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## LANGUAGES

Macedonian

English-C1

German-A2

Serbian/Croatian

## PROFILE

Passionate lawyer and PhD candidate in the field of Law of the European Union and EU integration, with passed Bar Exam, having gained previous professional experience in the country and abroad working on international projects, predominantly on issues related with democratic governance and rule of law, both in think-tank sector and for state bodies, as I am ready to embark on a new challenge in my career.

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Legal Assistant (Prosecutorial Associate) at Public Prosecutor's Office for Prosecuting Criminal Offences Related to and Arising from the Content of the Illegally Intercepted Communication, Skopje

February 2017 — Present

(volunteered since February 2017, official employment date: 01.12.2017)

- Investigating and gathering the case facts
- Conducting research on relevant laws, regulations, and legal articles
- Drafting prosecutorial decisions, appeals and other legal acts
- Organizing and maintaining documents in paper or in electronic form
- Gathering and arranging evidences and other legal documents and case preparation
- Writing or summarizing reports to help prosecutors prepare for trials
- Getting affidavits and other formal statements that may be used as evidence incourt
- Helping prosecutors during trials by taking notes or reviewing trial transcripts

Project Assistant/Researcher at European Policy Institute - Skopje, Skopje

August 2015 — January 2017

Main projects: "Network 23+", duration 01.01.2016 – 31.12.2017, funded by the EU - IPA II Civil Society Facility and Media Programme, implemented in partnership with the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in the Republic of North Macedonia (MHC)

Project "Justice: Governance for growth MoNiTor – JudGMeNT", duration 10.07-31.12.2016, funded by the Regional Cooperation Council

Project "Urgent Reform Priorities Monitor", duration 15.09-31.12.2015, funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands in the Republic of North Macedonia-MATRA Programme

- Responsible for the management of project portfolios on democratization and rule of law, in charge of the project's calendar and milestones, carrying out all the preparatory activities for smooth execution of the project and day-to-day management, reporting to donors – production of narrative and financial reports within timelines in appropriate formats
- Data collection (interviews, questionnaires, open sources) and conducting research using various qualitative and quantitative research methods
- Maintaining data bases - MERC ([www.merc.org.mk](http://www.merc.org.mk)) and EPI's web page([www.epi.org.mk](http://www.epi.org.mk))
- Structured monitoring of the areas under the Chapter 23 – Judiciary and Fundamental Rights and Urgent Reform Priorities
- Preparation and editing of different research and policy products: monthly monitoring briefs, policy briefs, policy papers and policy analysis, case studies and reports
- Organization of trainings and workshops, conferences, policy dialogues and other events
- Focal point for communication with various international and domestic stakeholders and target groups
- Project application writing, fundraising and pitching project ideas to potential donors

Researcher within TRAIN Programme 2016

(Think Tanks Providing Research and Advice through Interaction and Networking) at German Council of Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin

March 2016 — November 2016

- Produced a research paper on the Role of the Constitutional Court in protecting the freedom of expression in the Republic of Macedonia, under the academic mentorship of Natasha Wunch, PhD candidate at the University College of London, and presented the research findings in Berlin and Brussels-based institutions and think-tanks.

● Expert on Judiciary at Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Skopje Office, Skopje

September 2016 — November 2016

- Problem analysis on the current situation regarding the judiciary sector in the country within the project “Building Social Cohesion from the 'Ground-Up': The Day After” and preparation of set of demands for improvement, providing clear deadlines and stakeholders.

● Editor – Law Review \*PRAVOMATIKA\*

December 2016 – March 2017

- Editor of the section/article “Evromatika”, dedicated on the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights, published articles on Article 6 of the Convention–Right to a fair trial (available at the link: <https://issuu.com/pravomatika/docs/spisanie>) and Article 10 of the Convention–Freedom of expression and information ([https://issuu.com/pravomatika/docs/br\\_2](https://issuu.com/pravomatika/docs/br_2)).

● Stager at European Policy Institute-Skopje, Skopje

September 2014 — July 2015

Project “Network 23”, 1.05.2014-31.07.2015, funded by the EU - IPA Civil Society Facility Programme 2013 and Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands in the Republic of North Macedonia-MATRA Programme

- Assistance to the Project Coordinator on the day to day project management.

● Vice President for Conferences and Seminars (two terms) at European Law Students Association in the Republic of North Macedonia, Skopje

May 2013 — May 2015

● Forum Oratores at the Faculty of Law “Justinianus Primus” – Member

October 2012 – September 2014

- Participation in the **Oratorical Night “Ivo Puhan”** 2013 organized by the Faculty of Law “Justinianus Primus” Skopje, under the mentorship of Professor Vlado Buchkovski



EDUCATION

● PhD student - Law of the European Union and European Integration  
Ss Cyril and Methodius University, Faculty of Law “Justinianus Primus”  
Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia

January 2020 – ongoing

● Passed Bar Exam, Ministry of Justice, Republic of North Macedonia

December 2017 — January 2018

● Master of Laws (LL.M) in the field of International Law and Law of  
the European Union, Ss Cyril and Methodius University, Faculty of Law  
“Justinianus Primus” Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia

2014 — 2016

- Thesis “Chapter 23 of the *acquis communautaire* in the context of the EU conditionality policy”
- Grade average: 9,91/10 // GPA Equivalent: 3,97/4

● Scientific Visit, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Faculty of Law,  
Moscow, Russia

November 2014 — November 2014

- Awarded as one of the best students at the Faculty of Law “Justinianus Primus” Skopje

● Bachelor of Law, Ss Cyril and Methodius University, Faculty of Law  
“Justinianus Primus” Skopje, Republic of North Macedonia

2011 — 2014

- Grade average: 9,88/10 // GPA Equivalent: 3,95/4



## TRAININGS, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

June 2019 **Integrity Training**, organized by the Centre for International Legal Cooperation in Skopje

29 May 2019 **Seminar-Implementation of the Code of Ethics for Judicial and Prosecutorial Associates**, Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors of the Republic of North Macedonia

3 May 2019 **Seminar-Determination of the Criminal Sanction and Judgment Based on Agreement**, Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors of the Republic of North Macedonia

13 April 2018 **Seminar-International Legal Cooperation in Criminal Matter**, Academy for Judges and Public Prosecutors of the Republic of North Macedonia

August 2017 **Training-First Responders for Digital Evidence**, organized by International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP) in Skopje

August 2017 **Training-Financial Crime Investigations**, organized by International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICITAP) in Skopje

November 2016 **Workshop on Building capacities of CSOs networks**, TACSO Macedonia

November 2016 **Institutional visit of European Parliament, European Commission and Council of Ministers of the EU**, organized by German Council on Foreign Relations, in Brussels, Belgium

June 2016 **Seminar on Effective Communication of Policy Proposals and institutional visit of the German Bundestag, Federal Foreign Office and Chancellery**, organized by German Council on Foreign Relations, in Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany

May 2016, **Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods**, organized by European Policy Institute and Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis”

April 2016 **Seminar on Policy Writing**, organized by German Council on Foreign Relations, in Belgrade, Serbia

November 2015 **Seminar on introduction to German Law**, organized by Deutsche Stiftung für internationale rechtliche Zusammenarbeit - IRZ-Stiftung

September 2015 **Policy Framework**, organized by European Policy Institute

July 2015 **Macedonian Institutional context and Regulatory Impact Assessment**, organized by European Policy Institute

May – November 2015 **Capacity Building of CSOs from Macedonia and Kosovo working on fight against corruption, organized crime and illegal migration**, Civil De - De Project implemented by the ZIP Institute – Skopje and supported by the Visegrad Fund [participation in six webinars: Methods of Cooperation between NGOs; Strategic Needs Analysis for NGOs; Advocacy and Networking Strategy Planning; Public Policies Evaluation; Project Management with Limited Resources; Digital Media Communication Techniques and study visit in Budapest, Hungary]

March 2015 **Seminar on European funds – programming and management**, organized by Open Society Foundation Macedonia and USAID Macedonia

October 2015 – March 2016 **Seminars on Methodology for Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Policies, Structure and Content of the Chapter 23 and Strategic Planning**, organized by European Policy Institute

November 2014 – April 2015 **Training for Trainers in the field of Human Rights**, organized by the Macedonian Young Lawyers Association – USAID Programme for Human Rights Protection

September 2014 **International Youth Conference-European values and future of SEE Countries**, organized by Youth Alliance Krushevo

August 2014 **Summer School for Human Rights with special focus on hate crimes**, organized by Helsinki Committee for Human Rights and Institut international des Droits de l'homme et de la Paix – IIDHP - 2IDHP

April 2014 **Regional Moot Court Competition in front of the ECtHR Judges**, organized by Civil Rights Defenders in Subotica, Republic of Serbia

November 2013 **International Conference on Youth Unemployment**, representing the National Youth Council of Macedonia, organized by Serbian Youth Umbrella Organization in Kovacica, Republic of Serbia

November 2013 **Conference – Fight against Human Trafficking: Stop for the modern slavery**, organized by European Law Students' Association in Republic of Macedonia, part of the Organizing Committee

## PUBLICATIONS

*Chapters 23 and 24 of the *acquis communautaire* in the context of the EU conditionality policy*, Year 2018, co-authored with prof. Tatjana Petrushevska, Yearbook of the Faculty of Law “Justinianus Primus” Skopje, Skopje

*Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights – Freedom of Expression and Information*, March 2017, Law Review PRAVOMATIKA, Skopje  
[https://issuu.com/pravomatika/docs/br\\_2](https://issuu.com/pravomatika/docs/br_2)

*Article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights – Right to a Fair Trial*, December 2016, Law Review PRAVOMATIKA, Skopje  
<https://issuu.com/pravomatika/docs/spisanie>

*Role of the Constitutional Court in protecting freedom of expression in the Republic of Macedonia*, November 2016, German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin  
[http://epi.org.mk/docs/TRAIN%202016\\_Lea.pdf](http://epi.org.mk/docs/TRAIN%202016_Lea.pdf)

*Analysis of the European Commission 2016 Country Report on the Republic of Macedonia “Frozen Recommendation”*, co-authored with M.R. Jordanova, S. Kacarska, A. Abazi, I. Conevska, K. Dimovska, M. Demiri, A. Vanchoski and A. Mojsovski, November 2016, European Policy Institute, Skopje  
[http://epi.org.mk/docs/EPI\\_Let%20vo%20mesto%20ili%20sloboden%20pad\\_komentar.pdf](http://epi.org.mk/docs/EPI_Let%20vo%20mesto%20ili%20sloboden%20pad_komentar.pdf)

*Defocusing the focus - “Ticking the boxes” or democratisation via the June/July Agreement?*”, co-authored with M.R. Jordanova, A. Jovanoski, S. Kacarska and A.A. Imeri, February 2016, European Policy Institute, Skopje [http://epi.org.mk/docs/Defocusing%20the%20focus\\_en.pdf](http://epi.org.mk/docs/Defocusing%20the%20focus_en.pdf)

*Academic block “Transparent negotiations as pre-condition for democratic reforms”*, Initiative for Digital Citizenry Respublika, November 2015, Skopje