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FIELDS OF INTEREST

Shadow economy; undeclared work; tax avoidance; pulling strings; corruption

PRESENT POSITION

Researcher, Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

2018 Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Zagreb - univ. spec. oec.

2017 University of Sheffield, UK - PhD

2011 Faculty of Science-Department of Mathematics, University of Zagreb - mag. math.

2009 Faculty of Science-Department of Mathematics, University of Zagreb – univ. bacc. math.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

2013 – 2015 Marie Curie Research Fellow, University of Sheffield, UK Since 2011 Researcher, Institute of Public Finance, Zagreb

LANGUAGES

English and Spanish

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

President of the Scientific Board of the IPF (2019 – 2021)

Member of the Administrative Board of the IPF, representative of the Scientific Board (2019 – 2023)

Member of the OECD Working Party No. 2 on Tax Policy Analysis and Tax Statistics (since 2019)

RESEARCHER AND COLLABORATOR ON RESEARCH PROJECTS

Mapping the shadow economy: A systematic review of shadow economy measurement methods and policy measures in Europe, with a focus on the Baltic states, Georgia, Moldova, Cyprus, and Malta (2024 – 2025)

Post-pandemic resilient communities: is the informal economy a reservoir for the next generation of digitalized and green businesses in the Global South? (since 2023)

Improvement of statistical and procedural processes for the calculation of gross domestic product in the Republic of Croatia (2023)

Study report on the effectiveness of policies to tackle undeclared work (2021 – 2022)

Supporting analyses of the distributional consumption impact of carbon fiscal reforms in the EU (2021)

Implementing shared anti-corruption and good governance solutions in Southeast Europe: innovative practices and public-private partnerships (2021 – 2023)

Permanent research programme of the tax system (since 2021)

Development and implementation of innovative tools aimed at combating the problem of unregistered labour in institutions jointly responsible for minimizing the shadow economy on the labour market (since 2018 – 2020)

Shadow economy in Western Balkans region (2019 - 2020)

Out of the shadows: developing capacities and capabilities for tackling undeclared work in Bulgaria, Croatia and FYR Macedonia (2013 – 2017)

The Study: The measurement of Undeclared Work in EU using the labour input method (2017)

Service contract to support the European Platform Tackling Undeclared Work (since 2016)

Open budget survey (since 2003)

Causes and prevalence of the shadow economy in Croatia (since 2013)

Analysis of housing savings system in Croatia (2013)

Financing of sports in Republic of Croatia (2012)

CONFERENCES

Presentation Measuring the effectiveness of policy initiatives for tackling undeclared work: what do we know and not know?, Thirteenth plenary meeting of the European Platform Tackling Undeclared Work, Bratislava, November 8, 2022.

Presentation Envelope wages as a new normal? An insight into a pool of prospective quasi-formal workers in the EU, 35th National Conference of Labour Economics, Novara, September 17-18, 2020.

Presentation Informal economy: causes and implications for policymaking, Promoting research at RIT Kosovo (A.U.K) community, Pristina (Kosovo), March 1, 2019

Presentation An assessment of the extent and character of under-declared employment in Croatia", Fifth plenary meeting of the European Platform Tackling Undeclared Work, Brussels, October 18, 2018

Presentation "Prevalence and drivers of undeclared work in South-East Europe: an overview of the state of affairs", Regional Hidden Economy Conference, Skopje, February 6, 2018

Presentation "Undeclared work from the perspective of citizens – underlying motivations of workers and purchasers for participating in the undeclared economy", Marie Curie IAPP Conference – 'Undeclared Work in Southeast Europe – Towards a More Successful Fight against the Phenomenon', Zagreb, September 1, 2017

Presentation "Envelope wage practices: developed vs transition economies", roundtable 'Tackling Undeclared Work and Hidden Economy in Southeast Europe: Improving Governance and Prosperity', Beograd, December 13, 2016

Presentation "Envelope wage practices in a transition setting", Marie Curie IAPP conference 'Shadow Economies and Undeclared Work in Europe: New Insights and Policy Responses', Sofia, September 1, 2016

Presentation "Tackling undeclared work in societies with substantial asymmetry between formal and informal institutions – the case of FYR Macedonia", ICEIRD 2015: The 8th International Conference for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Regional Development, Sheffield University Management School, Sheffield, UK, June 18-19, 2015

Presentation "Deterrence, tax morale and undeclared work – some lessons from Croatia", Marie Curie IAPP conference – 'Tackling Undeclared Work – Asymmetry between Formal and Informal Institutions', Zagreb, September 2, 2015

Presentation "Tackling the undeclared economy in Croatia", Marie Curie IAPP Conference 'States and-states of-Informality in Europe Current and Future Perspectives', Sofia, September 4, 2014

Presentation "Causes and Effects of Shadow Economy in Croatia" - The 13th Mediterranean Research Meeting, Montecatini Terme (Italy), 21-24 March 2012

Presentation "Modeli poreznih izdataka u odabranim zemljama" – conference 'Skrivena javna potrošnja: budućnost poreznih izdataka', February 10, 2012