

MARIJA VISHINOVA

Skills

Communication and organization skills, Able to communicate in multiple languages and coordinate the work of a group of people. Negotiation skills, flexibility, open-mindedness and curiosity, team-oriented attention to details, time management skills, working under strict deadlines, multitasking. Excellent writing and analytical skills; potential for research and science.

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Nationality: Macedonian

Residence: Skopje, N. Macedonia

Work experience:

07/2019-ongoing Communications and Information Officer at Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN)

Established in 2009, BCSDN is a network of 14 CSOs from the Balkans with an Executive Office, located in Skopje, N. Macedonia. BCSDN mission is to empower civil society and influence policies towards a more enabling environment for civil society development to ensure sustainable and functioning democracies in the Balkans. The network has extensive experience in promoting the development of the civil society and its transparent and accountable work in the region, and its role as a competent, democratic partner in the EU accession process.

As a BCSDN Communication Officer I am coordinating preparation of design, print and take care of visual identity of BCSDN; follow regional and global initiatives related to BCSDN work and networking possibilities with networks' project partners. In terms of information sharing, I am responsible for the creation and delivery of three quarterly and four thematic Newsletters and 30 editions of its bi-monthly communication service, the Email Alerts (EMA). I am also actively participating in the implementation of ongoing activities of the network, assisting in preparing project proposals, taking part in project planning, scoping, and writing.

03/2019-07/2019 Communication Officer at Civil Mk-NGO

CIVIL is a human rights organization, combining activism, think-tank and media production in its projects and activities, with a great impact on processes and events. The mission of CIVIL is to: actively promote and defend human rights and freedoms; contribute to processes of building sustainable peace and reconciliation, take active part in improvement of inter-ethnic dialogue, tolerance and full respect for ethnic, religious and cultural rights of individuals, groups and communities, etc.

During my engagement at Civil, I was actively participating in the process of daily and ongoing administrative work-communication with partners, donors and beneficiaries, organization of events, creating time-frame, online research, designing social media contents, creating different time of policy documents, etc.

12/2018- 03/2019 Intern at Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI)

Secretariat, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Regional Anti-corruption Initiative is an international organization that acts as a regional platform through which governments of the region combine their efforts to curb corruption in South Eastern Europe. RAI fights against corruption in SEE by building upon existing actions through better co-ordination of the national efforts and by relying on high-level political commitment.

I was actively participating in the implementation of ongoing activities of RAI Secretariat, assisting in preparing project proposals, taking part in project planning, scoping, and writing. I was also included in the organization of RAI's current events and managing the news section on the RAI Secretariat website and social media accounts.

01/2019- 3/ 2019 **Writer at The Vostokian**

The Vostokian was founded in 2015 as a forum on which students and young professionals could publish their writings on politics and economics in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. My engagement in The Vostokian included writing articles and comments with a focus on political topics about Eastern Europe.

05/2018- 02/2019 **Writer at FOMOSO- Forum für Mittelost- und Südosteuropa**

FOMOSO is Online Political Journal, functioning as independent and non-profit organization, promoting the opinion-forming about East-Central and Southeast Europe. The aim of FOMOSO is to promote knowledge and interests about political processes in East-Central and Southeast Europe.

My engagement in FOMOSO included writing articles and comments with a focus on social and political topics about Southeast Europe, conducting research on sociopolitical topics, creating summaries on specific political information, working on infographics about East-Central and Southeast Europe.

04/2018-12/2018 **Researcher/Intern at Centre for Security Studies, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Centre for Security Studies (CSS) is an independent research, educational and training enterprise dedicated to encouraging informed debate on security matters and to promoting and sustaining democratic structures and processes in foreign and security policy in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and in the region of South-East Europe.

During my internship period at the Centre for Security Studies, I was included in the process of background research on CSS projects, assisted in the preparation of political/security analysis/reports, co-ordinated with local and international agencies, assisted with the organization of seminars, workshops and training programs organized by CSS, etc.

01/2018- 03/2018 **AIESEC Educator on Sustainable Development Goals of United Nations (UN SDGs)** at Liceo Scientifico Nicola Sensale, Nocera Inferiore, CA, Italy

AIESEC is an international non-governmental that provides young people with leadership development, cross-cultural global internships, and volunteer exchange experiences across the globe.

On a daily basis I was organizing lectures and additional workshops, educating young Italian students (15-18 years old) about the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and the Agenda 2030, their role and responsibilities in the society, leaving no one behind, with a particular attention to the migration processes and the global challenge to handle with it.

09/2017-04/2018- **Team Member- OBI Skopje, NGO-**

OBI is a Non-Governmental Organization focused on non-formal youth education and raising awareness about young students and their responsibilities in the society;

As a part of the OBI team, I was included in the process of Organization of workshops with teachers, professional staff and students with disabilities for their inclusion in the society. During this period, I also straightened my leadership skills, managing a team of 5-10 team members.

02/2017 – 05/2017 **Staff – Ikenberry Dining Services, Urbana-Champaign, University of Illinois, U.S.**

During my Overseas exchange, I worked part-time within the University campus. Among my main tasks, I needed to provide support to all the team in dining services, helping students with disabilities during their dining, strengthening my time-management skills and providing high-standards and positive attitude inside the group.

06/2014 – 09/2014 **Administrative Staff – Target Group, Skopje, Macedonia**

Target Group DOO are experts in the area for management with business information. Its mission is to provide access to high quality business information and to help their clients maintain stable risk level, increase their profits and help make smart business decisions.

During my summer internship at Target Group, a company specialized in software and business process outsourcing, I covered several tasks: from monitoring the company's business performance, to prepare daily planning, to serve as administrative support.

01/2013 – 03/2013 **Events planning and reception Assistant – EU Info Centre, Skopje, Macedonia**

The EU Information Centre was founded by the Delegation of the European Union to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, aiming to enhance the EU related flow of information among the public. The general approach is to

ensure that systematic, factual, correct and comprehensive information are provided to the public. The Delegation of the European Union fully considered the continuous increase of citizens' interest about the EU accession process and the major demand for information especially after the country gained the status of candidate-country for EU membership.

During the Internship period at the EU Info Centre in N. Macedonia among my main tasks I was appointed for assisting activities on reception and information. I was also included in the event planning and event managing, copywriting, editing, and additional administrative and management activities.

11/2012 – 07/2013 Copywriter, Daily Macedonian Newspaper *Вечер*, Skopje, Macedonia

Vecer is a Daily Macedonian newspaper: <https://vecer.mk>

I was working as an Editor, on the section of promotion and advertisement of the European University students and professors, goals, but also achievements. I was appointed on writing articles and reports, preparations of surveys and questioners, organization and realization of interviews, copywriting.

Education and training:

2015 – 2017 Joint Degree Master of Arts Interdisciplinary Research and Study on Eastern Europe (MIREES), University of Bologna, Forlì Campus. GPA 110/110 <https://corsi.unibo.it/2cycle/mirees>

Principle Subjects: Modernity and Nationalism in Eastern Europe, Political Economy of Countries in Transition, Russian Language, Macro-Regional Cooperation in the Danube Basin, Memories and Culture of Eastern Europe, Gender Studies.

Oral and written presentation skills, copywriting and reports preparation, team work, experience in international environment. Master thesis title: *Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) in the Regional Development of the Balkans, with a special regard to Europeanization.*

01/2017 – 05/2017 Exchange student, Overseas Program University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, U.S <https://illinois.edu/>

Research activities, class attendance (Master thesis preparation), writing commentaries on the EU Blog of the UIUC, attending and reporting about the Workshops focusing on SEE.

09/2016 – 01/2017 Exchange student, Erasmus Plus Program, Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary <http://www.uni-corvinus.hu/index.php?id=eng>

Research activities, class attendance, attendance of Workshops concerning SEE region, preparation and presentation of the Work in Progress for the Master Thesis Project proposal, before the final submission deadline.

2012/ 2014 Master of Arts in Political Science and Diplomacy, University SS. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje. GPA 9.3/10 <https://pf.ukim.edu.mk/en/>

Principle Subjects: Theories of International Relations, Principles of Political Economy, Diplomatic and Consular Working, Law of the European Union, Balkan Studies, Diplomatic and Consular Law, Negotiation and Mediation.

Master thesis title: *The concept of (Un)Just War in the International Law*

2009 – 2012 Bachelor in Science in Political Science, European University, Skopje, Macedonia. GPA 10/10 <http://www.eurm.edu.mk/index-en.php>

Bachelor thesis title: *The historical overview and the contemporary challenges of the Labour political party in the UK party system*

Principle Subjects: Theories of Political Science, History of Civilization, Methodology of Research and Writing, Communication and Media, Political history of Eastern Europe, English Language, Political Mythology.

Languages:

Macedonian – mother tongue

English – high proficiency oral and written competences, level C1 (TOEFL iBT certificate)

Bosnian-Croatian-Serbian – high proficiency oral and written, level C1

Italian – good understanding and discrete communication skills, level B1
Bulgarian- very good communication level and understanding B2/C1
Russian – good communication level and understanding, level A2

Publications:

- National Day of Republika Srpska – 2019. The Vostokian, January 2019 <https://vostokian.com/national-day-of-republika-srpska-2019/>
- Western Balkans and the Rule of Law: Normative assessment of the progress of the judicial reform vs. Public Trust in Judiciary. Centre for Security Studies (CSS), Sarajevo, December, 2018 http://css.ba/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/WB_RoL_122018.pdf
- Hungarian-Macedonian Friendship: Political Asylum to Former Macedonian Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski. FOMOSO Forum für Mittelost- und Südosteuropa, 2018 <https://www.fomoso.org/en/opinions/commentaries/hungarian-macedonian-friendship-political-asylum-to-former-macedonian-prime-minister-nikola-gruevski/>
- Western Balkans: EU enlargement through the 'Little Bang', Centre for Security Studies (CSS), Sarajevo, 2018 http://css.ba/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/CSS_Little_Bang_sept2018.pdf
- Western Balkans Summit in London 2018: Expectations and realities- FOMOSO Forum für Mittelost- und Südosteuropa, 2018 <https://www.fomoso.org/en/news/articles/western-balkans-summit-in-london-2018-expectations-and-realities/>
- Contemporary Nesting Orientalism in the Western Balkans on their path toward EU integration, FOMOSO Forum für Mittelost- und Südosteuropa, 2018 <https://www.fomoso.org/en/mosopedia/research/contemporary-nesting-orientalism-in-the-western-balkans-on-their-path-toward-eu-integration/>
- The Western Balkan media reactions about the Greek-Macedonian agreement FOMOSO Forum für Mittelost- und Südosteuropa, 2018 <https://www.fomoso.org/en/opinions/blog-en/the-western-balkan-media-reactions-about-the-greek-macedonian-agreement/>
- Comparison between the political rhetoric of Thessaloniki Summit (2003) and the Sofia Summit (2018) FOMOSO Forum für Mittelost- und Südosteuropa, 2018 <https://www.fomoso.org/en/mosopedia/research/comparison-between-the-political-rhetoric-of-thessaloniki-summit-2003-and-the-sofia-summit-2018/>
- The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Case Study: Implementation of Sustainable Development Goals in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Centre for Security Studies (CSS), Sarajevo, 2018 http://css.ba/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Vishinova_SDG_BiH_2018_eng.pdf
- Out of impasse? (Un)realities in the political and educational system of Bosnia and Herzegovina, EUC Blog- Linguis Europe. University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign, 2018. <http://eucenterillinois-language.blogspot.com/2018/02/out-of-impasse-unrealities-in-political.html>
- Women in Protest: Code Pink and the 2016 US Presidential Elections. Inquiry Journal of Social Sciences Volume 3/Issue 1/December 2017 <http://inquiry.ius.edu.ba/index.php/Inquiry/article/view/107>

Training/Conferences

- 7th International Youth Forum – 'Change your future- Dialogue and Democracy', 24- 26 February. Skopje, Macedonia
- Leadership Development Certification- Global Volunteer Opportunity tackling the Sustainable Development Goal Quality Education on February 28th, 2018, Italy
- ACross: "Integritet u javnim nabavkama: vanjski nadzor"- 10-12 Oct 2018, Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

IT Skills

Proficiency in using Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office applications, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook.
Proficiency in using WordPress Content Management Systems (CMS)

Driving License

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