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WORK EXPERIENCE

01/01/2023 – CURRENT Ljubljana

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY

- Work Package 1 Lead on Monitoring plastic litter in the EU Horizon Mission REMEDIES project

15/10/2021 – CURRENT Ljubljana, Slovenia

OWNER AND DIRECTOR POSLOVNO SVETOVANJE, ANDREJA PALATINUS S.P.

- Organizing Microplastic Research community in Slovenia
- Organizing events on microplastic topic for the public
- Start-up on marine litter recycling project Klaramar
- Advising companies on reduction of single-use plastic consumption (SUPER CATERER project)

01/05/2021 – CURRENT Ljubljana, Slovenia

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERT CHAMBER OF CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING MATERIALS INDUSTRY OF SLOVENIA - CCBMIS

- Advising, forming positions and representing the interests of the economy in the fields of waste management, industrial pollution and circular economy for the construction sector
- Independent work on international projects related to circular economy or other environmental topic (Erasmus+ KA2 VET)
- Organization of events
- Preparation of publications for the public in the field of environmental protection for construction sector

01/10/2019 – 01/05/2021 Ljubljana, Slovenia

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF SLOVENIA - ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

- Advising, forming positions and representing the interests of the economy in the fields of waste management, industrial pollution and circular economy
- Independent work on international projects (Interreg Austria-Slovenia Start Circles, Interreg Italy-Slovenia RETRACKING, EEN Slovenia)
- Development of single-use plastic free bars programme for the EU Funded Piloting Marine Litter Prevention and Mitigation Measures in Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas project, called SUPER GOSTINEC - SUPER CATERER
- Organization of events (Final Retracking Conference, Environmental Business Day 2020, workshop on Single-use plastic free bars, restaurants and hotels)
- Preparation of publications for the public in the field of environmental protection.

01/01/2016 – 30/09/2019 Ljubljana, Slovenia

SENIOR ADVISOR I MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND SPATIAL PLANNING SLOVENIAN ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, SLOVENIAN WATER AGEN

- Implementation of measures from the Marine Management Plan (includes regular communication with the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the MESP, Ministry of Infrastructure MHI - Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Maritime Affairs (URSP)) related to marine litter issues
- Preparation of opinions and proposals for changes in the field of water protection legislation (including waste legislation)
- Preparation of statements that the project will not lead to a deterioration of the water status (applications to initiative of individuals or legal entities), includes construction legislation
- National representative of the Republic of Slovenia in the European Commission's Technical group on good environmental status - Marine Litter (WG GES TG Marine Litter) (2017-2019)
- Government representative of the Republic of Slovenia in the "Regional Center for the Mediterranean Sea for incident response pollution of the marine environment "(Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Center for the Mediterranean Sea) (2017-2019)
- Presentor at the 6th International Marine Debris Conference in San Diego, USA
- Preparation of professional materials and answers to questions from journalists and other public regarding the pollution of aquatic environments with waste

01/06/2015 – 31/12/2015 Ljubljana, Slovenia

LEAD PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE INSTITUTE FOR WATER OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

- Lead on research and reporting on marine litter pollution of the Slovenian sea on the MSFD Descriptor 10 (2008/56/EC) pollution, including beach litter and microplastic research
- Task lead on marine litter descriptor and Eye on earth MarineLitter Watch development and implementation in the ETC/ICM activities done for the EEA (2011-2016)
- EEA observer in EC DG ENV WG GES Technical Sub-Group on Marine Litter (2011-2016)
- Project coordinator (Partner level), Lead of Work Package "Microplastic" and Deputy General Manager for the IPA Adriatic project DEFISHGEAR (2013-2016)
- Head of tasks for the European project "Identification and assessment of riverine input of (marine) plastic litter" in analyzing samples and preparing project reports (2014-2015)
- Marine litter research in the Adriatic region (lead of research expedition Adriatix 2015)
- Member of UNEP/MAP Cormon group on marine litter (2011-2016)
- Organizational and technical support in event organization, public outreach activities (interviews, articles, conferences)

04/07/2011 – 31/05/2015 Ljubljana, Slovenia

INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE INSTITUTE FOR WATER OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

- Lead on research and reporting on marine litter pollution of the Slovenian sea on the MSFD Descriptor 10 (2008/56/EC) pollution, including beach litter and microplastic research
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03/07/2009 – 03/07/2011 Ljubljana, Slovenia

OWNER AND DIRECTOR VARSTVO OKOLJA IN NARAVE, SVETOVANJE IN IZOBRAŽEVANJE, ANDREJA PALATINUS S.P.

- Assessment of marine litter pollution in the Slovenian sea (Descriptor 10 of MSFD) for Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia (2010-2011)
- Environmental informant for the Ministry of the Environment of the Republic of Slovenia (2009-2011)
- Preparation of concept and content for three exhibitions on the environmental protection for the City municipality of Ljubljana (2009-2011)
- Presentor at the Fifth International Marine Debris Conference in Hawaii, USA (2011)

- Project preparation and implementation "Office friendly to Slovenia" for the Slovenian Tourist Organization (2010)
- Volunteer works done in NGO Eco Vitae on marine litter projects (Clean Coast, Marine Renegades and others)

18/01/2008 – 30/04/2008 Brussels, Belgium

INTERN TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT

- Assistance with preparing publications regarding the relationship between European Union environmental legislation and the development of transport infrastructure projects
- Organization of the host event in the European Parliament and help with organizing conference during the stay in Brussels

● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

30/10/2015 – 13/07/2021 Ljubljana, Slovenia

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS LAW (VS) MLC Management and Law College Ljubljana

Graduation thesis in preparation

01/10/2001 – 31/03/2008 Nova Gorica, Slovenia

BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES University of Nova Gorica, School of environmental sciences

- Interdisciplinary knowledge
- Able to understand and perform demanding tasks in environment, which are on the intersections of natural and technical as well as social and economic sciences
- Graduation thesis on marine litter pollution of the Slovenian coast

● **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): **SLOVENIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
GERMAN	B2	B1	B1	B1	B1
ITALIAN	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1
FRENCH	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

PUBLICATIONS

[Marine litter in the Croatian part of the middle Adriatic Sea: Simultaneous assessment of floating and seabed macro and micro litter abundance and composition](#)

– 2019

In this study, abundance, distribution and composition of floating and seabed macro and micro litter in the Central Adriatic Sea were assessed. Floating macro litter observations were made. Floating and seabed micro litter were sampled with manta net and Van Veen grab, respectively. Micro litter particles visually found under the microscope were chemically analyzed with Fourier Transform Infrared microscope. Average calculated concentrations of floating macro (175 items/km²), floating micro

(127 thousand particles/km²) and seabed micro litter (36 particles/100 g dry weight) show similar values as other published studies from the Mediterranean Sea. A statistically significant ($p < 0.01$) correlation between the floating micro and macro litter concentrations was found for the sites located in the channel waters. Disagreement between model and observations revealed gaps in our knowledge concerning the sea circulation and litter sources. Simultaneous samplings and observations of marine litter in different marine compartments proved possible, efficient and informative.

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

Organisational skills ■ I have gained organizational skills as the main organizer of several projects, events during the foundation and management of the non-governmental organization Eco Vitae organization

■ I have gained excellent leadership and organizational competences as the President of the Student Council and Student Representative in the University Senate of the University of Nova Gorica

■ Organization of many events, meetings and activities made me aware of needs of others and competence to involve everybody in collaborative process.

■ Organization of environmental monitoring activities and international sailing expedition made me aware of all the administrative and practical, technical things that one needs to be aware of.

■ Being founder and president of an active NGO Eco Vitae (2003-2012) gave me opportunity to involve many individuals (students, teachers, professors, activists, etc) into environmental activities with many projects related to waste management, marine litter management and other environmental protection issues.

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Communication and interpersonal skills ■ Excellent communication skills acquired as an initiator and organizer for the preparation of the DEFISHGEAR project, with 16 participating institutions from seven Adriatic countries

■ Communicating with local and international experts and government representatives, including Institutes management (Director, Head of Sector, Heads of Administrative services)

■ I gained excellent communication skills during my self-employment

■ Successful communication with journalists, including interviews on the topic of marine litter and environment protection

■ Presenting results and projects to wider public (including two international conferences in the USA, several events in Europe and Slovenia)

■ Excellent communication competences gained during the period of non-governmental activities as a volunteer (over 10 years experience in organizing and managing Slovenian voluntary cleanup campaign Clean the coast, including being the national coordinator for International Coastal Cleanup)

■ Excellent communication skills gained while developing and marketing my own brand and product, "Mula shopping bags"
