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● WORK EXPERIENCE

11/2022 – CURRENT Vienna, Austria

RESEARCHER EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR SOCIAL WELFARE POLICY AND RESEARCH

- Member of Social Protection and Inclusion Team
- Carrying out research in the field of social policies and human rights of vulnerable groups, in particular persons with disabilities.
- Implementing policy analysis (qualitative, quantitative and/or mixed methods) and applied research on social policy.
- Quantitative and qualitative project and policy evaluation, particularly survey analysis.
- (Co)-organising project meetings and workshops (BB Peer Reviews and Trainings, BBnars)
- Participating and presenting in dissemination activities (European Parliament, European Social Fund Agency).

Projects:

- Targeted measures for persons with disabilities to cope with the cost-of-living crisis
Publication: BIRTHA, M., ZÓLYOMI, E., WOHLGEMUTH, F. and GJYLSHENI, S. (2023). [Targeted measures for persons with disabilities to cope with the cost-of-living crisis](#). European Parliament Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs Directorate-General for Internal Policies PE 754.127.
- Research on evolving jobs, skills, and training needs in the social services sector and the role of social partners in managing changes
Publication: Gjylsheni, S., BIRTHA, M. and KADI, S. (2023). [Evolving jobs, skills and training needs in the social services sector and the role of social partners in managing changes](#). Brussels: European Federation of Public Service Unions.
- Social services for children, persons with disabilities and older people
- Diversity-sensitive care of older people with migration background
- Bridge Building Peer Review and Training
Publication: Scoppetta, A., BIRTHA, M., GJYLSHENI, S. (2023). [North Macedonia Peer Review Report: Deinstitutionalisation of children and persons with disabilities](#). Vienna: European Centre.

30/09/2021 – 15/08/2022 Vienna, Austria

POLICY ASSISTANT EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS (FRA)

- Tracking and analysing main policy and legal developments in the EU institutions
- Engaged in research and writing in the context of FRA's "*Fundamental Rights Report 2022 - Social rights and equality in light of the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic*"
- Supporting FRA's work with the National human rights bodies (NHRIs, Equality Bodies, Ombuds Institutions) and FRA's governmental network of National Liaison Officers
- Serving as FRA's contractor for Albania - conducting research/writing reports on Albania and Western Balkans, relevant for FRR 2022 and the DG NEAR Enlargement Package 2022
- Working on FRA Civic Space Report 2022, EU Commission Rule of Law Report (*focus on CSO's Rule of Law Dialogues*), and other developments regarding civil society
- Co-authored (*under the patent of FRA*) of the FRA - Council of Europe Report 2021 and lead person for 2022 Report.
- Liaising with over 800 civil society organisations in EU27 and Western Balkans through the Fundamental Rights Platform.

CONSULTANT PROVINCIE LIMBURG

- Assisting the client with research on Rural Development Programmes
- Assisting the Province prepare advocacy strategies for DG AGRI
- Working on the social impact of LEADER programme by creating a methodological guideline on the measurement of social impact of Rural Development Programmes (*including interview techniques, content analysis, participatory research, case study*).
- Other methodologies: contingent evaluation, social network analysis, statistic measurement, shoestring evaluation.

Note: The social impact handbook (methodological guidelines) can be made available upon request.

05/2018 - 08/2020 Tirana

PROJECT ASSISTANT ALBANIAN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION (AADF)

- Working on 3 projects designed to foster the improvement of the quality of higher education in Albania
- Responsible for expanding the CleanScore project on an national and regional level (Western Balkans)
- Creating interconnectedness between the youth and academics in Albania
- Assisting in writing project proposals and yearly budget planning
- Developing a standard working plan for effective operation of the CleanScore project
- Organising different conferences, events, high level meetings with the Ministry of Education and other public/private stakeholders
- Recruiting training, and supervising 10 coordinators of the CleanScore Project

05/2018 - 10/2018 Tirana

ASSOCIATE CONSULTANT OSCE PRESENCE IN ALBANIA

- Supporting the MP in promoting and advancing the gender equality agenda by carrying out gender related and other research as required.
- Writing initial drafts for press releases, newsletters, and mailshots to promote the politician's work and update their website.

09/2017 - 06/2018 Tirana, Albania

TEACHING ASSISTANT EPOKA UNIVERSITY

- conducting lectures in Political Communication and Crisis Management.
- assisting the Professors as the Department of Political Science and International Relations as required.
- adviser and dissertation mentor to bachelor students.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

31/08/2020 - 29/06/2021 Maastricht, Netherlands

MASTER'S DEGREE IN EUROPEAN STUDIES: PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION Maastricht University

Address Maastricht, Netherlands | **Final grade** 8.5/10 |

Thesis The role of citizenship acquisition in the political participation of third country nationals in the EU

10/2016 - 06/2018

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Epoka University

Final grade 3.75/4 | **Thesis** The Role of Civil Society in Democratisation and European Integration (Case of Albania)

08/2013 - 06/2016

BACHELOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Epoka University

Final grade 3.67/4 | **Thesis** Democracy and Corruption in Albania

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **ALBANIAN**

Other language(s):

UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH C2		C2	C2	C2
TURKISH C1		C1	C1	B2
ITALIAN B2		B1	B2	B1
GERMAN A1		A1	A1	A1

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

DIGITAL SKILLS

Team management tools (Asana, Trello, Slack, Productive...) | Microsoft Office, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Outlook, Facebook, Google Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (IBM SPSS Editor)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

PUBLICATIONS (other)

Gjylsheni, S., BIRTHA, M., Zólyomi, E. and Kadi, S. (2023). Policy Review Report: Gender Equality and Care for Relatives. Vienna: European Centre.

Gjylsheni, S., Kayran, E. and BIRTHA, M. (2023). *Policy Review Report: Monitoring and Evaluation of Social Protection Programmes*. Vienna: European Centre.

Overview of the cooperation between the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and the Council of Europe- 2021

East-West Relationships Increasing Unity through Education, Youth, Research & Innovation - 2018

ACTIVITIES

10/04/2022 - 12/04/2022

POLICY EXPERT IN THE FORUM ON THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OF CITIZENSHIP AND HUMAN

RIGHTS EDUCATION IN EUROPE Italian Presidency of the Council of Europe

02/2020 - 08/2020 Tirana, Albania

Member of Projects Department - United Nations Youth Association Albania • Conceptualising and implementing projects related to youth-involvement in public discussions

• Working with youth engagement on specific topics such as SDG, UN75, EU accession negotiations

Link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QopCzvRrWFg>

31/05/2017 - 29/06/2017 Tirana, Albania

Junior Operations Assistant at OSCE/ODHIR Engaged in the OSCE/ODHIR election monitoring mission in the context of the 2017 Parliamentary Elections in Albania