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WORK EXPERIENCE

12/01/2017 – Present

1. State Auditor

Albanian Supreme Audit Institution (KLSH), Tirana (Albania)

- developed and implemented performance and compliance audit projects at Albanian public organizations;
- promoted transparency, accountability, good governance in the fields of education, employment, skills, etc., with topics including, but not limited to, the Education Reform, Employment Centres and skills in Albania;
- evaluated the efficiency, effectiveness and economy of governmental programmes and reforms by auditing multiple institutions, programmes & reforms, in line with EU best practices and Albania's integration process;
- collaborated with numerous government officials in Albania and colleagues throughout Europe;
- produced multiple high-quality reports, sector analysis, briefings, presentations, etc.
- developed and organized capacity-building events and trainings in audit, public expenditure, transparency, etc.

01/08/2022 – 02/12/2022

2. U.S. Department of State Fellow (Community Solutions Program)

Colorado People's Alliance, Denver, Colorado (United States)

- supported COPA in advancing and winning progressive social change in partnership with other CSOs;
- economic justice: actively participated in the Aurora Minimum Wage Bill and Fair Work Week campaigns through economic analysis, attending meetings, and aiding in the successful timeline project completion;
- climate justice: supported the implementation process of two climate projects passed and signed surrounding Air Toxics and Water and Lead, as well as base building efforts/fundraising and organizing;
- immigrant justice: conducted research and aided in the re-establishment of programs geared towards immigration work, which was part of a larger initiative to see the closure of the ICE detention centre.

22/02/2021 – 31/03/2022

3. Project Expert (Consultant)

International Organization for Migration (IOM – UN Migration), Remotely / Tirana (Albania)

- contributed to the successful implementation of the project "Improving Coordination on Migration Governance in Albania", working also in the field, and promoting a safe, orderly and dignified migration;
- monitored, evaluated, coordinated and reported on the National Strategy on Migration and its Action Plan;
- liaised with government officials from 25 institutions, as well as representatives from the civil society and international organizations to support reporting of the implementation of the Strategy.
- prepared and disseminated timely and accurate analytical reports, notes, presentations and policy papers;

14/05/2021 – 08/10/2021

4. Data Researcher for the United Nations E-Government Survey (UN Volunteer)

United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), Remotely

- conducted data and case studies research for the 2022 UN E-Government Survey by assessing online national-level (Albania & Australia) and city-level (Sydney & Tirana) public sector portals;
- analysed large datasets and the potential of ICTs to transform the public sector of Member States in their official language; carried out data collection for the Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government;
- contributed to the public sector transparency by providing coordination, monitoring, and reporting support.

07/09/2020 – 01/10/2021

5. University Lecturer in Science of Finance & Financial Law

University of Tirana, Faculty of Law, Department of Public Law, Tirana (Albania)

- conducted research on, planned, prepared and delivered online and in-class lectures and seminars in Science of Finance & Financial Law, promoting the right to quality education during the Covid-19 pandemic;
- checked and assessed the work and knowledge of 300 students in public finance & macroeconomics;
- attended academic and staff meetings and provided knowledge management support to the Department.

01/03/2019 – 31/07/2019

6. Trainee Auditor

European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg (Luxembourg)

- supported audit of the EU budget related to "Sustainable Urban Mobility" and "Digitising European Industry";
- conducted research on and evaluated the effectiveness, efficiency and economy of the European Commission's finances, policies, strategies and projects, assisting with the preparation of relevant reports;
- identified and assessed the most relevant risks to the sound financial management of EU funds;

05/11/2014 – 09/01/2017

7. Legal & Business Consultant

International Law Firm "De Amicis & Petrova", Rome (Italy)

- provided financial, fiscal and business consulting to Italian companies interested in undertaking entrepreneurship and development activities in Albania, managing business projects for private entities;
- provided legal services to about 100 clients in contract, business, civil, employment, family and criminal law.

10/05/2015 – 17/07/2015

8. Intern

Embassy of the Republic of Albania in Italy, Consular Office, Rome (Italy)

05/01/2013 – 20/12/2013

9. Library Clerk

University of Rome "Sapienza", Faculty of Law, Rome (Italy)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/09/2021 – Present

Ph.D. in Public Management & Governance (in progress)

University of Rome "Tor Vergata", Public Finance Management, Public Administration, Governance

16/01/2015 – 16/03/2016

Master of Laws in European Private and Cooperation Law (LL.M.)

University of Rome "Sapienza", EU & Cooperation Law

09/11/2009 – 04/11/2014

Master of Science in Law (M.Sc.)

University of Rome "Sapienza", Comparative Public Law

Additional training courses & certificates:

- Accountability in Challenging Times and Building Auditor Resilience – US Gov. Accountability Office
- Building Performance Auditing Capacity – Netherlands Court of Audit, The Hague
- Performance Auditing Workshop – Centre for Excellence in Finance, Slovenia
- Evaluation of public policies and programmes – European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg
- Project Management – Humanitarian Leadership Academy
- Anti-Corruption in the Context of the 2030 Agenda – UNDP/UNSSC
- Development in US Corporate and Securities Laws – Beasley School of Law, Temple University
- Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development – United Nations System Staff College
- Circular Economy and the Sustainable Development Agenda – UNSSC
- Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement for the 2030 Agenda – UNITAR
- Understanding data and statistics better for more effective SDGs – UNITAR
- Entrepreneurship for migrants and refugees – United Nations Institute for Training and Research
- Gender Matters – United Nations Institute for Training and Research, etc.

Memberships and licences

- **Anti-corruption Expert (Roster of Pre-vetted Experts)**

Regional Anti-corruption Initiative (RAI)

- **Lawyer (Avokat)**

National Chamber of Advocacy in Albania

- **Qualified Trainee Lawyer (Avvocato Praticante)**

Rome Bar Association

Mother tongue(s)

Albanian

Foreign language(s)

	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Italian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	B2	B2	B1	B1	B1
Spanish	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1

Publications

Papers

- Balliu D., Celaj X., Guri A., Jonuzi A., Kushta E., Ramadani S., Xhaferaj K., *Guidance on the identification of high-risk areas*, ALSAI publications, December 2022.
- Leskaj B., *A century of NIK's service to the Polish state. Activity dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Supreme Audit Office of Poland (NIK)*, edited and translated into English by Balliu D., Ametllari R., Papadhima E., ALSAI Publications, January 2020.
- Balliu D., *European Court of Auditors (ECA) and Albanian Supreme Audit Institution (KLSH) as promoters of the EU integration of Albania*, ALSAI Scientific Journal, November 2019.
- Balliu D./Faragò G., *Giusto Processo Cautelare: tra la regola dell'oltre ogni ragionevole dubbio e le presunzioni di adeguatezza (Right Cautelary Process: between the rule of beyond all reasonable doubt and presumptions of adequacy)*, Archivio Penale, May 2014.

Newspaper articles

- "European Court of Auditors collaborates with ALSAI", *Gazeta "Mapo"*
- "ALSAI participates in the training seminar of the USAID project "Transparency in the Health Sector", *Gazeta "55"*
- "The Performance Department at the ALSAI holds an open lecture at the University of Durrës", *Gazeta "Sot"*
- "ALSAI's auditors conduct a study visit at the Netherlands Court of Audit", *Gazeta "Telegraf"*
- "ALSAI and IPA Adriatic: 8 Countries, 1 sea and a bridge towards the future!", *Gazeta "Telegraf"*
- "ALSAI-USAID, a partnership for transparency in the health sector", *Gazeta "Telegraf"*
- "Why the Parliament should scrutinise each performance audit report of the ALSAI", *Gazeta "Telegraf"*

Broadcast Interviews

Balliu D., Interview by Mulaj E., "Ensuring buildings' quality" audit report in a post-earthquake situation, Euronews Albania, 13 December, 2019. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2q6DHytKlcs>