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<b>Profile:</b>	<b>Climate, Environmental and Social Policy Expert   Academic   Senior Advisor</b> A senior academic and policy expert specializing in climate change, foresight, environmental governance, and socio-ecological transformation. His interdisciplinary work focuses on decarbonization strategies, and environmental justice, with a strong emphasis on social and territorial inequalities. He has led numerous research and evaluation projects across Europe, contributing to sustainable finance, impact assessments, and green transition policies. A former Head of Group at the European Environment Agency, he now serves as a director of research institute and Senior Expert to the Slovak Government. He is the author of several books and many peer-reviewed publications and has consulted for the European Commission, UNDP, UNEP and other organisations.
Years of professional experience in the policy area:	20 years of professional experience
Education	PhD/MSc in Environmental Management and Policy
Duration of studies:	12 years
Level of English:	C2

## WORK EXPERIENCE

<b>Director/Senior Researcher</b>
<b>Center of Social and Psychological Sciences/Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava Slovak Rep.</b>
April 2025 –
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Director of the center and Senior Researcher/Team Leader. Selected projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Environment and Socio-economic inequalities in Slovakia - Exposure to floods and access to potable water</li> <li>▪ Senior expert for development of the National Adaptation Strategy and Adaptation action Plan (2025)</li> <li>▪ Just Transition and Environmental Justice Project: Researching strategies to address social impacts of green transformation on marginalized populations in Slovakia.</li> <li>▪ Conducting research in climate change, its socio-economic impacts, adaptation, national/regional decarbonization strategies, foresight studies, and socio-economic aspects of green and digital transformation.</li> <li>▪ Regional Decarbonization and Socio-Economic Impacts Project: Investigating the impacts of ceasing coal mining activities in Upper Nitra, Slovakia.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

▪Development of foresight programs to predict and model key structural challenges, focusing on climate change in the context of economic trends, demography, and social cohesion.

## Head of Group (STR1 - Systems, Foresight and SOER)

***European Environmental Agency (EEA), Copenhagen, Denmark***

March 2022 – March 2025

- Coordinated the State of the European Environment and Outlook Report (SOER).
- Developed frameworks and supported activities in system analyses, foresight, and resource nexus with a focus on EU strategies towards 2050 climate neutrality.
- Managed teams, set strategic priorities, and supervised analytical reports, workshops, and events.
- Built partnerships with international organizations and programs.

## Head of Institute/Deputy Director Centre for Social and Psychological Science, Slovak Academy of Science/Senior Researcher

***Center of Social and Psychological Sciences/Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava Slovak Rep.***

September 2008 – February 2022

- Management of the Centre for Social and Psychological Science/Institute for Forecasting (26 experts and technical staff)
- Senior Researcher/Team Leader (theoretical and applied research in national/regional decarbonisation strategies, foresights, decarbonisation, social-economic aspects of the environmental transformation)
- Senior technical expert for planning and programming of the Operational Programme Slovakia 2021 - 2027(European Structural and Cohesion Funds), and for Recovery and Resilience Plan
- Senior Expert for the Slovak Government (Do Not Significant Harm/Recovery and Resilience Plan, Institutional reforms, evaluation of ESIF impacts)
- UNDP External Expert Roster member for Human Development (HD) and Poverty Monitoring.
- Expert for the European Commission (AMI list, DG REGIO)
- Member of the Horizon Europe Programme Committee 'Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions'

### **Examples of recent project experience**

- Designing and managing process of development and drafting Partnership Agreement for European Structural and Investment Funds, preparation of the Operational Programme Slovakia (2019-2022).
- DG REGION and Slovak Government expert for Recovery and Resilience Plan for the Slovak Republic. Development of framework for applying DNSH (Do not Significant Harm) criteria for the plan.
- H2020 Project ENTRANCES: ENergy TRANSitions from Coal and carbon: Effect on Societies. (2020 – 2023).
- Nature Outlooks for the Slovak Republic (2019-2020). Developed and implemented in collaboration with Slovak Environmental Protection Agency and Ministry of the Environment.
- Regional decarbonisation strategies with focus on Upper Nitra and transition after coal mining (2018-2022)
- Cities in the Enlarged European Area: Joint Development of Capacities of Public Institutions by Slovak-Ukrainian Cross-border Cooperation and Improving Integrity in Public Affairs/CEEA. (October 2020 – September 2022)
- Analyses and Legislation drafting - development of the National Action Plan for Adaptation to Climate Change (March 2018 – December 2020).

## Senior Advisor

*European Environmental Bureau, Brussels, Belgium*

September 2015 – December 2020

- Advisory activities for programmes in the Central Europe, West-Balkan and Eastern Partnership countries.
- Main scope of activities in environmental – energy policies reforms, and climate change policies in the EU enlargement process

### **Examples of relevant project experience**

- Development of the ENV.net in West Balkan and Turkey: giving citizens a voice to influence the environmental process reforms for closer EU integration (January 2018 – December 2020)

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### PhD

*Central European University (CEU) Budapest-Vienna*

September 2002 – June 2007

- Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Policy
  - Ph.D. (*Summa cum laude*), Special Award for the Best Dissertation in the Academic Year 2006/2007
  - Programme accredited by the University of the State of New York.
- (i) Socio-economic development and its environmental impacts; (ii) European environmental and cohesion policy; (iii) Sustainable development and climate change policies

### Master of Science in Environmental Policy And Management

*International Institute for Industrial Environmental Economics at Lund University, Sweden*

August 1998 - October 1999

- Environmental Policy, Energy policies,
- EMS/EMAS, Cleaner Production and interlinks between economic and environmental policies.

### Magister (Master of Science equivalent)

*Faculty of Natural Sciences, Comenius University Bratislava, Slovak Rep.*

September 1988 - June 1993

- Chemistry of elements in the environment, natural gas and oil geology