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About me: Innovative, ambitious Urban Planner with experience in the area of local level urban management and cultural heritage preservation. In possession of a wide set of technical skills, along with great report writing skills gained from academic and professional experience. Able to conduct research and data analysis, long and short range planning mainly based on community development. Highly motivated to develop projects that improve our natural and built environment through concepts of natural, cultural, spatial and socioeconomic sustainability.

● WORK EXPERIENCE

02/2021 – CURRENT – Prishtina, Kosovo

RESEARCHER/URBAN PLANNER – UBT - INSTITUTE FOR URBAN STUDIES AND SPATIAL PLANNING

- Provide professional support in projects related to the field of planning spatial and urban, in which UBT is involved;
- Provide professional support in the projects of the Center for Urban Studies, in the quality of researcher and spatial planning expert, currently including Municipal Development Plan of Vitia, Smart City Gjilan, Smart City Vushtrri and Smart City Peja;
- Coordinate communication with stakeholders to cooperate with UBT in the field of spatial planning and socio-economic development.

<http://cus.ubt-uni.net/>

10/2020 – CURRENT – Prishtina, Kosovo

SPATIAL/URBAN PLANNING CONSULTANT – UN-HABITAT KOSOVO

- Analyze existing planning documents at municipal level (Municipal Development Plan, sectoral plans etc), relevant strategies, reports, respective collected data and newly developed maps related to the drafting of Municipal Zoning Map (MZM) of Vushtrri.
- Analyze the respective legal framework (including spatial planning technical norms) related to the drafting of MZM,
- Organize consultative meetings with spatial planners (responsible for Vushtrri), all relevant municipal departments
- Draft the rationale for defining zones, general development conditions and narrative part
- Identify jointly with planners and municipal staff the actual and future investments
- Provide logistical and administrative support and perform any other tasks which may be required by the nature of the activities.

09/2018 – 08/2020 – Prishtina, Kosovo

URBAN PLANNER - GIS EXPERT – VIZION PROJECT

Engaged directly in the process of drafting various spatial plans, as listed below:

1. Municipal Zoning Map of Prizren
2. Municipal Zoning Map of Skenderaj
3. Detailed Regulatory Plan "Industrial Park - Marinë, Skenderaj"

Throughout the duration of the projects, I am responsible for:

- Processing and geo-referencing spatial data to update the Spatial Planning database for respective local authorities.
- Providing professional and technical support directly to two local authorities in development of the spatial plans, which includes drafting both textual and cartographic elements of the spatial plans
- Ensuring alignment of local plans with relevant Planning legislation and administrative instructions.
- Guiding municipalities on using geo-data with ArcGIS
- Drafting reports for meetings aiming to encourage public participation in the process of inclusive and sustainable local plans (Strategic Development Plans, Municipal Zoning Maps and Detailed Regulatory Plans) as well as Strategic Environmental Assessments regarding respective plans.
- Organizing public meetings and discussions in order to ensure transparent public participation during the process of drafting local spatial plans.

Prishtina, Kosovo

09/2017 – Istanbul, Turkey

PROJECT RESEARCHER – ISTANBUL TRADE UNIVERSITY

- *Conducting survey research for the "Small Industrial Areas in Istanbul Asian Side" project*
- *Providing technical support in the digitization of survey research results*

Istanbul, Turkey

07/2017 – 08/2017

PLANNING INTERN – MINISTRY OF CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS - REGIONAL CENTER FOR CULTURAL HERITAGE

- *Observing and reporting on the development of the restoration projects in the Sefa Mosque and Mullajusufi Mosque*

Gjakova, Kosovo

06/2017 – 07/2017

PLANNING INTERN – MUNICIPALITY OF GJAKOVA, DIRECTORATE OF URBANISM

- *Providing technical support in the correction of digital format of Urban Implementation Plans*

Gjakova, Kosovo

08/2016 – 09/2016

PLANNING INTERN – MUNICIPALITY OF PRISHTINA, DIRECTORATE OF URBANISM

- *Providing technical support in the correction of digital format of Urban Implementation Plans*
- *Assisting in meetings with parties in the Urban Solutions office*

Prishtina, Kosovo

06/2016 – 08/2016

PLANNING INTERN – CULTURAL HERITAGE WITHOUT BOARDERS - CHWB KOSOVO

- *Monitoring and identifying cultural heritage monuments in physical danger*
- *Conducting data registry on the Cultural Heritage Monuments in Danger database*

Prishtina, Kosovo

07/2015 – 09/2015

PROJECT RESEARCHER – CULTURAL HERITAGE WITHOUT BOARDERS - CHWB KOSOVO

- *Conducting survey research for the Conservation and Development Plan for the historic city of Vushtrria*
- *Providing technical support in drafting the Emergency Intervention Plan for the Zatriq Mosque in Rahovec*

Prishtina, Kosovo

● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

09/2013 – 07/2018 – Istanbul, Turkey

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING – Yildiz Technical University, Faculty of Architecture, Department of Urban and Regional Planning

Principle subjects: *City Planning; Regional Planning; Urban Economics; Urban Sociology; Urban Design; Planning Theories and Techniques; Urban Renewal and Conservation; Urban Society Management; Urban Transportation*

An intensive 1-year Turkish Language Course (2013-2014), followed by a 4-year Bachelors degree program (2014-2018)

www.yildiz.edu.tr

09/2010 – 06/2013 – Prishtina, Kosovo

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA – Sami Frashëri Gymnasium, Department of Mathematics and Informatics

● LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): ALBANIAN

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C1	C1	C2
TURKISH	C1	C1	B2	B2	B2
GERMAN	A2	A2	A1	A1	A2

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

● DIGITAL SKILLS

Adobe Illustrator | Microsoft Office | Adobe Photoshop | Sketchup | ArchiCAD | AutoCAD | ArcGIS | SPSS

● DRIVING LICENCE

Driving Licence: B1

Driving Licence: B

● RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Mr. Arianit Bytyçi** - Executive Director at *Prima Engineering*, arianit.bytyci@gmail.com
- **Ms. Kaltrina Thaçi** - Project Manager at *CHwB Kosovo*, kaltrinathaci@gmail.com
- **Prof. Dr. Yigit Evren** - Professor at *Yildiz Technical University*, yigitevren@gmail.com
- **Ms. Besnike Koçani** - *Spatial Planner* at *UN-Habitat Kosovo*, besnike.kocani@un.org

● HONOURS AND AWARDS

Honours and awards

- 2013-2018 **Turkey Scholarship Awardee** [www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr]
- 2012 **ATOMI Institute Alumni** [www.atomi-ks.org]

● COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Communication and interpersonal skills

Positive, articulate and innovative. Excellent presentation, problem solving and teamwork skills acquired throughout academic and work experience.