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ABOUT

Economist with over 15 years of experience in public policy analysis, specializing in urban and regional economics, spatial modelling, and social inclusion. Extensive experience working with government institutions and international organizations, including UNDP, UNFPA, UNICEF, UN Women, and OSF. Skilled in applying R-based quantitative methods, econometric analysis, and mixed-method research to support evidence-based policy making, SDG implementation, and local development strategies. Proven track record in evaluation, indicator development, and capacity building across Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Western Balkans.

SKILLS

Urban economics
Housing and affordability policies
Micro - econometrics
R and STATA
Policy planning, monitoring and evaluation
Local socio-economic development
Teamwork
Communication skills

EDUCATION

Phd in Interdisciplinary Social Science @ University of Sarajevo (2025)

Master in International Finance and European Economy @ Tor Vergata University (2006)

Bachelor of Economics @ University of Sarajevo (2003)

AREAS OF EXPERTIES

Strategic Planning & Policy Evaluation

I have extensive experience in evaluating and designing development strategies in Bosnia and Herzegovina, working within the Directorate for Economic Planning and through international projects. I led and supported evaluations of mid-term development strategies, including designing surveys, facilitating stakeholder workshops, and combining qualitative and quantitative analysis. Through projects with UNDP and advisory work with Lucid Linx, I contributed to the development of monitoring and evaluation (MEL) frameworks, capacity assessments, and policy recommendations aligned with SDG priorities.

Quantitative Analysis & Modelling (R-based)

My work is strongly grounded in quantitative analysis, using R and statistical methods to support policy and research. Within the Directorate for Economic Planning, I regularly analyze national datasets such as HBS and LFS to assess trends in employment, poverty, and population. As part of my doctoral research, I developed a spatial equilibrium model for Bosnia and Herzegovina, applying urban economic theory to regional disparities. I have also conducted large-scale data analysis (e.g. 80,000+ observations) for impact evaluations, including the USAID-funded Voucher 2014 project implemented by PREMISA. Above this I was engaged as a trainer in statistics using R for 387 Academy, and banks.

Urban & Regional Economics

My research focuses on how economic forces shape cities and regions, particularly in the context of housing and local development. As a researcher for Open Society Foundations Western Balkans, I conducted a comparative analysis of housing policies in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Denmark, and the Netherlands, with a focus on affordability and policy instruments. I also teach Urban Economics at the International University of Sarajevo, where I connect theoretical models, such as spatial equilibrium, with real-world policy challenges and urban dynamics.

Social Inclusion & Sustainable Policies

I have worked extensively on social inclusion and SDG-related policy through my role at the Directorate for Economic Planning and through international engagements. I contributed to Bosnia and Herzegovina's Voluntary National Review presented at the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and was part of the core working group for the SDG Framework in BiH. In collaboration with UNDP, I conducted analysis on public expenditures and their alignment with SDG priorities, as well as supported projects on human rights data integration and COVID-19 impact assessment.

LANGUAGES

BOSNIAN



ENGLISH



ITALIAN



COURSES

Competitiveness, growth, and crisis (2016) @Joint Vienna Institute

USAID/MEASURE-BiH Research Fellows Program in Evaluation

Tools and policies for inclusive growth (2015) @Joint Vienna Institute

UNDP – ILDP Project TOT in Strategic planning in FBiH and RS (2020)

Micro-econometrics in STATA 40 classes in (2019) Sarajevo supported by USAID/MEASURE-BiH

Social protection, Employment and Taxes (2020), @ Joint Vienna Institute

Financial Education (2018), @ Joint Vienna Institute

Public Private Partnership (2017) @Joint Vienna Institute, Vienna

Strategic planning in practice, Vilnius (2016)

Executive Training Course on Population and Development (2013) by Charles University in Prague, Antalya,

Designing, analyzing, and advocating policies (2010) by OSF

Gender, Demography & Population Analysis

As a researcher for UNFPA, UN Women, and UNICEF, I worked on a regional study covering six Western Balkan countries, analyzing gender pushbacks through both legal frameworks and quantitative indicators. I developed country profiles tracking changes since 1990, combining data on rights such as property ownership, employment, and reproductive rights. I also contributed to the Population Situation Analysis by validating and updating statistical data and ensuring consistency across sources.

Training & Capacity Building

I have significant experience in designing and delivering trainings for both professionals and students. I have worked as a trainer in R, statistics, and quantitative methods for institutions including commercial banks and Academy387, focusing on practical data analysis and visualization. Additionally, I delivered trainings for civil servants on SDG implementation and evaluation of strategic documents (ADS FBiH), and designed e-learning content for SDG localization projects with UNDP.

AUTHORED PAPERS AND REPORTS

1. Comparative Analysis of Housing Policies in Selected WB Cities and EU Cities, 2025 <https://osfwb.org/publication/comparative-analysis-of-housing-policies-in-selected-wb-cities-and-eu-cities/>
2. Estimation of the Housing Price Index in Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2024 https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-71076-6_11
3. UNDP “Brzi pregled javnih rashoda u vezi sa ciljevima održivog razvoja u BiH ”
4. Annual report on the Implementation of the Framework for Implementing Sustainable Development Goals www.dep.gov.ba
5. Podaci za razvoj, Mreža za izgradnju mira 2023 [Analiza-i-istrazivanje-Podaci-za-razvoj.pdf](https://www.dep.gov.ba/analiza-i-istrazivanje-podaci-za-razvoj.pdf)
6. NHDR: Social Inclusion in Bosnia and Hercegovina – UNDP 2021 [National Human Development Report 2020: Social Inclusion in Bosnia and Herzegovina | UNDP in Bosnia and Herzegovina](https://www.undp.org/content/bosnia_and_herzegovina/en/home/library/publications/NationalHumanDevelopmentReport2020%3ASocialInclusioninBosniaandHerzegovina%7CUNDPinBosniaandHerzegovina)
7. Local Community Preparedness for COVID-19 Pandemic 2020 https://www.ba.undp.org/content/bosnia_and_herzegovina/en/home/library/publications/LocalCommunityPreparednessforCOVID-19Pandemic.html
8. Population situation analysis- UNFPA 2020 https://ba.unfpa.org/sites/default/files/pub-pdf/psa_bih_final_november_2020_eng_0.pdf.
9. Social inclusion report: employment, health, poverty, demography annually www.dep.gov.ba
10. UNDP – ILDP Project – Development Strategy BPK <http://www.bpkg.gov.ba/media/images/2020/11/NACRT-Strategija-razvoja-BPK-Gorazde-11112020.pdf>
11. Performance and Impact evaluation of the wage subsidy program „Job Vouchers 2014“ <http://www.measurebih.com/uimages/Final20Report2C20Job20Voucher202014.pdf>
12. Voluntary National Report – SDG in 2019 and 2023 www.dep.gov.ba
13. Visualizing internal migration for BiH using circular plots in R 2017 http://wb-mignet.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Presentation_Internal-migration_circular-plots_final.ppt
14. Fertility rate and gender equality in BiH: The paper passed scientific board and it was presented at scientific conference, 2017 [ICOS 2017 https://fzs.ba/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/ICOS2017_BookOfAbstracts.pdf](https://fzs.ba/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/ICOS2017_BookOfAbstracts.pdf)
15. Possibilities for employment in BiH www.dep.gov.ba
16. Availability of Data on Political Party Finance: https://osfbih.org.ba/images/Progs/00-16/PDFP/pdfp_10-1/Studies/ENG_60_Amra_Fetahovic.pdf