

Curriculum Vitae
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PROFILE

Accounting expert with more than 10 years' experience in financial reporting, setting up and review of accounting systems for publicly and privately owned companies, NGO's and small businesses. Expertise includes tax reports preparation, automated accounting systems and audit management, and training of staff.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Accounting

University of Tirana, Faculty of Economics, Tirana, Albania, May 2009.

DISSERTATION: "The influence of culture in accounting practice - Albanian case".

Msc in Accounting

University of Tirana, Faculty of Economics, Tirana, Albania, July 2005.

Visiting Scholar, MBA Program

College of Business Administration, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, USA, August- December 2000.

BS in Finance & Accounting

University of Tirana, Faculty of Economics, Tirana, Albania 1993-1997.

Universita degli Studi di Macerata, Facolta di Economia, Macerata, Italy, 1996-1997.

- Won Tempus Award, a full scholarship judged on student performance.

ACADEMIC/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Tirana, Faculty of Economics, 1998 – Present

Full-time Lecturer at Department of Accounting

- Courses Taught: Principles of Accounting, Financial Accounting, and Accounting for students of computer science. Taught up to four sections (90+ students) during regular semesters.
- Research Interests: Financial Reporting, Accounting Information Systems, and Accounting & Institutions.

Selected Publications in Academic Journals and Conference Presentations

- The relationship between financial and tax accounting in Albania. *The Romanian Economic Journal*. 43(1), 45-60, co-author (2012, March).
- The influence of culture in accounting practice - Albanian case. *Albanian Socio Economic Review*. 69(5), 209-218, co-author (2011, December).
- "Changes in university education and expectatios: The implications for accounting curriculum in Albania". *III International Conference on Luca Pacioli in Accounting History III Balkans and Middle East Countries Conference on Accounting and Accounting History*, Istanbul Technical University (I.T.U), co-author (2013, June).
- How New Accounting Regulation (IFRSs) Will Affect Tax Practice: Case of Albania. *Poster Presentation, 2nd International Conference on Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting Accounting Department, FEUT*, co-author (September 2012).

- Economic Significance of Tribes in Developing Economies: Case of Albania, *Poster Presentation, Consumer Culture Theory (CCT) Conference*, Oxford University, UK, co-author (2012, August).
- Reemergence of Traditional Tribes In Post-Communism Albania, *12th International Society for Markets and Development (ISMD) Conference*, Casablanca, Morocco, co-author (2012, May).
- The relationship between financial and tax accounting in Albania. *International Conference: Economic & Social Challenges. Globalization and Sustainable Development*. Tirana, Al, co-author (2011, December).
- The role of accountants professional judgements in IFRS and in their implementation. *International Conference: Economic & Social Challenges and Problems. Facing Impact Of Global Crisis*. Tirana, Al, co-author (2010, December).

CONSULTING AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Këshilli Kombëtar i Kontabilitetit, Tirana, 2014 – present

Member of review committee for the translation process of IAS / IFRS's in Albanian.

Instituti i Eksperteve Kontabel te Autorizuar (IEKA), Tirana, 2014 – present

Professional training lecturer

- for the preparation process of the candidates for auditors – module IAS / IFRS & NAS.

Veneto Banka sha, Tirana, april 2008 – june 2016

Head of Audit Committee

Main responsibilities:

- audit and supervision of accounting procedures and internal control of the bank, including the procedures defined by the Bank of Albania;
- evaluation of the financial situation of the bank based on the report of the statutory auditor;
- controls of the compliance activity of the bank with laws and bylaws;
- approval of the public financial reports and statements prepared by the bank.

Parsh, Tirana, 2008 – 2010

Consultant

- Reviewer for the EBC*L textbooks – European Business Competence License in Albania.

Banka Italo Shqiptare, Tirana, 2005 – 2007

Member of Audit Committee

Main responsibilities:

- audit and supervision of accounting procedures and internal control of the bank, including the procedures defined by the Bank of Albania;
- evaluation of the financial situation of the bank based on the report of the statutory auditor;
- controls of the compliance activity of the bank with laws and bylaws;
- approval of the public financial reports and statements prepared by the bank.

Valu Add Management Services shpk, Tirana, 2003 – 2008

Local Financial Consultant

Main Projects: “Albania Water Sector Monitoring and Benchmarking Project”
“Institutional Strengthening of Water Companies in Albania”

- Prepared Budget Plan & Tariff Calculation Model.
- Elaborated financial performance indicators.
- Implemented computerized accounting system.
- Provided support for international consultants.
- Staff training.

The Urban Research Institute, Tirana, august – september 2004

Local Financial Consultant

Project: “Decentralization of the Water Sector - Due Diligence Report”

- Provided support for international consultants in preparation of due diligence and financial analysis.

Christian Children’s Fund (CCF), Tirana, 1999 – 2003

Finance Manager

- Monitored and recorded all financial data.
- Prepared financial reports for CCF headquarter and donors.
- Generated and monitored budgets on a quarterly basis and presented to the management.
- Staff training.

Tirana International Hotel, 1997 – 1998

Assistant Manager at Cost Control Department

- Monitored and recorded all cost related data.
- Prepared daily and weekly cost reports for presentation to management.
- Created and implemented the company’s system of stock and revenues control.
- Ensured compliance with accounting deadlines.

Cassa di Risparmio di Fabriano & Cupramontana, Fabriano, Italy, may –july 1997

Internship at Department of Accounting

- Performed general office duties and administrative tasks.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member of European Accounting Association (2010 - present).

Member of Approved Accountant Institute of Albania (2001 - 2014).

Student Business Club Albania, FE, UT (1996 - 1999).

LICENSES

Approved Accountant, November 2001

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Albanian native. Fluent in English (TOEFL iBT 97/120) & Italian (university exams). Good working proficiency in French.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficient with MS Office, Windows XP, Accounting Programs and the Internet.