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**Short bio:**

Graduated on the Department for Civil Engineering, University of Novi Sad, Serbia. Finalized master studies on EU integrations and public administration on Faculty of Economic, Finance and Administration FEFA, Singidunum University. Currently attending PhD studies on Spatial Planning, Belgrade University, Faculty of Geography.

During studies was engaged in the TEMPUS - Center for post-graduate studies in environmental sciences, on numerous scientific projects related to GIS systems and its application on several fields including environmental cadastre. Worked in the Yugoslav National UN Habitat Focal Point and briefly was a head of the Focal Point. Within the various institutions of the Government of the Republic of Serbia gained work experience including the programming, monitoring, evaluation and management of EU funds as well as donor and IFI's coordination and harmonisation, liaising with European Union bodies, International Financing Institutions and the donor community. Was responsible for setting-up the system of implementation and control for four generations of territorial cooperation programmes with EU member states in Serbia (FP 2004-2006, 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 and 2021-2027) and participated in setting-up of Indirect Management System for cross-border cooperation programmes between Serbia and bordering non EU member states.