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### WORK EXPERIENCE

[ 08/2014 – Current ] **Spatial Planning Expert**

**Co PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development** <http://www.co-plan.org/>

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Imeldi is working for Co-PLAN since 2014. The work experience on Co-PLAN is related to spatial planning, at the regional and local level, in urban scale projects and socio-economic surveys, regional development programs, community and tourism development projects, urban and rural territorial information systems and database building, real estate markets, environmental management, sustainable public transportation planning, local economic development and participatory planning. This experience consists in the preparation of different planning documents such as Local General Plans and Strategies, Regional Development Plans and Strategies, Local Detailed Plans, Solid Waste Management Plans, Social Housing Local Plans, Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies, Energy Efficiency Local Plans ext.

#### Imeldi's career highlights:

- Postgraduate Diploma on Good Governance, Complex and Contemporary cities at IHS Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam Thesis: Key factors that can determine the citizens to cycle in order to mitigate traffic congestions by achieving sustainable transport principles in Shkodra city.
- 10 years' experience in fields of Spatial and Regional Planning in all levels in Albania.
- Involved in 2 Horizon 2020 projects related to Green Transition and Green Agenda in Western Balkans.
- Experience in Disaster Risk Management, specifically in local level with municipalities.
- Recently involved in an IPA CBC Albania-Kosovo Project related to Energy Efficiency Local Plans.
- 4 Years' Experience as an Assistant Lecturer at Polis University in the Course of Planning Law and Urban Design.
- Part of several Projects as a GIS expert
- Skills in project coordination and monitoring as a technical adviser on granting projects.
- Part of the Shkodra Municipality City Council Mandate 2023-2027.

[ 09/2018 – Current ] **Assistant Lecturer at Polis University**

**City:** Tirana | **Country:** Albania

POLIS University, Faculty of Planning, Environment and Urban Management [www.universitetipolis.com](http://www.universitetipolis.com)

#### Current tasks:

- Assistant Lecturer: Planning Law and Urban Design Course. Explaining the Albanian Planning Law Regulations based on concrete examples, Local General Plans and

other Territorial Planning instruments in the Albanian Republic and how these instruments can orient the development.

- Assistant Lecturer: RRI going high. Piloting citizen science activities in ecosystems in Albania - workshop organized in the framework of Tirana Architecture Weeks 2022

[ 08/2024 – Current ]

## **Grant Manager at Green-AL “Supporting Environmental Civil Society Organizations 2024 – 2027”**

### ***Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development***

**Country:** Albania

This Project is funded by Sida (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency) and implemented by Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development (leading partner), VIS Albania (Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo) and COSV (Coordinamento delle Organizzazioni per il Servizio)

**Green-AL** aims to expand on the knowledge, insight and achievements of Green-AL “Empower Grass-Root CSOs for Improved Innovative Environmental Protection in Albania”, while directing its focus into the further empowerment of CSOs in Albania, towards tackling three main themes: **Climate, Pollution and Nature**.

The project is focused on 3 main pillars:

- Further strengthening the role of environmental CSOs in Albania
- Increasing synergies among the CSOs sector in Albania through the establishment of a CSOs Network in Albania
- Contributing to an increased awareness and accountability

The main responsibilities are:

coordinating the project activities among consortium partners and supporting Regional Focal Points on a periodical basis.

Supporting and delivering the process of ongoing and future Grant Schemes.

Monitoring and supporting future grant-winning projects.

Offering coaching and training activities of CSOs that will be part of the project.

[ 10/2023 – 05/2024 ]

## **Project Coordinator for the Preparation of Local Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies and Action Plans for the 6 Municipalities of Fieri Region**

### ***Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat Development***

**Country:** Albania

*The project ‘Preparation of Local Disaster Risk Reduction Strategies and Action Plans for the 6 Municipalities of Fier Region’ is funded by UNDP Albania within the project: “Resilience Strengthening in Albania” RESEAL and is supported by the National Civil Protection Agency. RESEAL project is funded by the Swedish and Portuguese governments.*

*Location: Municipalities of Lushnja, Fieri, Divjaka, Roskoveci, Patosi and Mallakastra*

### **Main objective**

Preparation of local disaster risk reduction strategies and action plans for the 6 municipalities of Fieri Region in order to guide future activities and investments for disaster risk management in a comprehensive and inter-institutional manner.

Responsibilities

- To assist the municipalities of Fieri Region in the preparation of DRR Strategies;

- Development of a comprehensive and inter-institutional process for the preparation of DRR Strategies;
- Increasing the awareness of institutions at the local/regional level, the community and businesses regarding the risk from natural disasters and the need for cooperation.

[ 10/2023 – Current ]

## **Project Coordinator at EFFORT- Enhancing Facilities for a Future with an Optimal Resource and Energy Efficiency Trajectory Project**

### ***Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat Development***

This project is funded by the European Commission through the Cross-Border Cooperation Program Albania-Kosovo, Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II), implemented in Mirdita Municipality in Albania and in Junik Commune in Kosovo.

#### **The overall project objective is:**

To improve the energy efficiency of public buildings in the two municipalities and substantially decreasing the energy consumption, by implementing innovative equipment and further promoting sustainable building management practices. The project also aims to facilitate knowledge exchange and collaboration between the two municipalities, promoting cross-border cooperation and the sharing of experiences and best practices related to energy efficiency.

Main responsibilities include

- Coordination and monitoring the evaluation process of the energy audit of 10 public buildings in Mirditë Municipality and Junik Municipality;
- Coordinating and drafting of local Energy Efficiency Plans (including strategic measures for energy reduction/saving) to be implemented in a short-term period at the local level.
- Coordinating the technical projects for the installation of innovative equipment (photovoltaic panels, central heating system and thermal insulation).
- Monitoring the installation of innovative energy-saving equipment by the 3rd year of the project (photovoltaic panels in 10 public buildings), including piloting the installation of a thermal heating system in a building in Junik and thermal insulation in a building in Mirdita.
- Capacity building in terms of improving energy efficiency practices, identifying energy saving opportunities and effectively manage equipment through a comprehensive training program that contributes to a more sustainable and cost-effective operation of public facilities.
- Informing the local community and mainly students and interest groups in both units about energy efficiency practices through awareness activities and educational initiatives carried out by the project.

[ 06/2023 – 12/2023 ]

## **Researcher at GreenFORCE- Foster Research Excellence for Green Transition in the Western Balkans Project**

### ***Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat Development***

Horizon Europe Project , Implemented by Co-PLAN, University of Belgrade - Faculty of Geography (UB-GEF) in Serbia. Center for Economic Analyses (CEA) in North Macedonia, Nordregio, in Sweden, Politecnico di Torino (POLITO) in Italy, and Polis University

Location: Western Balkans Countries

#### ***Project Description:***

GreenFORCE aims at fostering excellence in the "Western Balkans' green transition" scientific research and innovation of Co-PLAN (Albania), CEA (North Macedonia), and UB-GEF (Serbia), as a means to enhancing their research profile, strengthening the research and management capacities of their staff, and contributing to convergence between Western Balkans (WB) and EU research capacities, as well as to wider policy initiatives for the WB region.

### **Main Tasks:**

- Coordination of Regional Mapping report on green transition policies, practices and stakeholders in Western Balkan

### **Researcher for WBC-RRI.net Embedding RRI in Western Balkan Countries:**

[ 03/2021 – 02/2024 ]

### **Enhancement of Self-Sustaining R&I Ecosystems: WBC-RRI.NET Project**

*Horizon 2020 Project implemented by University of Novi Sad; SEERC, European Science Foundation; Centre for Social Innovation-ZSI; Vojvodina ICT Cluster; Science Technology Park Montenegro; ZONA; Co-PLAN; Ministry of Tourism and Environment Albania; University of Banja Luka; RTD Health Cluster; NCDIEL; Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts*

Location: Albania; Greece; Montenegro, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of North Macedonia, Austria, France

#### **Project Description:**

WBC-RRI.NET aims to foster the application of RRI principles at the territorial level in five (5) Western Balkan R&I ecosystems and promote a multi-level steering R&I governance framework in the WBCs. This will be realized by RRI activities throughout the entire project (horizontal aspect), raising an active dialogue in the wider WB region and fostering the comprehension of all RRI pillars under a holistic framework based on a 'smart directionality' approach, offering stakeholder engagement with a focus on citizen participation. Alongside, 5 RRI 'anchor' initiatives (vertical aspect), as interventions touching in-depth specific RRI keys, territorial features and scientific domains, will allow RRI principles to be rooted in the territorial ecosystems, leading to a concrete impact to R&I territorial policies and societal regional needs.

#### **Main tasks:**

- Support preparation of methodology for assessing RRI in Albania
- Support mapping of RRI initiatives in Albania – draft national mapping report for RRI stakeholders,
- Coordinate design and implementation of citizen-science activities in the anchor case – Kune Vain territory
- Organize co-design workshops with local stakeholders on citizen science
- Design and coordinate mapping and assessment methods for 5 ecosystem services: fishery, water attenuation, waste water treatment, tourism and carbon storage/sequestration

### **Technical Adviser on Grant Scheme Programme: European Union for**

[ 06/2021 – 12/2023 ]

### **Municipalities Project**

#### **Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat Development**

**Country:** Albania

This project is funded by European Commission and implemented by a consortium between Nalas Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South-East Europe, Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat Development and Eco Partners for Sustainable Development. The aim of this project is to support the development potential of municipalities and improve environmental and socioeconomic conditions in the local communities by implementing two grant schemes for direct support to the municipalities and also training and coaching the municipalities human resources to improve project cycle management.

#### **The main responsibilities are:**

- Review and support the technical documents and guidelines for two grant scheme calls.
- Support the technical issues that municipalities have about their projects and the technical procedures that they must follow based on Territorial Planning law and other sectoral laws (17 winning municipalities).
- Technical monitoring and site visits of project implementation in the municipalities that won the investments from the project.

### **Urban Planning Expert Support 9 Municipalities in Albania to Design the 5-year Social Housing Municipal Plans**

[ 09/2022 – 03/2023 ]

## **Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat Development**

*This Project is funded by UNDP and supported by Leave No One Behind program*

### **Project Description:**

The general purpose of this assignment is to support nine municipalities (big, medium, and small) in designing the social housing 5-year plan in line with the National Strategy and the Law on Social Housing and the existing guidelines. The Municipal social housing plans (Berat, Elbasan, Librazhd, Lushnje, Maliq, Kolonje, Devoll, Pogradec, Sarande) contribute:

- (i) to assess the social housing needs of the most vulnerable in their territory;
- (ii) to assess the municipal capacities being them human, technical, financial, and organizational, to address such needs;
- (iii) to come up with concrete actions and budget estimations for the implementation of social housing needs.

### **Main tasks:**

- Getting familiar with the Social Housing Strategy, the Law on Social Housing and its by-laws and legal base for the functioning of the Social Housing in Albania
- Using the tools/ guidelines, facilitate/assist nine different-size Municipalities (big, medium and small) to develop the social housing plan, including the vision, goals, objectives, anticipated results, objectively verifiable indicators, costs, timeframe, its relationship with and its reflection in the urban plan.
- Developing land-based recommendations on financing of social housing programs; drafting pre-feasibility assessments on implementation of Bonus FAR; Inclusionary housing, etc.
- Supporting the process of consulting the Municipal Plans with local councilors, CSOs, community members, and other local actors.
- Organizing and facilitating at least one workshop at each municipality to present and discuss the draft Municipal housing plan with key stakeholders and duty bearers.
- Facilitating key stakeholder's feedback/agreeing and reflecting all necessary changes in the draft Municipal social housing plan.

## **Urban Planning Expert- Development of a Toolbox for Mainstreaming DRM at Local Level and Integration into Local Mid-Term Budget Planning Process**

[ 04/2022 – 12/2022 ]

### **Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat Development**

**Country:** Albania

This project is funded by World Bank and implemented by Co-PLAN with support from NCPA (National Civil Protection Agency)

### **Project Description:**

The project aims at assessing municipal practices and procedures on linking DRM objectives with Annual and Medium-Term Budget Program planning and local investment projects from a DRM perspective

### **Main tasks:**

- Support draft of assessment report for DRM financing;
- Support preparation of toolbox for GIS-based DRM financing at local level
- Organize 3 trainings on mainstreaming of DRM financing tools

## **Urban Planning and GIS Expert Incorporating disaster and climate risk management into Albanian's bridge investments and management system**

[ 02/2022 – 10/2022 ]

### **Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat Development**

**Country:** Albania

*This project is funded by World Bank, implemented by Resallience (France) and Co-PLAN*

### **Project Description:**

This project is funded by the World Bank and implemented by Resallience by Sixense and Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat aims to prepare an integrated methodology that

incorporates climate and disaster considerations into Albania's bridge management system.

**Main tasks:**

- Coordination of the development of **Zoning maps for the main climate disaster risks** for each bridge infrastructure based on top 100 prioritized bridges.
- Support incorporating climate and disaster risks on DLD Methodology per each bridge.
- Develop **GIS-based vulnerability** assessments for the bridge capture areas

**Urban Planning Expert- Interventions to improve the Environment and urban landscape of areas through interventions that evoke the tradition and authenticity of 100 Villages territories Project**

[ 01/2022 – 12/2022 ]

**MetroPOLIS Architecture Studio**

**Country:** Albania

*This project is funded by Albanian Development Fund*

**Project Description:**

The 100 Villages program aims at the comprehensive development of areas and their territory through the creation of a series of attraction poles in which agricultural products and agro-tourism services are offered, as well as territories and zoning in the service of recreation, recreational places, educational facilities, areas with economic functions, natural potentials, etc., which will serve to extend the stay of domestic and foreign tourists as well as provide conditions for the development of the local economy and quality of life for local residents. Through these interventions it is required to create focal points (HUBs) that will serve as destinations and good opportunities for direct employment of the population as well as promotion for products and events in the area.

**Main tasks:**

- coordination of working team for development of local strategies for 15 intervention areas;
- coordination of working team in producing GIS-dataset for the territorial analysis;
- coordination of work for development of Detailed Local Plans and revision of local regulations for 15 intervention areas; including development master plans
- coordination of workshops for priority project selection;
- coordination and support to drafting urban and architectural regulations for intervention areas.

**Urban Planning Expert Inducing local economic development in underserved areas through the establishment of a Livestock Market and Educational Laboratory for Sustainable Livestock Farming in the Municipality of Lushnje**

[ 06/2022 – 12/2022 ]

**Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat Development**

**City:** Lushnje | **Country:** Albania

*IADSA, implemented by Co-PLAN and Municipality of Lushnje*

*Location: Municipality of Lushnje*

**Project Description:**

The proposed project set forth by the Municipality of Lushnje in partnership with Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development in response to the Italian-Albanian Debt for Development Swap Agreement (IADSA), has a set overall objective that seeks to Support sustainable, local development and promote green economy based on livestock farming and trading activity in the Municipality of Lushnje. In more specific terms, the project aims to: Boost local economic development through sustainable livestock farming activities; Improve trading conditions and food security in the livestock farming sector.

**Main tasks:**

- Support the municipality in drafting an Integrated Action Plan for the Development of the Livestock Market

- Support the municipality in conducting survey on livestock markets
- Provide technical assistance in the workshops and trainings organized with local stakeholders on sustainability of livestock products

[ 01/2021 – 12/2021 ]

## **Spatial Planning and GIS Expert- Strengthening Municipal Disaster Risk Management Data in Albania**

### ***Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat Development***

**Country:** Albania

*This project is funded by World Bank; implemented by Co-PLAN / Location: Municipalities of Shkodër, Vore*

#### ***Project Description:***

This project supported and strengthened local government institutions in managing natural disasters, with a focus on a crucial aspect of disaster risk management: establishing a relevant DRR database. The project was implemented in two pilot municipalities: Shkodra and Vora, while the other municipalities will be supported through a series of trainings. An important objective of the initiative was the interconnection between the central level (databases from the National Agency of Civil Protection (AKMC) and The State Agency of Geographic Information-ASIG) with the local level, in order to avoid overlapping of data platforms and to support vertical and horizontal coordination.

#### ***Main tasks:***

- Support assessment of data availability for **disaster risk management** at the municipal level;
- Capacity building for all Albanian municipalities on how to collect, manage and maintain municipal DRM data, through 5 trainings
- Support capacity building and on-the-job training for the municipalities of Shkoder and Vore with regards to gathering data, **digitalizing data, setting up and maintaining a system of data management** at the municipal level;

[ 09/2020 – 03/2021 ]

## **Urban Planning Expert-Support Ministry of Finance and Economy conducting the mid-term review of the Social Housing Strategy (SHS) and its action plan and for Designing of Social Housing Municipal plans**

### ***Co-PLAN Institute for Habitat Development***

**Country:** Albania

This Project is funded by UNDP and supported by Ministry of Finance and Economy

Location: Albania, Municipalities of Permet, Vlora, Tirana, Vau i Dejes

#### ***Project Description:***

The Ministry of Finance and Economy, with the support of United Nations Development Program, Albania through the programme "Leave No One Behind", undertook the mid-term review of the Social Housing Strategy 2016-2025. In this framework, Co-PLAN supported the MoFE in i) Assessing the implementation of social housing strategy and associated action plan; ii) Reviewing and amending the SHS action plan, considering also the conditions created by the devastating November 2019th earthquake; iii) Developing a guideline for designing Municipal Social Housing Plans; iv) Developing three MSHP in support and in cooperation with four respective municipalities.

#### ***Main tasks:***

- Management of all participatory and content-based processes for 1 municipal social housing plan
- Conduct **GIS location-based analysis** for housing programs for MSHP-s
- **Develop a matrix of indicators** needed for the development of MSHP-s and SHS at national and local level
- Evaluation of action plan of Social Housing Strategy
- Support drafting the evaluation survey with 61 LGU-s

- Conduct participatory processes with CSO-s on the evaluation of the SHS
- Contribute to the drafting of the mid-term evaluation report for the SHS
- Support the database creation and analysis for all 4 MSHP-s
- Draft a guideline for the development of MSHP-s at local level

**Spatial Planning Expert on Preparation of the Local Disaster Risk Reduction Plan in the Municipality of Lezha**

[ 31/10/2019 – 30/09/2020 ]

***Co Plan, Institute for Habitat Development***

**Country:** Albania

This project is funded by United Nations Development Program.

The overall objective of this project is to support Lezha Municipality in implementing the Local Disaster Risk Reduction Strategy and Plan as the first municipality in Albania to undertake this process based on Law No 45/2019 for Civil Defense. In more specific terms, the following activities are foreseen: preparation of a LDRR Strategy and Plan; multiple-risk assessment through GIS; participatory planning process for multi-risk assessment; climate change risk assessment; risk scenario development through GIS; mainstreaming LDRR in municipal activities; policies on resilience and climate change adaptation and mitigation; capacity building at municipal and community levels;

The main activities that have been part of them are:

- Part of the site visits on terrain also in different institutions on data collection about identifying all the problems related to natural hazards in Lezha Municipality territory.
- Setting up a GIS database related to natural hazards in Lezha Municipality.
- Undertaking the analysis in sections related to Floods and the agricultural water management schemes based on the data collection process.
- Part of the round tables and discussions about the identification and sensitivity evaluations of the natural hazards in Lezha Municipality.
- The planning process for developing the prediction scenarios of natural hazards based on the data collection process and geodatabase created.

**Sub-grantee Coordinator “ Green Lungs for our cities: Alternative and bottom-up monitoring platform for air quality, noise pollution and urban greenery for policy influencing at local level” Project**

[ 08/2019 – 03/2022 ]

***Co PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development***

**Country:** Albania

This Project is funded by European Union Delegation in Albania

Main responsibilities:

Manage and coordinate the process of the collaboration with the sub-grantees to deliver all the materials and products that they have to draft according the project timeline; Support and manage to the local advocacy campaigns in Shkoder, Durres and Elbasan Municipalities; Support, manage and coordinate the other activates of the project (Annual Conference).

**Solid Waste Management Expert “Strong Municipalities” Project**

[ 08/2019 – 03/2020 ]

***Co PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development***

**Country:** Albania

This Project is funded by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC and implemented by Helvetas Albania.

The General objective of tthe project is to draft 5 Solid Waste Menagemnt Plas, particularly in Fieri District ( Fier Municipality, Divjaka Municipality, Lushnja Municipality, Patos Municipality and Mallakstra Municipality).

Main resposabilities:

Coordinate the process of drafting the Solid Waste Management Plans in collaboration with Environment Offices of the Municipalities; Training the staff of environment offices of



the municipalities in Workshops in all steps of Solid Waste Management Plans to be able to prepare this document itself; Draft and revise the documents of Solid Waste Management Plans of these Municipalities.

[ 06/2019 – 09/2019 ]

**Urban Planning Expert “Albania Participatory Needs Assessment: Case Studies of Village Service Delivery Gaps in Lagging Regions” Project**

***Co PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development***

**City:** Tirane | **Country:** Albania

This project is funded by The World Bank

Main responsibilities :

Coordinate field research team in 4 lagging villages (Vojnik, Ujmisht, Nange, Kërçisht); Undertake field work including interviews and focus groups with all relevant stakeholders (local government employees, development agencies, entrepreneurs, civil society); Undertake and draft the socio-economic analysis for the lagging villages and draft the cartographic materials.

[ 03/2019 – 06/2019 ]

**Local Expert “Star 2 project- Consolidation of the Territorial and Administrative Reform” Project**

***Co PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development***

**City:** Tirana | **Country:** Albania

This project is funded by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and implemented by the Agency for Support of Local Governance.

Main responsibilities :

Identify and assess existing data collected and used for measuring performance indicators by various institutions/projects/initiatives in Albania, including the understanding of related processes; Review different national experiences on performance indicators and systems for local governments; Collect information about the current data being produced, including understanding on their processes and needs/ requirements/suggestions; Validate the set of proposals: the overall concept of the performance system, the selected [key] performance indicators (KPI), and the road-map for implementation of the system.

[ 10/2017 – 03/2019 ]

**Local Expert "Regional Development Program Albania" Project**

***Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development***

**City:** Tirane | **Country:** Albania

Project co-funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), implemented in partnership with the Government of Albania.

Responsibilities include:

Coordination of the process on drafting the Regional Development Plan of Shkodra Region in Collaboration with Regional Development Agency of Shkodra ( 1 of 4 Regional Development Agencies in Albania); Responsible on drafting the Agricultural and Rural Development analysis in National Level; Support, coordinate and take part in National and Regional Workshops with different stakeholders to set up the Regional Development Plan.

[ 10/2018 – 12/2018 ]

**Field Survey Coordinator “Field survey on “Public Willingness to Pay for Improved Services of Waste Water in Targeted Water Utilities” Project**

***Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development***

**City:** Tirane | **Country:** Albania

This Project is funded by German Development Cooperation - GIZ Office Albania and implemented by MetroPOLIS Sh.p.k

The main task is to conduct a survey aiming at assessing current situation in terms of information on WU services, % of tariff collection and willingness of public to pay for better services in different municipalities.

Responsibilities include:

Implementation of the Survey in Shkodra Municipality; Conducting interviews and recording perception indicators with citizens, local government representatives and business

[ 05/2018 – 09/2018 ] **Project Coordinator “Detailed Plan of the National Importance Area of Boga in Malësia e Madhe Municipality” Project**

***MetroPOLIS sh.p.k***

**City:** Tirane | **Country:** Albania

Main responsibilities:

Running the process of coordination with NTPA (National Agency of Territorial Planning) and with the Municipality of Malësia e Madhe; Drafting the document of Detailed Plan of National Importance Area of Boga

[ 06/2017 – 03/2018 ] **Project Coordinator “Local General Plans of Belsh and Gramsh Municipalities” Project**

***MetroPOLIS sh.p.k***

**City:** Tirane | **Country:** Albania

This Project is funded by the Albanian Government and implemented by Ministry of Urban Development

Main responsibilities :

Running the process of coordination with municipalities and NTPA (National Agency for Territorial Planning); Drafting all the documents of the process of this Local General Plans (The Documents of Analysis, the Territorial Strategies and the Development Plans); Responsible for the process of the public hearings in the framework of this Local General Plans.

[ 08/2015 – 02/2017 ] **Project Asistant “Social Sustainability and Citizen Engagement” Project**  
***Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development***

**City:** Tirane | **Country:** Albania

This project is funded by The World Bank

The project aimed to increase knowledge and awareness about citizen engagement (CE) mechanisms among stakeholders, including vulnerable groups. Providing assistance to the local city team of Albania, providing content input in the project methodology drafting; establishing and maintaining institutional relations with the Local Government Authorities of Elbasan Municipality; reviewing the project and research approach, analysis, organizing focus groups, national and final international workshop; reporting to donors. as well as local data collection, field research components such as focus group discussions and in-depth interviews and workshops.

[ 11/2017 – 09/2018 ] **Urban Planning and Development Expert- Preparation of General Local Plan of Mat Municipality**

***MetroPOLIS Architecture Studio***

**City:** Tirana

This project is supported by ‘Decentralization and Local Development Program (DLDP)’ funded by Helvetas, Swiss Cooperation; Implemented by Metropolis Ltd.

Location: Municipality of Mat

***Project Description:***

The Decentralization and Local Development Program (DLDP) aims at supporting municipalities and communes in northern Albania (Shkodra and Lezha regions) towards

improved local governance, thus supporting the decentralization and transition process in the country. The program acts as a facilitator with a program management office in Shkodra, providing mainly planning, technical and advisory, facilitation/coordination and co-financing support. This component aimed at supporting the Municipality of Mat in designing the General local plan for the territory, in compliance with the law on territorial development

**Main tasks:**

- Support the drafting of the General Local Plan for the Municipality of Mat
- Coordination Process, participatory planning process and consultations with stakeholders

[ 01/2015 – 01/2017 ]

**Urban Planning Expert “Local General Plans of Fier, Elbasan, Lushnje, Berat and Kuçova Municipalities” Project**

**Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development**

**City:** Tirane | **Country:** Albania

This Project is funded by United States Agency for International Development ( USAID) and implemented by Planning and Local Governance Project (PLGP)

Responsibilities include:

Digitization of the base maps (Infrastructure, Water resources and Buildings); Social and Economic Development analysis; Territorial Systems analysis; Water quality of the rivers analysis (Shkumbini, Viosa, Semani, Devolli and Osumi Rivers). Fieldwork for water sampling; Land use Analysis and Proposals; Infrastructure analysis and proposals (roads, irrigation and drainage channels) Agriculture and rural development analysis and proposals, Analysis of public services in the local government units.

From January 2016 to January 2017 worked as a coordinator, responsible for Local General Plan of Kuçova Municipality, drafting all the proposals for this municipality also coordinating all the participatory planning process and consultations with the stakeholders.

In February 2016 one of co-authors of five territorial strategies for these municipalities (Publications: **ISBN:** 978-9928-200-55-6, **ISBN:** 978-9928-200-54-9, **ISBN:** 978-9928-200-51-8, **ISBN:** 978-9928-200-53-2, **ISBN:** 978-9928-200-56-3)

[ 10/2014 – 03/2015 ]

**Coordinator “Urban Activism for Civic Democracy” Project**

**Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development**

**City:** Tirane | **Country:** Albania

This Project is funded by United States Embassy in Tirana

Responsibilities include:

Assist the consultative processes with the community, and a series of hands-on original urban pro-actions followed by concrete urban interventions to address one particular issue of concern to the community.

[ 10/2012 – 10/2013 ]

**Researcher “Better journalism for civic education: from a city of needs to a city of opportunities” Project**

**Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development**

**City:** Tirane | **Country:** Albania

This Project is funded by United States Embassy in Tirane

Responsibilities include:

Contributing to research work on urban problems; support to the analyses process; assisting the team of experts in devising solutions based on the research findings; Preliminary research on the issues to address, identification of 6 main issues; setting up of 5 working groups to work on case solutions, participating in the production of the TV programs; promotion of the project outputs, etc.

[ 05/2012 – 10/2012 ]

**Urban Planner Specialist at ALUIZNI Regional Directorate of Shkodra**

***ALUIZNI (Agency for Legalization, Urbanization and Integration of Informal Areas / Constructions) i***

**City:** Shkoder | **Country:** Albania

Responsibilities include:

Digitization of plans of illegal constructions in the informal areas and respective gen-plans digitization. Fieldwork for performing measurements of the buildings.

[ 05/2011 – 10/2011 ] **Urban Planner Specialist at ALUIZNI Regional Directorate of Shkodra**  
***ALUIZNI (Agency for Legalization, Urbanization and Integration of Informal Areas / Constructions) i***

**City:** Shkoder | **Country:** Albania

Responsibilities include:

Digitization of plans of illegal constructions in the informal areas and respective gen-plans digitization. Fieldwork for performing measurements of the buildings.

[ 10/2013 – 07/2014 ] **Researcher "Burrel Municipality Regulatory Plan" Project**  
***Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development***

**City:** Tirane | **Country:** Albania

Responsibilities include:

Part of the team, working on regulatory planning of Burrel Municipality. My role in this group was the preparation of several analysis especially dealing with planning issues such as housing, environmental, and economical issues and developing strategies of the future development.

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

[ 27/09/2020 – 18/12/2020 ] **Postgraduate Diploma on Good Governance Complex and Contemporary Cities**

***IHS, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam***

**Address:** Burgemeester Oudlaan 50 Mandeville (T) Building, 14 floor, 3062 PA, Rotterdam, Netherlands |

Modules: Urban Theory, Gentrification, Urban Data Analytics, Urban Governance, Urban Policy, Urban Planning, Public-Private Partnerships. occupational techniques (making of standard breads, fancy breads, cakes and pastries)

Thesis: " **Key factors that can determine the citizens to cycle in order to mitigate traffic congestions by achieving sustainable transport principles in Shkodra city**"

Thesis Grade: 8.6 Average Grade: 8.3

[ 10/2016 – 09/2019 ] **Professional Master " Housing and Land Development"**

***Polis University*** <http://www.universitetipolis.edu.al/>

**Address:** Rr. Bylis no. 12, Kashar, P.o.Box 2995, Tirane, Albania |

This Master is offered in collaboration with IHS/Erasmus University Rotterdam, Holland

Final Exam: Grade 10; Average grade 8.6

[ 09/2009 – 06/2014 ] **Master of Science Degree in Urban Planning and Management**

***Polis University*** <http://www.universitetipolis.edu.al/>

**Address:** Rr. Bylis no. 12, Kashar, P.o.Box 2995, Tirane, Albania |

Diploma thesis: The instrument of cross-border cooperation on the regional development focus. The case of cross-border region of Shkoder-Podgorica and areas around the Shkoder's Lake.

Grade: 9; Average Grade: 8.3

Supervisor of diploma thesis: Phd\* Ledjo Allkja (ledjo\_allkja@co-plan.org)

[ 06/2014 – 09/2014 ]

## **Internship at National Agency of Territorial Planning (NATP)**

**National Agency of Territorial Planning (NATP)** <https://planifikimi.gov.al/>

**City:** Tirane | **Country:** Albania |

The main topic was the analysis and evaluation of the different versions of administrative-territorial division reform in Albania.

- Ability to apply academic knowledge to professional practice in the field of planning.
- Perception abilities of territorial development strategies were tested in the analysis carried out on the possible variants of territorial reform and spatial planning instruments adopted.
- Analytical and creative skills in argumentation for five territorial reform proposals.
- Skills in information processing and data obtained through computer programs.
- Ability to work effectively in a group.
- Ability to respect deadlines.

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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**Mother tongue(s):** Albanian

**Other language(s):**

**English**

**LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING C1**

**SPOKEN PRODUCTION C1 SPOKEN INTERACTION C1**

**Italian**

**LISTENING A2 READING A2 WRITING A2**

**SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 SPOKEN INTERACTION A2**

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

## **ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS**

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**Organisational skills**

- Very good ability to work in a group and to manage a design project and organizational work, obtained through education and work experience.
- Very good capability for processing data from the field and its use on territory issues and social issues affected by various projects.
- Excellent ability to solve problems using a balance of technical competence, creativity, and hard-headed pragmatism.
- Great ability to envision alternatives to the physical and social environments in which we live.
- Capacity to lead a multidisciplinary team
- Delivering qualitative outcome despite time constraints

## **COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS**

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**Communication and interpersonal skills**

- Very good communication skills were obtained through education and work experience.
- Ability to work with the public and articulate planning issues to a wide variety of audiences.
- Ability to function as a mediator or facilitator when community interests conflict.

- Experienced stakeholder management: involving and influencing, negotiation, facilitation, mediation and advocacy
- Great internal communication: creating an environment where information is shared for effective team performance

## **JOB-RELATED SKILLS**

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### **Job-related skills**

- Very good technical and professional skills on mapping of various plans and projects obtained through the work experiences.
- Excellent understanding of the legal foundation for planning and land use regulations (Albanian; European, and international)
- Excellent understanding of the interdisciplinarity of planning-related sectors
- Excellent writing skills, adapted to research reports, grant proposals, scientific research work; policy documents; analytical work; etc.
- Excellent command of: Autocad; ArcGIS; Adobe Package (Ps; Ill, Ind); SPSS; Microsoft Package