sup>th</sup> , 2006, FAO, Pristine
2006	Training course: Media for the Promotion of Advisory Services, September – October 2006, Pristine
2005	Fifteen month training program on rural advisory services, November 2005, Pristine
2005	Training course on Project Cycle Management and Logical Framework theory and Practical Exercise from March 21 <sup>st</sup> to April 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2005, AER, Pristine
2005	Training on Marketing and Sales Planning from March 22 <sup>nd</sup> to April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2005, AER, Pristine

#### 14. Research and scientific projects

Project title	Location	Viti
Building Resilient food system in the Mediterranean area	Italy – Mediterranean Countriser/Kosovo)	2022-2024
University training VINE & WINE France-Kosovo supported by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs Solidarity Funds for Innovative Projects, civil societies, Francophonie and human development, France. Role in this project: National Coordinator	Kosovo-France	2021-2022
Erasmus + Project 'Creating Theory to Practice Centers for Innovation and Employment', Project No: 586347-EPP-1-2017-1-XK-EPPKA2-CBHE-JP Role in this project: Component Leader	Kosovo	2018 - 2020
ResearchHub to build capacity in agricultural and food Business research / RHuBus – callforproposal 2018/EAC/A05/2017 - Erasmus +	Italy - Kosovo	2018
Commercialization of smallholder farms in Kosovo	Kosovo	2018
Studyon Rural Migration in Kosovo - The impact of migration and remittances on agriculture and rural development in Kosovo	Kosovo,	2017
"Small Farms but global markets: the role of small and family farms in food and nutrition security"	Kosovo, Germany, UK	2015
Sustainable Agriculture in the Light of European Environmental Targets–A Cooperation Project between Austria, Croatia and Kosovo	Kosovo, Austria, Croatia	2012

#### 16. Books

Nr	Authors	Title
1.	<i>K.Halimi, I. Cikaqi, E. Gjokaj, V. Avdiu, P. Pugliese, G. Cardone, S. Madzaric, P. Pasko, F. Contento</i>	Plani Kombëtar i veprimt per bujqësi organike ne Republikën e Kosovës 2018 -2021
2.	<i>E. Gjokaj, K. Halimi, D. Hana, P. Pasko, F. Contento</i>	Udhëzuesi per Vreshtarin e Integruar dhe Organike – Sektori i Vreshtarisë ne Kosove.
3.	<i>Ekrem Gjokaj, Stephen Leeds</i>	Rural Income Diversification and Diversity of Farm Livelihood Activities in Kosovo. LAMBERT Academic Publishing (ISBN: 978-3-659-56008-8), Heinrich-Böcking-Str. 6-8, 66121, Saarbrücken, Germany, 2014
4.	<i>Dukaqjin Zeka, Ekrem Gjokaj</i>	Kulturat e Arave në Republikën e Kosovës, 2014 – publikim special, Prishtinë, 2016, ISBN 978-9951-22-307-2

#### 17. Additional Informations:

##### Organizational skills and competencies:

- Strong Common Agriculture Policy background
- Extensive knowledge of the financial schemes dedicated to farmers
- Good knowledge in basic economics and policy impact analysis
- Good knowledge of the farm business management
- Strong project cycle management (PCM) background; formulation including log frame and evaluation according to EU methodology: preparation of the Donor Assistance for Implementation of the Agriculture and Rural Development Plan (ARDP) 2007-2013 Contributed to preparation of projects under the 2006 and 2007 EAR Rural Development Programme, in support of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development (MAFRD). Prepared various terms of reference in accordance with EU / EAR requirements for technical assistance to MAFRD.

- Organized and facilitated numerous stakeholder workshops relating to project preparation of rural development projects and key rural development issues in Kosovo. Provided trainings in the use of Project Cycle Management Techniques and the Logical Framework Approach for project preparation and evaluation. Provided numerous training in the use of the agriculture marketing. Excellent knowledge and provided a lot of trainings of the local economic development to the high-level of local government officials.
- Significant experience in undertaking stakeholder consultation with high-level local government officials and other non-government institutions. Experience of working with a wide range of international donor organizations (EC; World Bank; FAO; GIZ);
- Strong negotiation skills;
- Strong project management skills and excellent report writing.
- Qualified Agricultural Economist with 20 years professional experience, specialized in agricultural and rural development policy, preparing measure technical fiches, survey design, project planning and management, preparing the core part of Green Report, and for different economic and politic analysis, projections and sector studies;
- Good ability to work in different environment, and in different situations, extensive experience gained during internal and international consultation;
- Good communication skills, gained through the experience in different working groups, seminars and in the promotion of the ARDP 2007-2013 & 2014 -2020, in both elaboration and implementation of the Programme.
- Open to a multicultural environment
- Ability to present and to sustain to the decision level technical proposals

**Other skills:**

Basic Concepts of Information Technology,  
Using the Computer and managing Files, Word Processing, Spreadsheets, SPSS,  
Database, Presentation, Information and Communication

**Computer literacy:**

Mother tongue(s) Albanian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Italian	C1	C1	B2	B2	B2
Serbian/Croatian	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user  
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

**Awards:**

- Scholarship from EC 2007-2009 for MSc Studies (Master CoDe edition 2007 /2009)
- Best employee/most active employee of MAFRD for 2010, 2011 (certificate),
- Best employee of MSU Local staff (certificate),
- Nomination as best Project Work of Master CoDe edition 2007 /2009

**Membership of professional bodies:**

- Member of the Scientific Committee for the 16th International Agriculture Congress<sup>1</sup>.
- Member of the Scientific Committee for the International Congress of Multidisciplinary Innovative Approaches<sup>2</sup>.
- Member of the Program Committee for the International Conference on Innovative Development of Agricultural Business and Rural Areas<sup>3</sup>.
- Reviewer for the Journal of Nature (Scientific Reports) in 2023.
- Reviewer for the Journal of Regional Science Policy & Practice in 2023.

<sup>1</sup><https://utak.azimder.org.tr/committes/>

<sup>2</sup>Scientific Committee | Congress of International Multidisciplinary Innovative Approaches (beykent.edu.tr)

<sup>3</sup> <https://idara.unwe.bg/en/pages/24031/program-committee.html>

- Reviewer for the Journal of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (JVUL) in 2023.
- Reviewer for the Journal of Annals of the Polish Association of Agricultural and Agribusiness Economists in 2023.
- Reviewer for the Journal of International Food and Agribusiness Management Review (IFAMR) in 2022.
- Reviewer for the Journal of Economic and Regional Studies in Poland in 2020 and 2022.
- Reviewer for the Journal of Agribusiness and Rural Development in Poznan, Poland, in 2019.
- Reviewer for the Journal of the European Association of Agricultural Economics (EAAE) in 2018.
- Reviewer for the Economic Alternatives Journal in Sofia, Bulgaria, in 2018.
- Chief Information Officer (CIO) of the CEFTA Sub-Committee on Agriculture and Phytosanitary in 2016.
- Planner, coordinator, and editor of the Green Report from 2012 to 2018.
- Planner, coordinator, and editor of the Economic Catalogue of Agricultural Products for 2017 and 2018.
- Sectorial Development/Inter-ministerial Coordinator for Kosovo's Economic Reform Program from 2015 to 2019.
- Member of the Faculty Council (FLES) from 2017 to 2023
- Member of the Ethics Committee in Scientific Research at "Ukshin Hoti" University of Prizren from 2022 - 2023.
- Member of the Steering Committee Meeting of the MEDIET project from 2022 to 2023.
- Member of the National Council for the negotiation of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) between Kosovo and the European Union.
- Member of the National Council for the International Free Trade Agreement for SAA with Turkey.
- Chairman of the National Commission for Agricultural Census conducted in 2014.
- Member of the National Working Group for designing a cooperation protocol between Albania and Kosovo.
- Member of the National Council on Economic Zones.
- Member of the National Committee for Statistics from 2015 to 2019.
- Member of the National Council of the Integrated Information System of statistical data.
- Chairman of the internal working group within the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Development to prepare the budget (MTEF) for this Ministry from 2010 to 2019.
- Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee within the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Rural Development for two mandates from 2011 to 2015.