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## ● ABOUT ME

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Young professional with a MSc in Public Policy and experienced in project management and research. Topics of expertise include: EU enlargement for Western Balkans, countering foreign influence, regional cooperation, Berlin Process. Experienced in project management cycle with strong leadership and problem-solving skills, managing risks and stakeholders. Proficient in project writing, implementation and evaluation. Facilitating skills for preparing and executing workshops, seminars or training.

## ● WORK EXPERIENCE

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**HEAD OF THE CENTRE FOR EU INTEGRATION | RESEARCHER – INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACY "SOCIETAS CIVILIS" SKOPJE** – 01/11/2020 – Current – SKOPJE, NORTH MACEDONIA

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**Managed regional projects** focused on advancing EU integration processes in the Western Balkans (WB), fostering cooperation between civil society and WB institutions, and promoting interparliamentary diplomacy to support the EU accession framework.

- **Key achievement:** Spearheaded the introduction of the Parliamentary Dimension in the Berlin Process, recognized in the 2024 Chairs' Conclusion, enhancing regional parliamentary cooperation and alignment with EU principles.

**Implemented project activities** aligned with EU negotiation clusters, particularly in external relations (Chapters 30 and 31 within Cluster 6), addressing foreign and security policy.

**Coordinated partnerships** with regional civil society organizations (CSOs) and public stakeholders, including Parliaments, Ministries of Foreign Affairs, and Ministries responsible for EU integration, to facilitate policy alignment with the EU acquis.

- **Key achievement:** Established a governmental working group in North Macedonia to draft legislation on Foreign Direct Investment Screening Mechanisms (FDISM), reflecting EU best practices and contributing to economic security as part of North Macedonia's EU accession process.

**Authored annual public opinion analyses** on public perception of the EU integration process, providing insights into public attitudes and their impact on policy.

**Produced monitoring reports** on initiatives such as the Common Regional Market and the Green Agenda, ensuring strategic alignment with EU accession criteria and supporting regional commitments that complement the EU integration process.

**Communicated project outcomes** to targeted audiences and the broader public, emphasizing how initiatives support the EU integration agenda and improve quality of life in the region.

**Participated in high-level conferences and seminars and participated as researcher on Horizon Europe project** on EU enlargement, regional cooperation, and geopolitical challenges, contributing to policy discussions critical to the EU accession process.

**RESEARCHER – YOUTHLINK SCOTLAND** – 25/01/2020 – 27/08/2020 – EDINBURGH, UNITED KINGDOM

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Conducting qualitative primary data research on the topic *["The role of youth work in advancing the political literacy of young people in Scotland"](#)*

**PROGRAM COORDINATOR – GO GREEN SKOPJE** – 01/09/2016 – 01/09/2019 – SKOPJE, NORTH MACEDONIA

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- Project Coordinator of the project "Youth Voice for Environmental Change in High Schools" with the purpose of introducing and instigating a youth environmental program; Devised, implemented and monitored the program for enable high school pupils to organise themselves in green clubs.
- Project Coordinator and Author-Contributor in the Erasmus+ KA2 – Innovation in youth work project, which resulted with design of an online platform for training materials based on the Competence Model for Trainers
- "Project Coordinator of the project "Environmental Education and Activism" funded by the **City of Skopje**, which resulted in the design and implementation of a program for establishment of a national youth network of environmental clubs within high schools

- Project Coordinator of "**Do it Yourself**", granted by the European Commission for creation and introduction of a program for green skills for improving youth employability in primary schools; Drafted and created the program together with primary school teachers to suit the skills and knowledge of the pupils
- Observed and monitored all the relevant national youth policies as a representative of the organization Go Green to the National Youth Council of Macedonia
- **Representative of Go Green** to the Government of Republic of North Macedonia Board's Meeting where a strategy addressing youth unemployment through investment in green jobs was presented; The Board Meeting resulted with establishment of a working group on the topic "Green Jobs and Youth Employability" with inclusion of relevant institutions.

## ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

08/09/2019 – 04/11/2020 Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
**MSC PUBLIC POLICY** University of Edinburgh

Website <https://www.ed.ac.uk/> | Level in EQF EQF level 7

15/09/2014 – 08/06/2018 Skopje, North Macedonia  
**BSC JOURNALISM** University Ss Cyril and Methodius

Website <https://ukim.edu.mk/en/> | Level in EQF EQF level 6

## ● LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **MACEDONIAN**

Other language(s):

|                | UNDERSTANDING |         | SPEAKING          |                    | WRITING |
|----------------|---------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|---------|
|                | Listening     | Reading | Spoken production | Spoken interaction |         |
| <b>ENGLISH</b> | C2            | C2      | C2                | C2                 | C2      |
| <b>GERMAN</b>  | B1            | B1      | B1                | B1                 | B1      |

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

## ● SKILLS

Microsoft Office package: Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access | Conhecimento basico sobre utilizao do programa SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences)

## ● PUBLICATIONS

2026  
[\*\*EU Accession and Rule of Law Resilience: Credibility and Leverage at the Core\*\*](#)

2026  
[\*\*Solidarity in Action A Transatlantic Collaboration Platform for Peace and Democracy in the Western Balkans\*\*](#)

2025  
[\*\*New Global Uncertainties, Old European Commitments: Public Perception on EU Accession in 2025\*\*](#)

2025  
[\*\*Foreign Influence Challenges: Corrosive Capital and Disinformation in the Western Balkans and Associated Trio\*\*](#)

Contributing Author for Disinformation

2025  
[\*\*Discerning the perceptual gap between the EU policies and the countries' expectations and needs\*\*](#)

2021

## **The impact of regional organisations and initiatives in Western Balkan**

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The research paper is a critical overview of development of regional organisations with proposed recommendations based on a series of semi-structured interviews with the leading diplomats from the region, who are currently, or were previously, tasked with conceptualizing and implementing regional cooperation.

2025

## **EU Integration in 2024: From European dream to Macedonian reality**

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2023

## **EU integrations in the shadow of the internal processes – Public opinion analysis for 2023**

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Annual public opinion analysis on the citizens' perception of the EU integration process vis-a-vis the internal political developments.

2024

## **Berlin Process Civil Society & Think Tank Forum 2024 Policy Recommendations**

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Author and rapporteur for the policy recommendations on "EU Integration and the Berlin Process" (page 5-8)

2024

## **Parliamentary Diplomacy: Regional Cooperation through enhanced parliamentary dialogue**

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Monitoring report of Action Plans for Common Regional Market (area: Digitalisation) and Action Plan of Green Agenda for WB (area: Decarbonisation)

2023

## **Needs Assessment Survey of Western Balkan Parliaments' involvement in the Berlin Process**

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### ● **CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

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08/10/2024 – 10/10/2024 Berlin, Germany

#### **Parliamentary Dimension of the Berlin Process**

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Presentation based on the monitoring report for Common Regional Market to Western Balkan Members of Parliaments on area of digitalisation

04/09/2024 Skopje, North Macedonia

#### **North Macedonia's progress in Berlin Process implementation - Conference in Assembly of North Macedonia**

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The Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" - Skopje (IDSCS) organized an event on the progress of North Macedonia in the Berlin Process, where the monitoring reports and the current level of implementation of the action plans for the Common Regional Market and the Green Agenda were presented in the Assembly of North Macedonia

12/09/2023 – 13/09/2023 Skopje, North Macedonia

#### **Enhancing Berlin Process through Parliamentary Diplomacy**

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The purpose of the event is to bring the Berlin Process closer to MPs and the expert service and to initiate an inter-parliamentary and expert debate on the role of the parliaments of the Western Balkan countries within the Berlin Process.

### ● **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

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15/08/2019

#### **Chevening – Commonwealth & Foreign office of United Kingdom**

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