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Work experience

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Occupation or position held Deputy Rector, Responsible for teaching at Agricultural University of Tirana

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Dates March 2012 - May 2016
Occupation or position held Vice Dean of the Faculty of Economy and Agribusiness/Agricultural University of Tirana, Director of PhD Program

Dates Since September 2001
Occupation or position held Lecturer
Main activities and responsibilities Teaching: Agribusiness Management, Responsible and contact person for the modules taught in second level diploma; "Managerial Economics" and "Quality Management" .
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Name and address of employer Agricultural University of Tirana, Faculty of Economy & Agribusiness
Kodër-Kamëz, Tirana/Albania (home institution)

Type of business or sector Public University

Education and training

Dates May 27, 2015
Title of qualification Associated Professor
Awarded Decision Nr. 17; date 27/05/2015, Of the Council of Professors/ Faculty of Economy and Agribusiness/Agricultural University of Tirana

Dates March 2007- May 2011 (Scholarship from IDB)
Title of qualification awarded Ph.D. degree

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Agricultural Economics; Special focus on quality management systems. The internationally recognized system and importance of applying these systems in Agri processing industry in Albania as very important factor of assuring the quality and be more competitive in regional and European markets

Name and type of organization providing education and training Hohenheim University
Agricultural Faculty; Institute of Agribusiness Management and Computer Application in Agriculture (410c)
Stuttgart/Germany

Level in national or international classification ISCED, level 8

Dates March 2002- September 2004
Title of qualification awarded Master

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Quality Management in meat processing industry in Albania. Necessity of assuring quality.

Name and type of organization providing education and training Hohenheim University
Agricultural Faculty; Institute of Agribusiness Management and Computer Application in Agriculture (410c)
Stuttgart/Germany

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Dates September 1996- March 2001
Title of qualification awarded Economist

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Name and type of organization providing education and training Agricultural University of Tirana, Faculty of Agriculture, Department of "Farm and Agribusiness Management"

Level in national or international classification ISCED, level 6

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) **Albanian**

Other language(s) **English, German, Italian**

Self-assessment	Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
European level (*)	Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
English	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
German	B1	Independent user	B2	Independent use	B2	Independent use	B2	Independent use	B2	Independent use
Italian	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C1	Proficient use	B2	Independent user	B1	Independent user

(*) Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

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| Social skills and competences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good ability to adapt to multicultural environments, gained through my study experience abroad - Very good communication skills gained from my work experience as teacher in University |
| Technical skills and competences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Good knowledge on social rules and tradition in Latin America, Turkey and Germany - Agribusiness Management, Farm management and Rural Development, Quality Management & Safety of Food Products, Firms Economics. - A number of professional training in the area of Agricultural Economics, Quality Management and Food Safety |
| Computer skills and competences | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Windows operation system (XP, Vista & Win7 and Win10); Microsoft Office 2007 and later (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher), skills gained from experience - Very good skills in Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox and Google Chrome gained from experience and various courses - Very good skills on survey software used in Social Science "Win Survey" (learned from a course taught in Institute 410 C Hohenheim University) - Very good skills in Statistical Software in Social Sciences SPSS, gained from a course and from independent learning & also in CBC software and Sawtooth software (conjoint analysis, online survey) - Basic knowledge in SAS (Statistical Software) - Very good skills in Adobe Acrobat, Reader, Distiller and Nitro pdf - Very good skills in "RefWorks", an online researching tool writing and collaboration management. - Very good skills in "Mendeley", an online reference manager and an academic social network - Very good skills in distance learning with platform such as Zoom, Cisco Webex. Moodle |
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Additional information

University Books

Kapaj I. Co-author, "Drejtimit Agrobiznesi"

Kapaj I. Co-author, "Administrim Publik"

Other Scientific books/working papers

Guri, F., Kapaj, I., Musabelliu, B., Meço, M., Topulli, E., Keco, R., ... others. (2015). "Characteristics of farming systems in Albania" JRC-IPTS (Institute for Prospective and Technological Studies, Joint Research Centre) Working Papers; Issue JRC95833 .

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Supervision of the Doctoral studies

Terezi Eda. Ph.D theses; "Reforma Rregullatore dhe Efektet e saj në Përmirësimin e Klimës dhe Performancës së Biznesit. Mundësitë për Përmirësim të Mëtejshme", Faculty of Economy ad Agribusiness/ Agricultural University of Tirana; Tirane, Albania 2015; https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_JyotQ0Et9bb1J3RmhleXk3eXM/edit;

Kahremani Argjina. Ph.D theses; "Ndikimi I Standardeve Iso 9001 Në Efektivitetin E Ndërmarrjeve të Vogla dhe të Mesme në Rajonin e Pollogut (Republika E Maqedonisë)", Faculty of Economy ad Agribusiness/ Agricultural University of Tirana; Tirane, Albania 2016; https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_JyotQ0Et9bamdqUzJjRXkwZTQ/edit

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Trainings

5-7 September 2011

Participation in the training session: The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP): First Training Session on “Cleaner Production” of the Second Round of the Programme, at Xheko Imperial Hotel – Tirana/Albania

04 February 2009

Participation in Workshop “Priority Settings in Research Projects”, AHEED (Albania-Hawaii Higher Education and Economic Development), AUT, Tirana /Albania

09 February 2009

Participation in Workshop “Grant Writing”, AHEED (Albania-Hawaii Higher Education and Economic Development), AUT, Tirana

2005

TEMPUS project, "New challenges of quality management in food industry", intensive seminar organized by Gent University/Belgium

2004

Seminar Participation "Market Analyses", organized from USAID, Tirana/Albania.

April 2002

Training course in microfinance, held Hohenheim University, Stuttgart Germany

1999

Participation in Autumn Academy 'Agricultural economist' 1999, organized from Hohenheim University Stuttgart/Germany; Tirana/Albania.

Member of Professional Bodies

From 2012 and on member of professional body "Institute for Economic Study and Knowledge Transfer/ Responsible for Management Unit: (www. ISETN.org)

From April 2008 and on - Member of SDN (Science and Development Network), within ISDB; www.sciencedev.net

From 2006 and on

Member and founder of NGO, "Institute of Farm and Agribusiness Management", Tirana /Albania

From 2005 and on

Member of Albanian Accounting Association, while I hold the title "Approved Accounter"

From 2005 and on

Research Partner at IFCN (International Farm Comparison Network) located in Kiel/Germany

Projects and monitoring experience

From August 2019 and on (ongoing), Project coordinator: Erasmus+ Program, Key Action 1, Mobility for learners and staff – Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility; UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND VETERINARY MEDICINE OF CLUJ-NAPOCA/Romania - Agricultural University of Tirana/Albania

From August 2019 and on (ongoing), Project coordinator: Erasmus+ Program, Key Action 1, Mobility for learners and staff – Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility; ESTONIAN UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES, TARTU/Estonia - Agricultural University of Tirana/Albania

From August 2018 and on (ongoing), Project coordinator: Erasmus+ Program, Key Action 1, Mobility for learners and staff – Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility; VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY/Lithuania - Agricultural University of Tirana/Albania

From August 2018 and on (ongoing), Project coordinator: Erasmus+ Program, Key Action 1, Mobility for learners and staff – Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility; UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES LUBLIN/POLAND - Agricultural University of Tirana/Albania

From August 2017 and on (ongoing), Project coordinator: Erasmus+ Program, Key Action 1, Mobility for learners and staff – Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility; AFYON KOCATEPE UNIVERSITY/Turkey - Agricultural University of Tirana/Albania

From February 2016 and on (ongoing), Project coordinator: Erasmus+ Program, Key Action 1, Mobility for learners and staff – Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility; WARSAW UNIVERSITY OF LIFE SCIENCES (SGGW)/Poland – Agricultural University of Tirana/Albania

August 2014 to December 2016, Project coordinator: "Chestnuts and Honey Chestnut Vc In Albania and Building of Quality Labels in the Framework of the Project Biodiversity Conservation - Sustainable Rural Development in Balkan Areas" Mountainous Areas Development Agency (MADA)/CIHEAM Bio-diversity project and ISETN – Institute for Economic Studies and Knowledge Transfer. Tirana/Albania

August 2013 to March 2014: JRC/SVQ/2013/J.4/0006/NC, Principal Investigator: "The impact of policy instruments on the farming systems in Albania". EUROPEAN COMMISSION JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE; Institute for Prospective Technological Studies: Seville/Spain

April 2013 to September 2015: External expert for the project Adriatic IPA "WELLFOOD - Promoting Food Innovation for Wellness in the Adriatic"; Second call for ordinary project proposals (October 2012-September 2015), 2^{ord}/0083/0.

December 2012 to June 2016, Project coordinator: Adriatic IPA Coordinator of ADRIA FOOTOURING-ADRIATIC FOOD and TOURISM:

INnovatinG smes, Second call for ordinary project proposals (October 2012-June 2016), code: 2°ord./0090/6.

2008-2012: Albania/Hawaii Higher Education and Economic Development Project, in collaboration with University of Hawaii; Team Member: Short description: Strengthening the Faculty of Economy and Agribusinesses capacity to provide quality graduate education and to build capacity for effective training, research, consulting and advising to the Ministry of Agriculture, and other stakeholders.

January 2011- October 2011; Project coordinator: "Organizimi dhe Funksionimi i Insitutit të Kërkimeve Ekonomike dhe Transferimit të Njohurive (ISETNJ) pranë FEA-s" financed by Excellence program (Ministry of Education)

January 2011- October 2011; Team Member: "Zhvillimi i turizmit përmes promovimit të vlerave më të mira të zonës", Project financed by Agency for Social Society Support, Albania

2010 USAID Main investigator, Identifying Factors that Influence Implementation of QMS (Quality Management Systems) in Meat Processing Industry in Albania. Short description: Investigation and quantification of the levels of the implementation of the QMS in Albania especially in the meat processing industry.

2009 FAO, Principal Investigator: Value chain analysis and project preparation. Short description: Value chain analysis and project preparation for a sericulture sector revival in Albania.

2008 PHARE – ACE Program; Principal Investigator. A cooperation project, between the Agricultural University of Tirana, and the Macedonia University of Macedonia of Thessaloniki, Greece

2007 AIPP – Team Member: Balkan Trust for Democracy, Policy monitoring and impact assessment specialist, Short description: Writing a Monitoring & Evaluation guide for the Fieri regional council and capacity and building for involved stakeholders

2007 TEMPUS, UM-JEP 17083-2005, Team Member, "Creation of a national Centre for Agricultural Training

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