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WORK EXPERIENCE

- 05/2021–present **Project Manager (contract base from 10/2020 to 04/2021, then full-time)**
Office of the Slovak Government Plenipotentiary for Roma communities in Slovakia, Bratislava(Slovakia)
- Project management in the National Project COVID, coordination of activities, provision of outputs – financial and qualitative
 - Data Analyst in the National Project Monitoring and Evaluation of Inclusive Policies And Their Impact on Marginalized Roma Communities
- 08/2016–04/2021 **Researcher – Analyst, Project Manager (full-time)**
Slovak Governance Institute, Bratislava (Slovakia)
- Qualitative research, policy analysis, project management in the context of Roma inclusion with focus on educational field (pre-primary education, second-chance education, hate-speech); working experience with management of the project funded by the European Social Fund.
- 03/2018–01/2019 **Expert – Analyst, Project Coordinator of the internal team (freelancer/contract base)**
Government Plenipotentiary for the Civil Society Development under the Ministry of Interior (Slovakia)
- Research and analysis in the field of managing the EU funds (Project titles: Partnership I., Partnership II.); using qualitative and quantitative tools
 - Background paper for the OSCE/ODIHR (Warsaw) on the topic of pre-primary education and ECD (2020)
 - Collecting data for the international organization Ecorys (Brussels)
- 01/2016–07/2016 **Policy Advisor (Lantos and HiA Congressional Fellowship)**
House of Representatives, Office of the Congressman Alcee L. Hastings, Washington, D.C.(United States)
- Policy analyses and policy proposals in the field of education, foreign affairs, healthcare, human & women's & LGBT rights; liaison with external offices and lobbying for the support of congressman's bills; facilitating meetings with constituents, administrative work – drafting official letters to institutional actors and constituents
- 12/2014–12/2015 **Trainee**
European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Vienna (Austria)
- Data analyses and administrative support to the management of the participatory research project 'LocalEngagement for Roma Inclusion'
- 09/2014–11/2014 **Trainee**
OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Warsaw (Poland)
- Drafting background paper about political situation in Slovakia in context of Roma, logistical and administrative support to the Mission to Slovakia
- 06/2014–8/2014 **Trainee**
Montana University, Salish and Kootenai College, Montana (United States)
- Conducting interviews with authorities in the field of education, social services, and political representation; facilitating a workshop for children on participation in decision-making process in schools

- 01/07/2013–09/09/2013 **Trainee**
Roma Education Fund, Budapest (Hungary)
 - Support to grantees from Slovakia (educational projects)
- 01/06/2013–20/07/2013 **Trainee**
Slovak Governance Institute, Bratislava (Slovakia)
 - Member of team conducting focus groups (field: Roma inclusion in the labor market)
- 01/12/2008–30/11/2010 **Social worker with Roma communities**
Municipality, Alekšince (Slovakia)
 - Social work and counseling
- 01/08/2008– 30/11/2008 **Social worker with Roma communities**
Citizens for Better Life (NGO), Alekšince (Slovakia)
 - Social work and counseling
- 01/03/2009–30/04/2010 **After-school teaching assistant**
Pro Futuro/Ternipe (NGO), Alekšince (Slovakia)
 - Assistance to disadvantaged children with preparation for classes

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 09/2019–Present **PhD. Studies in Ethnology**
Slovak Academy of Sciences, Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology
 Dissertation project: Impact of educational policies on social mobility and inclusion of the Romain Slovakia
- 09/2013–08/2014 **International Master in Public Administration**
University in Lausanne, IDHEAP, Faculty of Law, Criminal Justice and Public Administration, Lausanne (Switzerland)
 Public Policy Analysis, Social Policy, Management in Information System, Intern. Law
- 09/2012–06/2013 **Certificate in Academic English**
Central European University, The Roma Graduate Preparatory Program, Budapest (Hungary)
 General: English, Academic Writing
 Tutoring classes: Public Policy
 Auditing: Law in Public Policy, International Policy Practice
- 09/2011–06/2012 **Certificate in English language**
Central European University, The Roma English Language Program, Budapest (Hungary)
 General: English, Academic Writing
 Tutoring classes: Public Policy
 Auditing: Law in Public Policy, International Policy Practice
- 01/09/2007–31/08/2009 **Master of Science in Social Work and Counseling**
University of Constantine Philosopher, Nitra (Slovakia)
 Social Work, Counseling, Social Policy, Psychology, Law, Sociology
- 01/09/2002–30/08/2005 **Bachelor in Social Work with Roma Communities**
University of Constantine Philosopher, Nitra (Slovakia)
 Social Work, Romology, Romani Language, Social Policy, Project Writing

PERSONAL SKILLS

Languages Slovak – native, Czech – fluent, English – C1

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Honors and awards 2016: Bakir-Flax Stipend, U.S.
2016: Lantos Human Rights Fellowship Medal, U.S.
2016, 2014: Central European University travel grant, Hungary
2013: IDHEAP/University in Lausanne tuition fee scholarship
2013: Open Society Foundation, Grant for studies, Hungary
2013: Roma Education Fund, RISP stipend, Hungary
2004: University of Constantine Philosopher Scholarship - benefit for grades, Slovakia

Certificates 11/2017: [Certificate in Project Management](#)
Dell, Bratislava (Slovakia)

07/2017: [CEU Summer School, Romani Identities: Performance, Antigypsyism and Representation](#)
Central European University, Budapest (Hungary)

10/2016: [Certificate in Project Writing](#)
Open Society Foundation, Bratislava (Slovakia)

07/2015: [Certificate in Participatory Research Method](#)
National Democratic Institute, Bratislava (Slovakia)

11/2014: [Certificate - Human Dimension Induction Course](#)
OSCE Office for democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Warsaw (Poland)

Publications

Monography: Rigová, E., Dráľová, A. & Kováčová, L. (2021). *Druhošancové vzdelávanie na Slovensku. Implementačná prax a jej bariéry. [Second-Chance Education in Slovakia. Implementation practice and its barriers].* SGI, Bratislava. Available: <https://uesa.sav.sk/?q=sk/druhosancove-vzdelavanie-na-slovensku-implementacna-prax-jej-bariery>

Policy Brief: Rigová, E., Kováčová, L. & Šedovič, M. (2020). *Predprimárne vzdelávanie detí zo znevýhodneného prostredia: Problémy zvedenia povinnej škôlky očami samospráv. [Pre-primary education of children from disadvantaged background: Problems of introducing compulsory kindergarten through the lens of local governments.]* SGI, Bratislava. Available: https://www.governance.sk/gov_publication/predprimarne-vzdelavanie-deti-zo-znevychodnenedeho-prostredia-problemy-zavedenia-povinnej-skolky-ocami-samosprav/

Background Paper for OSCE/ODIHR: Rigová E. & Kováčová, L. (2020). *Inclusion of Roma Children In the Context of Compulsory Pre-Primary Education in Slovakia: Barriers and potential implementation problems.*

Review Article: Rigová, E. (2020), *Review on Juraj Čokyna: And where are your edges?* Bratislava: N Press, p. r. o., 2019. - ISBN 978-80-99925-06-0. In *Romano džaniben: journal of Romani studies*, 2020, vol. 27, no. 1, p. 207-212. ISSN 1210-8545. Available: <https://www.dzaniben.cz/article.html?x=l&a=ff9a3d470e91ddd76c5a89ac9df967fb&m=002b666e42d85f921a8ee0ee4a290105&t=498>

Academic Article: Miškolci, J, Kováčová, L. & Rigová, E. (2018). *Countering Hate Speech on Facebook: The Case of the Roma Minority in Slovakia. Social Science Computer Review*, Vol. 38 (2). p. 128-146. August 2018. DOI: 10.1177/0894439318791786.

Handbook: Kováčová, L., Miškolci, J. & Rigová, E. (2017). *Discuss Without Hate: Strategies to counter hate speech online*, SGI, Bratislava, ISBN: 978-80-972761-1-9. Available: http://www.governance.sk/gov_publication/

Report: Horváthová, A., Kováčová, L., Rigová, E. & Miškolci, J. (2016). *Mediálne zobrazovanie rómskej menšiny a opatrení zameraných na ich začlenenie na Slovensku [Media Portrayal of the Roma and policy measures aiming to support the inclusion in Slovakia]*, SGI, Bratislava. Available: https://www.governance.sk/gov_news/medialne-zobrazovanie-romov-na-slovensku/

Newsletters:

Rigová, E. & Dráľová, A. (2018, December 22). *Dvojročné stredoškolské odbory detí zo špeciálnych základných škôl nespasia [Two-year programs at secondary vocational schools do not save Roma children from special schools.]*, Denník N. Available at: https://dennikn.sk/1329083/dvojrocne-stredoskolske-odbory-deti-zo-specialnych-zakladnych-skol-nespasia/?fbclid=IwAR2qs_cWR0GgLR0-nChofA-Dn1XvVmy_V5CLSEecOU6WCZmShLH7YI8vLBo

Dráľová, A. & Rigová, E. (2018, June 22). Slabí potrebujú dostať druhú šancu: Dokončiť si vzdelanie je pre nezamestnaných stále problém. [Disadvantaged people need second chance in education: It is still an issue for unemployed people to gain or upgrade their education], SME. Available at: <https://komentare.sme.sk/c/20850290/dokoncit-si-vzdelanie-je-pre-nezamestnanych-stale-problem.html>

Rigová, E., Kováčová, L. & Miškolci, J. (2016, December 15). Ako sa v tomto roku písalo o Rómoch? [How were the Roma portrayed in media in 2016?], SME. Available at: <https://komentare.sme.sk/c/20406803/ako-sa-v-tomto-roku-pisalo-o-romoch.html>

Conference/presentation/speech

Gypsy Lore Society Conference: Remote vocational school classes: The policy that succeeds or fails in inclusion of Roma youth?, September 2021, Prague, Czech Republic

Academy of Romani Studies: Remote vocational schools as a segregation tool - a questionable ethic of the specific public policy, October 2021, Smolenice, Slovakia

Slovak Governance Institute (SGI): Discuss and Do Not Hate, May 2017, Bratislava

New York University (NYU), Sare Patria Romani Action conference: Media portrayals of Roma and Romani inclusion policies in Slovakia, 28-29 April 2017, New York City, U.S.

Pedagogical Faculty of Comenius University, Lecture on "Education as a human right", November 2016, Bratislava, Slovakia

OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting Conference, October 2015, Warsaw, Poland

Voluntary activities

Campaign for Hilary Clinton, March 2016, United States

Fundraising for Christmas presents for disadvantaged children, December 2009, 2010, Slovakia

