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Academic qualifications**2022 – PhD**

Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje - Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food

Ongoing

2020 – MSc

University of Belgrade, Serbia – Faculty of Agriculture

Rural development policy towards young farmers – the example of North Macedonia

2014 – BSc

Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje - Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Food

Training and research experience

June, 2024. 10th EAAE PhD Workshop, organized by the European Association of Agricultural Economists, Budapest, Hungary.

December, 2023. University of Geisenheim, Germany, study visit within the project "Introduction of Geographic Indications (GI) in Wine in North Macedonia", organized by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and Hochschule Geisenheim University.

November – December 2023. EIT Government Executive Academy (GEA), provided by EIT Food – Unit of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology and the University of Warsaw, online training.

November, 2023. IV student conference "Critical issues in agriculture and the environment", Shtip, North Macedonia - Mead as an innovative and potential product in rural tourism in N. Macedonia.

October – December 2023. EIT InfraBooster Practitioner, provided by EIT Food – Unit of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology and the University of Warsaw, online training.

October, 2023. Farm digitalization Workshop, AgFutura Technologies, Skopje, North Macedonia.

July, 2023. EIT InfraBooster Foundation, provided by EIT Food – Unit of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology and the University of Warsaw, online training.

May, 2023. XII International symposium of agricultural sciences, AgroReS 2023, Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina – Rural development policies towards empowering of young farmers: A case study in Southeastern North Macedonia.

March, 2021. Training on Business Planning, Commercialization and Internationalization within the Mentorship programme under the Fund for Innovations and Technical Development, online webinar.

June, 2020. Greenhouse Inventory Training Program in the AFOLU sector, online webinar.

September, 2019. National scientific conference with international participation “Science and Agriculture: Global and regional challenges” Kyustendil, Bulgaria - Determining the production price of brandy made from goji berry.

February, 2019. Workshop on Smart Specialization Strategy (S3), Skopje, Macedonia.

October, 2018. Conference on Women entrepreneurship, organized by the Foundation for Management and Industrial Research, Skopje, Macedonia.

October, 2018. Education - Link with entrepreneurship, within the project “Enhancing contribution and efficiency of women’s entrepreneurship CSOs related to the EU integration reforms in the area of economic policy”, funded by the European Union, organized by the Foundation for Management and Industrial Research, Skopje, Macedonia.

May, 2018. 1st International Meeting Agriscience and Practice (ASP 2018), Shtip, Macedonia - Transition processes in agriculture in the Republic of Macedonia with accent on the vegetable production.

April, 2018. First National Congress of Slow Food Macedonia, Skopje, Macedonia.

February, 2018. COLOSS Monitoring Workshop, University of Nitra, Slovakia, study visit within the bilateral project “Honey bee colony losses in Austria and Macedonia: risk analysis and economic impact”.

December, 2017. University of Graz, Austria, study visit within the bilateral project “Honey bee colony losses in Austria and Macedonia: risk analysis and economic impact”.

October, 2017. How to write successful project proposal and get EU funds, provided by European Training Academy and Infosistem in Belgrade, Serbia.

March – May, 2017. Support to the implementation of the Regional Initiative on Empowering Smallholders and Family Farms, financed by Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Skopje, Macedonia.

June – July 2016. Training on “Influence of the climate change on agriculture”, organized by the Centre for environmental democracy Florozon - Skopje and the German Embassy in Skopje within the project “Local action for global climate adaptation”, Ohrid, Macedonia.

July, 2015. "Advisory Service Measure", organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management within the NIMS Project, Skopje, Macedonia.

May, 2015. Workshops on the establishment of the National Rural Network, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Skopje, Macedonia.

May, 2015. Consultative workshop on the Project for preparation of the Sector Planning Document 2015-2017 for the Agriculture and Rural Development Sector and Action Document 2015 by order of the European Union, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Skopje, Macedonia.

April, 2015. Workshops within the Establishment of businesses inclusion project in multi-ethnic communities (Sectoral Approach to Policy Development for micro-businesses in rural areas), organized by Strategic Development Consulting, supported by the British Embassy, Skopje, Macedonia.

Research interests

Agricultural economy

Rural development

Other professional activities

Member of the European Association of Agricultural Economists

Member of the Evaluation Committee within the Fund for Innovation and Technological Development

Member of the National Platform for Women Entrepreneurship, sector Agriculture and Rural Development

Member of the Organizing Committees for "Stanushina" and "Kratoshija" Conferences

Member of the Honey bee research association COLOSS

Member of the National Organization Slow Food Macedonia

Scientific and applicative projects

2023-2027. COST Action "Rethinking Blue Economy", member of Working group 3 - Port cities & coastal communities and Working group 5 - Climate change & natural hazards.

2023. "Research of the socio-economic situation among the youth in rural areas in Macedonia", funded by the University "Ss. Cyril and Methodius" in Skopje, expert.

2022. "EIT Food Start-Up Awareness Event – Smart farming – The future of agriculture & Smart farming start up training", funded by EIT Food – Unit of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, which is funded by the European Union, project assistant.

2022. "Mead as an innovation in beekeeping and winemaking", funded by the Municipality of Gazi Baba, junior expert.

2021. “EIT Food Start-Up Awareness Event – Forum for climate change adaptation and start-up opportunities & Green Start-up Forum”, funded by EIT Food – Unit of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, which is funded by the European Union, project coordinator.

2021. “Improving the quality of strong alcoholic beverages by introducing advanced distillation technology”, funded by the Municipality of Gazi Baba, junior expert.

2021. “Determination of the cost of production (gross margin level) of ten strategically important agricultural products”, funded by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), junior expert on agricultural economics.

2020-2022. “Smart Bee-hive”, funded by the Fund for Innovations and Technical Development in the Republic of Macedonia, researcher.

2020. “Examining germination in samples of different types and genotypes from the national collection of the gene bank after a period of long-term storage” funded by the University “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” in Skopje, participant.

2019-2020. “Screening and proposed measures for local agricultural development of the municipalities Bosilovo and Novo Selo”, funded by the company Chapter 4 DOOEL Skopje, project assistant and key expert.

2019. “Preparing a Country Programme Strategy (CPS) for the Operational Phase 7 (OP7) 2018-2022 of the Global Environment Facility”, funded by the GEF SGP in association with UNDP, project coordinator.

2018-2019. “Productional and qualitative characteristics of new varieties of rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) registered in the Republic of Macedonia”, funded by the University “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” in Skopje, participant.

2016-2018. “Honey bee colony losses in Austria and Macedonia: risk analysis and economic impact”, funded by the Ministry of Science in the Republic of Macedonia, young researcher.

2016-2018. “Preparation of a Programme and a System for support for the development of the agriculture, agro-tourism and rural areas in the Municipality of Karposh”, funded by the Municipality of Karposh, Macedonia, key expert.

2016-2017. “Characterization of indigenous pomegranate varieties in the Republic of Macedonia”, funded by the University “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” in Skopje, young researcher.

2016. “Preparing a Feasibility study on the possibilities for raising a walnut plantation in Veles (15.8 ha)”, funded by Production, trade and services company RISO COMPANY DOOEL import-export (2016), project assistant.

2015–2016. “Preparing a Country Programme Strategy (CPS) for the Operational Phase 6 (OP6) 2014-2018 of the Global Environment Facility”, funded by the GEF SGP in association with UNDP, project assistant.

Scientific publications

[1] Azderski, J., Fidanska, B., Popovska Stojanov, D., Sofijanov, E., Azderska, E., Social-demographic characteristics of the

hilly-mountainous areas in the Republic of North Macedonia, *XII International Scientific Agriculture Symposium "AGROSYM 2021" (Book of abstracts)*, 7-10.X.2021 Jahorina 707 (2021).

[2] Azderski, J., Popovska, D., Causes and consequences of migration and deagrarization in rural areas in the Republic of Macedonia, *Journal of Agriculture & Forestry*, **61**, 263-269 (2015).

[3] Azderski, J., Popovska, D., Condition and production characteristics of sheep and goat breeding in the area at the confluence of the river Bregalnica, *2nd International Symposium of Agriculture and Food ISAF 2017 (Proceedings)*, 7-9.X.2015 Ohrid, 211-219 (2015).

[4] Azderski, J., Tuna, E., Popovska, D., Pejkovski, Z., Bosev, D., Development and implementation of a sustainable system of management adjusted to the rural economy, *10th International Conference of the Association of Agricultural Economists of the Republic of Macedonia "Policy and economics for sustainable agricultural and rural development" (Proceedings)*, 12-14.V.2016 Ohrid, 7-14 (2016).

[5] Dimitrov, L., Gjamovski, V., Popovska Stojanov, D., Gjosheva Kovachevikj, M., Impact of the economic crisis on the apple production price in the Republic of North Macedonia, *Works of the Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences, University of Sarajevo*, **LXVII**, 135-144 (2023).

[6] Dimitrov, L., Gjosheva Kovachevikj, M., Popovska Stojanov, D., Andonov, S., Kjosev, S., Andonov, B., The influence of international markets on barley prices in the Republic of North Macedonia, *XIV International Scientific Agriculture Symposium "AGROSYM 2023"*, 5-8.X.2023 Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, (2023).

[7] Dimitrov, L., Gjosheva Kovachevikj, M., Popovska Stojanov, D., Nedelkovski, D., Influence of the economic crisis to the production price of wine grapes in the Republic of North Macedonia, *XIII International Scientific Agriculture Symposium "AGROSYM 2022" (Proceedings)*, Faculty of Agriculture - Sarajevo, 6-9.X.2022 Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina 1258-1264 (2022).

[8] Dimitrov, L., Popovska, D., Uzunov, A., Brodschneider, R., Danihlik, J., Andonov, S., Golubovski, M., Economic impact assessment of honey bee winter colony losses in Austria, Czech Republic and the Republic of Macedonia, *3rd Scientific Symposium on Bees and Beekeeping "Poklukar's Days 2018" (Proceedings)* 4-5.X.2018 Ljubljana, Slovenia, 62-63 (2018).

[9] Gjosheva Kovachevikj, M., Dimitrov, L., Popovska Stojanov, D., The structure of rural households' income in North Macedonia - A case study in Polog and Pelagonija, *Agro-knowledge Journal*, **24**, 117-131 (2023).

[10] Gjosheva Kovachevikj, M., Dimitrov, L., Popovska Stojanov, D., Analyzing the rural poverty in the Republic of North Macedonia across diverse income compositions, *XIV International Scientific Agriculture Symposium "AGROSYM 2023"*, Faculty of Agriculture - Sarajevo, 5-8.X.2023 Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina, (2023).

- [11] Gjosheva Kovachevikj, M., Dimitrov, L., Popovska Stojanov, D., Martinovska Stojcheska A., Factors influencing rural youth migration in North Macedonia, *Agro-knowledge Journal*, **25**, 2, 111-125 (2024).
- [12] Gjosheva Kovachevikj, M., Popovska Stojanov, D., Dimitrov, L., Determining the impact of certain rural resources on household Income: case study in North Macedonia, *IV International Symposium for Agriculture and Food ISAF 2022 (Book of abstracts)*, 12-14.X.2022 Ohrid, 34 (2022).
- [13] Golubovski, M., Uzunov, A., Andonov, S., Dimitrov, L., Popovska, D., Monitoring of honey bee colony losses for the winter season 2016/2017 in the Republic of Macedonia, *COLOSS Monitoring Workshop (Conference paper)*, 7-8.II.2018 Nitra, Slovakia, (2018).
- [14] Mrdalj V., Gjosheva Kovachevikj, M., Popovska Stojanov, D., Dimitrov, L., Foreign trade and trade competitiveness in agri-food products between the Republic of Srpska (Bosnia and Herzegovina) and North Macedonia, *Agro-knowledge Journal*, **25**, 2, 139-158 (2024).
- [15] Popovska, D., Azderski, J., Structural characteristics of farms in the Republic of Macedonia, *3rd International Symposium of Agriculture and Food ISAF 2017 (Book of abstracts)*, 18-20.X.2017 Ohrid, 12 (2017).
- [16] Popovska Stojanov, D., Dimitrov, L., Danihlik, J., Uzunov, A., Golubovski, M., Andonov, S., Brodschneider, R., Direct economic impact assessment of winter honeybee colony losses in three European countries, *Agriculture, Vol. 11(5)*, 398 (2021).
- [17] Popovska Stojanov, D., Dimitrov, L., Nedelkovski, D., Popovska, M., Determining the production price of brandy made from goji berry, *National scientific conference with international participation "Science and Agriculture: Global and regional challenges" (Book of abstracts)* Institute of Agriculture, Kyustendil, Bulgaria, 27-28.IX.2019, Kyustendil, 26 (2019).
- [18] Popovska, D., Dimitrov, L., Uzunov, A., Brodschneider, R., Danihlik, J., Andonov, S., Golubovski, M., Direct economic impact of honey bee winter colony losses in Austria, Czech Republic and the Republic of Macedonia, *14th COLOSS Conference (Book of abstracts)*, 16-17.IX.2018 Ghent, Belgium, 17 (2018).
- [19] Popovska, D., Drvoshanova, B., Ibushoska, A., Dimitrov, L., Azderski, J., Transition processes in agriculture in the Republic of Macedonia with accent on the vegetable production, *1st International meeting Agriscience & practice (Book of abstracts)*, University Goce Delcev, Faculty of Agriculture, 10-11.V.2018 Štip, 13 (2018).
- [20] Popovska Stojanov, D., Gjosheva Kovachevikj, M., Dimitrov, L., Janeska Stamenkovska, I., Martinovska Stojcheska, A., Rural development policies towards empowering of young farmers: a case study in southeastern North Macedonia, *XII International Symposium of agricultural sciences, AgroReS (Book of abstracts)* 24-26.V.2023 Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina, (2023).
- [21] Popovska, D., Janeska Stamenkovska, I., Dimitrievski, D., Impact of the crisis in the wine sector on the performances and

financial status of wineries in the Republic of Macedonia, *Scientific Conference "Challenges in modern agricultural production" (Proceedings)*, Institute of Agriculture - Skopje, 11.XII.2014 Skopje, 248-257 (2014).

[22] Popovska D. Politika ruralnog razvoja prema mladim poljoprivrednicima - primer Severne Makedonije. Master rad. Univerzitet u Beogradu, Poljoprivredni fakultet (2020).

[23] Popovski, Z., Stojanov Popovska, D., Pandemic reshaping of the academic agricultural education, *EC Agriculture Journal*, (2021).

[24] Поповска Стојанов, Д., Рајчин, В., Џољевска Миленковска, Р., Тришеска, Х., Тасеска Ѓорѓијевски, М., Неделковски, Д., Ѓошева-Ковачевиќ, М., Медовината како иновативен и потенцијален производ во руралниот туризам во С. Македонија, *IV Студентска конференција „Критични прашања во земјоделството и животната средина“ (Книга на апстракт)*, Универзитет „Гоце Делчев“ - Штип, Земјоделски факултет, 9.XI.2023, 33 (2023).