# EUROPEAN CURRICULUM VITAE FORMAT



### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name DREZGIĆ, SAŠA

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Date of birth 22.10.1978.

# **WORK EXPERIENCE**

• Dates (from – to) 2016-2017

Name and address of employer
 Ministry of finance, I.Katančića 5, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia

Type of business or sector
 Occupation or position held
 Deputy Minister of finance

Main activities and responsibilities
 Department for macroeconomic analysis, economy, financial system, EU and international

financial relations

Financial management, internal revision and control

Tax and customs administration

• Dates (from – to) 2010 – 2015

Name and address of employer
 University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics, Ivana Filipovica 4, 51000 Rijeka, Croatia

Type of business or sector
 Education

• Occupation or position held Assistant professor (full time)

• Main activities and responsibilities Teaching Courses of Public Finance, Economics and policy of investment, Economics of the

public-private partnership and Fiscal Policy

• Dates (from – to) 2013 – present

Name and address of employer
 University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics, Ivana Filipovica 4, 51000 Rijeka, Croatia

• Type of business or sector Business consulting

• Occupation or position held Director of Centre for Local Economic Development (full time)

• Main activities and responsibilities

The Centre for Local Economic Development at the University of Rijeka is company 100%

owned by Faculty of Economics University of Rijeka. The Centre supports local economic development, economic growth, the development of software for businesses and government to improve municipal service delivery, etc. The Centre particularly focuses on PPPs in various

public-sector infrastructure projects.

As Director of the Centre for Local Economic Development, I am responsible for managing the

company, developing and administrating its projects.

• Dates (from – to) 2017 - present

Name and address of employer
 ESCO GRUPA Ltd., Prolaz Marije Krucifikse Kozulic 2, 51000 Rijeka, Croatia

 Occupation or position held

Team leader

· Main activities and responsibilities

Engaged by ESCO GRUPA ltd. As team leader at EU project "Instruments for combining PPP and ESI Funds"

• Dates (from – to)

2015

Name and address of employer

ESCO GRUPA Ltd., Prolaz Marije Krucifikse Kozulic 2, 51000 Rijeka, Croatia

• Type of business or sector

Consulting in the energy sector

Occupation or position held

Expert (10 days)

· Main activities and responsibilities

Engaged by ESCO GRUPA ltd. to conduct an economic feasibility study of a Public Private Partnership (PPP) project for public lighting (municipality of Kostrena). Developed tender documentation and PPP contract for the local government.

• Dates (from - to)

January 2015 - March 2015

Name and address of employer

BINA ISTRA Ltd., Croatia

• Type of business or sector

Construction

Occupation or position held

Financial Advisor (15 days)

• Main activities and responsibilities

BINA ISTRA Ltd. is owned by the multinational company Bouygues and has a concession contract from the Croatian government for the construction of BINA ISTRA highway. As a Financial Advisor to BINA ISTRA Ltd., I was hired to review the concession agreement for BINA ISTRA highway, specifically checking its compliance with the European System of Accounts ESA2010 and to propose any necessary adjustments.

• Dates (from – to)

2014 - 2015

Name and address of employer

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Moldova

Type of business or sector

**UN Development Program** 

Occupation or position held
 Main activities and responsibilities

As an International Expert for the Joint International Local Development Program (JLDP), I was responsible for conducting an economic impact analysis on the territorial administrative

International Expert / Joint International Local Development Program, UNDP, (20 days)

reorganization in the Republic of Moldova.

Dates (from – to)

2013

Name and address of employer

NEO CONSULTING, Ltd. Croatia

• Type of business or sector

Business consulting

Occupation or position held

Expert (10 days)

• Main activities and responsibilities

Engaged by NEO CONSULTING to conduct an economic feasibility study of a Public Private Partnership (PPP) project for public lighting (municipality of Omisalj). Developed tender documentation and PPP contract for the local government.

Dates (from – to)

2013 - present

· Name and address of employer

CLER / Business Friendly Certification South-East Europe (BFC SEE), Croatia Implementing partners: GIZ Open Regional Funds Modernization of Municipal Services, National Alliance for Local Economic Development NALED, Serbia, Association of Local Self-Governments ZELS Macedonia, Federal Ministry of Development, Entrepreneurship and Crafts (BiH), Ministry of Economic Relations and Regional Cooperation of Republika Srpska (BiH) Regional certification program Funded by: German Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation (BMZ) 2012-2016, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SCD) 2014-2016 and municipalities.

• Type of business or sector

• Occupation or position held

Team Leader/President of Regional Council

Main activities and responsibilities

The Business Friendly Certification South-East Europe (BFC SEE) is designed to foster the development of business friendly local governments according to internationally acknowledged standards. The main goal of the project is to improve and harmonize local conditions for doing business in South East Europe through Business Friendly Certification (BFC SEE), fostering economic cooperation and new investments in the region. The project has been implemented in three phases: a) International quality seal for business friendly municipalities, implemented in the period of October 2011 to June 2013 aimed at piloting and testing BFC SEE instrument in BiH, Macedonia and Croatia based on the experience in Serbia; b) Building Regional Network for Business Friendly Certification in South East Europe, implemented in the period of November

2012 to June 2013, aimed at establishment of the Regional structure for Business Friendly Certification; c) BFC SEE - Growing towards sustainability 2013-2016 aimed at building up the capacity of the certification bodies, members of the BFC SEE network, as well as the capacity of the BFC SEE network during the early phase of their development.

As Team Leader, I established the national coordination institution for BFC SEE in Croatia and oversaw the BFC SEE process as a Regional Coordinator. The total value of the project is EUR 1,090,000. The allocation for Croatia coupled with contributions of municipalities rounds at EUR 285000.

2013 • Dates (from - to)

• Name and address of employer

CLER, Ltd. Croatia • Type of business or sector Business consulting

Occupation or position held

• Main activities and responsibilities

Creation and implementation of complex database of local government indicators – EFRISTAT.

Funded by Croatian Chamber of Economy, Initial value of project 100.000 EUR

Dates (from – to)

2013

· Name and address of employer

DCG / Competitiveness of Local Self-governments in South and South-West Serbia Baseline

Study, Serbia

Team leader

• Type of business or sector

Consulting

Occupation or position held

International Expert (20 days)

Main activities and responsibilities

Derived competitiveness indices across local governments in Serbia. Intensive fieldwork for the purposes of assessing the local government competitiveness level.

Dates (from – to)

September 2013

Name and address of employer

The World Bank/ Analysis of the Severance Pay Scheme in the Republic of Croatia, Croatia

• Type of business or sector

Finance

· Occupation or position held

Expert (30 days)

Main activities and responsibilities

Engaged by the World Bank, which provided technical support at the request of the Ministry of Labor and Pension System of the Republic of Croatia. Responsible for reviewing and suggesting changes in the severance system of the Republic of Croatia before the introduction of proposed

regulatory reforms.

• Dates (from - to)

2010

· Name and address of employer

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) / Support to the State Chancellery in Decentralization/local Public Policy Formulation and Implementation, Croatia

Type of business or sector

**UN Development Program** 

· Occupation or position held

International Expert (15 days)

• Main activities and responsibilities This project focused on territorial-administrative reform and inter-municipal cooperation. Engaged as an International Expert, responsible for providing high quality consultancy services

on administrative-territorial aspects of decentralization reform in the country, and for the design of inputs for the country Decentralization Reform Strategy according to the official vision. Developed analytical products in the form of advisory notes, reviews, assessments leading to policy papers, as well as provide direct ad-hoc strategic advice as required by the target

beneficiaries.

• Dates (from - to)

2007

· Name and address of employer

University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics / Strategy of Socio-economic Relations in the Croatian Society, Ivana Filipovica 4, 51000 Rijeka, Croatia

Type of business or sector

Education

Occupation or position held

Researcher

Main activities and responsibilities

Conducted research for the project "Strategy of Socio-economic Relations in the Croatian Society". Acted as coordinator of the project, conducted data collection and econometric and statistical analysis.

• Dates (from – to)

2006-2007

· Name and address of employer

Urban Institute

- Roads Sector Decentralization Project (2007)
- Decentralization of the Education System (2007)
- Reform of the Tax System in Croatia project (2006)

· Type of business or sector

Occupation or position held

Researcher (30 days)

Education

· Main activities and responsibilities

Roads Sector Decentralization Project (2007)

Following tasks were accomplished: Review, collection and data analysis for revenue used by counties for building and maintaining public roads, including the amount generated by each county from various sources; development of the allocation formulas to share this revenue with large cities and county seats; recommendations for sharing revenue, supported with the recently analyzed data.

Decentralization of the Education System Project (2007)

Following tasks were accomplished: Review, collect and analyze central and local government data that documents the source, distribution methods and revenue used by the large cities and county seats for providing preschool and primary education to their citizens; make estimates of revenues that all cities of Croatia would need to perform the educational services that large cities and county seats currently perform; make estimates concerning the central and local revenue needed to support this level of decentralization as well as changes that would be needed in formulas used and other methods of distributing of central government revenue for this purpose. Reform of the Tax System in Croatia project (2006)

Following tasks were accomplished: Reviewing, collecting data and analyzing system of corporate income and personal income tax redistribution in Croatia. Based on this analysis to suggest optimal mechanism of vertical financial equalization. Proposal of the project was successful and implemented by the Government of Croatia during 2007.

• Dates (from - to)

2002-2006

• Name and address of employer

University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics / Fiscal Policy in Function of Socio-economic Status of the Family and Population Policy project

• Type of business or sector

Education

Occupation or position held

Researcher (part time)

· Main activities and responsibilities

Conducted research for Fiscal Policy in Function of socio-economic Status of the Family and Population Policy project. Coordinator of the Project, responsible for publishing relevant papers, data collection and econometric and statistical analysis.

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Dates (from – to)

2006-2008

• Name and type of organisation providing education and training

University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

• Title of qualification awarded

PhD Economics

• Level in national classification (if appropriate)

Dr.sc.

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• Dates (from – to) 2002-2005

 Name and type of organisation providing education and training University of Zagreb, Croatia

Title of qualification awarded

Master Degree Economics

• Level in national classification (if appropriate)

MSc

• Dates (from – to) 2002-2005

• Name and type of organisation providing education and training

University of Rijeka, Croatia

Title of qualification awarded

**Bachelor Degree Economics** 

• Level in national classification

BSc

(if appropriate)

# PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Acquired in the course of life and career but not necessarily covered by formal certificates and diplomas.

MOTHER TONGUE CROATIAN

OTHER LANGUAGES

**ENGLISH** 

Reading skills ExcellentWriting skills GoodVerbal skills Good

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES

Dr. Sasa Drezgic is a PhD Economist with extensive experience in the field of macroeconomics, particularly fiscal policy and local government finance issues. He is author of many scientific and practical papers, which deal with the effects of foreign direct investment. As consultant, he was engaged in many projects that dealt with cost benefit analysis and feasibility analyses, economic impact analysis, data collection and analysis and the design and implementation of economic studies. He as an extensive consulting experience in the field of macroeconomics, local economic development, local government finance issues, public-private partnerships, EU fiscal rules (ESA 2010) etc.

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Computer skills including various econometric, statistical, mathematical and programming software (MatLab, Stata, LimpDep, Eviews, Statistica, SPSS, MathCad, C++), leader of several team projects, skills in designing and leading training programs.

DRIVING LICENCE(S) B Category

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Participant of the Course: "DSGE Models: Solutions and Estimation Techniques" given by Wouter Denhaan at LSE March 2010.

Awarded by Foundation of University of Rijeka as the best research assistant in the field of social sciences and humanities for the year 2008/2009

Research fellow: London School of Economics and Political Science, London, 20th January 2010 20th March, 2010

Participant of the workshop "Evaluating Responses to Shocks" organized by International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) at the GDN 11th Annual Conference in Prague, 16th to 18th of January

Best paper award at the 3th Central European Conference of Regional Sciences, Topic of the paper "Spillover effects of public investments in Croatia"

Certified manager of EU Projects, October of 2009

Research fellow: London School of Economics and Political Science, London, 20th January 2009 – 20th March, 2009

Participant of GDN 10th Annual Conference "National Resources and Development", Kuwait, 3-5 February, 2009

Participant of "GDN econometric course" held in Prague, 14th to 30th of April

Participant of "Data Analysis and Development with MATLAB® Products" seminar held in Ljubljana, May 30th

Participant in seminar "CURRICULUM PLANNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BOLOGNA PROCESS" in the organization of Regional Education and Information Centre (REIC), held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, May 4-5

Visiting study at Cleveland State University, Maxine Goodman Levine College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland, USA, August 15th – December 15th, 2007

Diploma of Zagreb School of Economics and Management for participating the course "Nove metode u kapitalnim ulaganjima na lokalnoj razini" (New Methods of Capital Investment on the Local Level), December 2005.

Diploma of Joint World Bank Institute and OSI/Local Government Initiative Course:

Decentralization and Local Government in South East Europe – Urban Finance Course, Wienna, April 26-30, 2004.

Practice at Tax Administration branch ("Primorsko-goranska" region) of the Ministry of Finance of the Republic Croatia during the year 2002.

Rector Award for the Best Student in the Generation 1999.

1998-2005 Student Scholarship of the Croatian Ministry of Science and Education

# ANNEXES

List of publications

#### Annex 1: Publications

- Drezgić, Saša. Fiscal Policy and Competitiveness in Croatia // Public Policy Making in the Western Balkans Case Studies
  of Selected Economic and Social Policy Reforms / Margo, Thomas; Bojicic-Dzelilovic Vesna (ur.). London: Springer, 2014.
  Str. 45-69.
- Vašiček Davor; Drezgić, Saša. Proračunsko financiranje investicija opći pristup i osvrt na ulaganja u energetsku učnikovitost. // TIM4PIN Magazin. 10 (2014); 23-30 (pregledni rad, znanstveni).
- 3. Drezgić, Saša, Pronk, Peter "A Tax Regulatory Laffer Curve", in Nijsen, A (ed.) Better Business Regulation in a Risk Society. New York: Springer (2013)
- 4. Blažić, Helena; Drezgić, Saša. Personal income tax non-standard reliefs in EU member states, Croatia and countries of the region. // Financial Theory and Practice. 37 (2013), 1; 73-107 (pregledni rad, znanstveni). URL link to workURL link to work
- 5. Drezgić, Saša; Vašiček, Davor. Financijsko upravljanje i održivi razvoj javnog sektora. // Riznica. 6 (2012); 38-45 (pregledni rad, znanstveni).
- 6. Vašiček, Davor; Drezgić, Saša. EFRISTAT Znanost i informacije u funkciji lokalnog ekonomskog razvoja. // Riznica. 8 (2012); 38-44 (članak, stručni).
- 7. Sever, Ivo, Blažić, Helena, Drezgić, Saša, Budget Spending and Economic Growth in Croatia Dynamics and Relationships over the part Two Decades, Proceedings of Rijeka Faculty of Economics Journal of Economics and Business, ISSN 1331-8004, ISSN 1846-7520 (Online), Vol. 29, No. 2, Rijeka, Sveučilište u Rijeci, Ekonomski fakultet / University of Rijeka, Faculty of Economics, 2011, pp. 291-331.
- 8. Drezgić, Saša: Public investments and regional income convergence: empirical analysis of Croatian regions. Social research. 3 (2011), 24; 43-55
- 9. Blažić, Helena; Stašić, Sandra; Drezgić, Saša. The administrative costs of local government property-based user charges and their regressivity. // Uprava / Administration. IX (2011), 4; 7-29 (članak, znanstveni).
- Drezgić, Saša. Aktualni problemi koordinacije monetarne politike HNB i fiskalne politike Vlade RH // Monetarna politika u procesu ulaska Republike Hrvatske u Europsku Uniju / Nadan Vidošević (ur.). Zagreb: Hrvatska gospodarska komora, 2011., str. 77-88
- 11. Drezgić, Saša, Interakcija hrvatske fiskalne i monetarne politike // Novac i ekonomski rast Monetarna politika ekonomskog rasta i zaposlenosti / Medić, Š. Đuro (ur.).Zagreb:Ekonomski fakultet Zagreb, 2011. str. 149-169
- 12. Drezgić, Saša, Fiskalna politika europskih tranzicijskih zemalja u uvjetima recesije // Kriza i ekonomska politika Politika i ekonomija razvoja Hrvatske / Radošević, Dubravko (ur.). Zagreb : Lijeva (s)kretanja, 2010. str. 205-225.
- 13. Drezgić, Saša et al.: The starting points of new economic policy in the conditions of recession, Journal of Economics and Business, Proceedings of Rijeka Faculty of Economics, **27**, **2**, 2009, p. 217-262
- 14. Drezgić, Saša: Is regional consolidation in Croatia necessary?, Global instability reflections, First international Slovenian Social Sciences Conference, Ed: Pinterič, Uroš; Camelia Iancu Diana; Pandiloska Jurak, Alenka (ur.). Ljubljana: Vega, 2009.
- Drezgić, Saša: Spillover effects of public investments in Croatia, 3rd CENTRAL EUROPEAN CONFERENCE IN REGIONAL SCIENCE, Košice, Slovakia, 2009
- Drezgić, Saša: DECENTRALIZATION OF THE CROATIAN ROADS SECTOR. SHOULD CITIES TAKE OVER THE ROADS?, The 17th NISPAcee Annual Conference, Budva, 2009
- 17. Drezgić, Saša: LOCAL PROPERTY TAX, Hrvatski javni sektor u aktualnim gospodarskim uvjetima, Hrvatska zajednica računovođa i financijskih djelatnika, 2009, Zagreb, p. 69-91
- 18. Drezgić, Saša: FINANCING OF THE SUB-NATIONAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENTS IN REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, Public Finance Series, Moskow, 19, 2009, p.1-13

- 19. Drezgić, Saša et al.: FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENTS, PRIVATIZATION AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IN EUROPEAN TRANSITION COUNTRIES, 8th International Conference; Challenges of Europe, Financial Crises and Climate Change, Split, 2009,
- 20. Vašiček, Davor, Drezgić, Saša: GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING IN THE CONTEXT OF FISCAL CONSOLIDATION, Company Competitiveness in the XXI Century, University of Miskolc, Miskolc, 2009
- 21. Drezgić, Saša: Measuring the distributional effects of inflation in Croatia by using the LES approach. // Journal of Economics and Business, Proceedings of Rijeka Faculty of Economics 26, 2; 2008, p.239-256
- 22. Drezgić, Saša et al: Review on plenary session: Theory od dynamic economic development and current development problems of Croatian economy. // Journal of Economics and Business, Proceedings of Rijeka Faculty of Economics, 26, 1; 2008, p. 177-186
- 23. Drezgić Saša: The effects of public sector investments on economic growth of Croatia // YOUNG ECONOMISTS' SEMINAR to 14th Dubrovnik Economic Conference / Croatian National Bank, Zagreb, 2008. p. 1-49
- 24. Drezgić, Saša: Utjecaj cijena komunalnih usluga na životni standard i inflaciju, Hrvatski javni sektor, Zbornik referata II. konferencije, Hrvatska zajednica računovođa i financijskih djelatnika, Zagreb, 2008
- Drezgić, Saša: CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLANNING IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, Riznica, RIF, 10, Zagreb, 2008, p. 44-49
- 26. Drezgić, Saša: Reforma sustava financiranja javnih cesta, Riznica, RIF, Zagreb, 2008, p. 22-28
- 27. Drezgić, Saša: Impact of Stability and Growth Pact on Economic Development of EU Economies, Aktualna financijska problematika, Zbornik radova sa 6.znanstvene konferencije Katedri za financije ekonomskih fakulteta Hrvatske, MIT, Osijek, 2007, p. 55-63
- Drezgic, S. and Mikelbank, B.: "ROLE OF CAPITAL IN GROWTH THEORIES: LESSONS FOR CROATIAN ECONOMY", Proceedings of the Seventh International Conference on Enterprise in Transition (Reić, Z. and Fredotovic, M., eds.), Split-Bol 24-26.5.2007, (full text on CD-ROM)
- 29. Drezgić, Saša et al.: FINANCING OF ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IN CROATIA, Urban Institute, Zagreb, May, 2007.
- 30. Drezgić, Saša et al.: FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF ROADS SECTOR DECENTRALIZATION, Urban Institute, Zagreb, May, 2007.
- 31. Drezgić, Saša et al.: An Analysis of the Public Roads Sector in the Republic of Croatia with Suggestions for Further Decentralization, Urban Institute, Zagreb, April, 2007.
- 32. Drezgić, Saša, Vašiček, Davor: Fiskalna transparentnost pojam i značaj u kontekstu pristupanja EU, Reforme u BIH u funkciji razvoja, VII Međunarodni simpozij, Revicon, Neum, 2006, p. 493-515
- 33. Drezgić, Saša: REFORM OF CORPORATE INCOME TAX SHARING MECHANISM IN CROATIA SCENARIO ANALYSIS, Urban Institute, Zagreb, 2006.
- 34. Drezgić, Saša: Lokalni javni sektor u sustavu javnog financiranja Republike Hrvatske. Ima li potrebe za decentralizacijom sustava? (LOCAL PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE SYSTEM OF LOCAL FYNANCING OF THE REPUBLIC CROATIA. ARE DECENTRALIZATION REFORMS NECESSARY?), Znanstveni skup "Hrvatska pred vratima EU. Fiskalni aspekti.", HAZU, 2005., str. 317-341.
- 35. Blažić, Helena, Drezgić, Saša: FAMILY TAX TREATMENT: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CROATIA AND CEE, Business and Economic Development in Central and Eastern Europe, Brno: Faculty of Business and Management, Brno University of Technology, 2005. str., 1-10
- 36. Drezgić, Saša: Past, Present and Future of Income Tax in Croatia, International Research on Global Affairs, 3<sup>rd</sup> International conference on European & International political and economic affairs, Atena, Grčka, Athens Institute for Education and Research, 2005.,str. 337-355.

- 37. Drezgić, Saša: LOCAL GOVERNMENT BORROWING IN EUROPE LESSONS FOR CROATIA, 5<sup>th</sup> International conference Economic integration, competition and cooperation, Ekonomskog fakulteta Rijeka i Ekonomskog fakulteta Ljubljana, 2005.
- 38. Drezgić, Saša: HARMFUL TAX COMPETITION WITH REFERENCE TO CROATIA, Journal of Economics and Business, Proceedings of Rijeka Faculty of Economics, Vol.23. No.1., Ekonomski fakultet Rijeka, 2005., str. 71-101.
- 39. Drezgić, Saša: Role of local borrowing in Croatia, Journal of Economics and Business, Proceedings of Rijeka Faculty of Economics, Vol.22. No.2., Ekonomski fakultet Rijeka, 2004., str. 95-117.
- 40. Drezgić, Saša: Problems of Local Government financing as Component of Regional Development, 17th European Advanced Institute in Regional Science, ERSA, Split, 2004.,str. 222-242.
- 41. Sever, Ivo, Drezgić, Saša: KONCEPCIJA I STRATEGIJA SOCIJALNIH ODNOSA U HRVATSKOM DRUŠTVU DISTRIBUCIJA DOHOTKA I IMOVINE (CONCEPTS AND STRATEGIES OF SOCIAL RELATIONS IN CROATIAN SOCIETY DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME AND WEALTH), Znanstveni skup: Pristup strategiji ekonomskog razvoja Hrvatske, HAZU, Ekonomija, svibanj 2003., str. 177-199.