

CURICULUM VITAE

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I was born in Podgorica, Montenegro on December 26th 1978. I am an economist, graduated at University of Montenegro, with final thesis on "Influence of State Capture on Economic Development: Case Studies from Montenegro".

I have ten years of experience in NGO sector in Montenegro with a particular focus on anti-corruption, public participation, governance and civil society development. I am working for NGO Network for the Affirmation of NGO Sector – MANS at position of Executive Director and my work includes overall coordination of MANS activities, researches and analysis and relations with all stakeholders, including media.

I am currently member of the National Commission for monitoring implementation of the Action Plan for Combating Corruption and Organized Crime in Montenegro established by the Government of Montenegro and I participated in development of all strategic documents focusing at reforms of institutions dealing with corruption and organized crime.

I've published range of publications related to corruption in construction industry, conflict of interest, free access to information and privatization in Montenegro and over twenty papers on corruption, transparency and poverty presented at international conferences.

I have extensive experience in public relations, more than 150 interviews and over 2000 articles in Montenegrin media, also quoted in the Fortune, International Edition, International Herald Tribune, New York Times, Deutsche Welle and other foreign media.

Public opinion surveys conducted through 2007 and 2008 are showing that I was the most trusted person in Montenegro of all political and public figures.

My other work experience includes developing analysis in the global public interest regarding accountable and democratic governance in Montenegro for the Global Integrity (2006, 2008) and analyses of media reports on Kosovo crisis for Media Club, the first online media in Montenegro (1999 and 2000). I am also member of the Advisory Board of Balkan Trust for Democracy established as trust of the German Marshall Fund.