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## ● WORK EXPERIENCE

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07/2020 – CURRENT – Vienna, Austria

**ECONOMIST – THE VIENNA INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES (WIIW)**

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- Ecological economics, international trade, European policy

2016 – 2020 – Ljubljana, Slovenia

**PROJECT MANAGER – CIRCULAR CHANGE, INSTITUTE FOR CIRCULAR ECONOMY**

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- Expert work on projects; oversaw administration, communication, content writing
- Co-author of the Roadmap: Towards the Circular Economy in Slovenia in 2018 with dr. Janez Potočnik and Ladeja Godina Košir
- Team leader for organisation, technical preparation finance, partnerships for the International Circular Change Conference in 2018 and 2019 featuring 400 participants and over 50 speakers
- Project manager for EFFECTIVE (GA 792195, backed by H2020/BBI-JU): Wrote project's Communication and Dissemination plan
- Prepared applications for H2020/EU tenders
- Speaking opportunities at international events in 6 countries, several domestic events
- Expert contribution to studies by Boston Consulting Group (2019), acatech and Sistemiq (2019)
- Designed and co-led workshop on circular economy Roadmap in Serbia for UNDP

2018 – Maribor, Slovenia

**TEACHING ASSISTANT, MASTER PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OF SMART CITIES – DOBA BUSINESS SCHOOL**

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Courses taught: Economics of Future Cities, Public Policy, Smart and Sustainable Mobility Systems

- Prepared and graded study assignments, lectured via webinars, mentoring students, technical support for e-learning

2018 – Maribor, Slovenia

**ASSISTANT LECTURER, MASTER PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT OF SMART CITIES – DOBA FACULTY OF APPLIED BUSINESS AND SOCIAL STUDIES**

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- Designing and grading study assignments
- Lecturing via webinars, organizing guest lectures
- Courses taught: Economics of Future Cities, Public Policy, Smart and Sustainable Mobility Systems

2017 – 2018 – Maribor, Slovenia

**BUSINESS DEVELOPER – G-WHISPER D.O.O.**

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- Business model development for innovative green hydro-tech products
- Prepared Strategic Business Plan

2017 – Maribor, Slovenia

**TRAINEE – INSTITUTE FOR ECOLOGICAL ENGINEERING, D.O.O.**

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- Prepared public tender and H2020 applications
- Authored research paper "Wastewater Sludge Treatment and the Circular Economy"
- Managed communication with international partners

- Administrative assistant to the CEO

2014 – Amsterdam, Netherlands

**INTERN IN FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT – METABOLIC**

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- Assistant to the CFO
- Developed budget projections, financial planning tools
- Co-developed circular business models for experimental products
- Team leader for designing and implementing an internal multi-level impact assessment study
- Researched urban sustainability, impact investment and clean-tech development

2013 – 2014 – Ljubljana, Slovenia

**RESEARCH ASSISTANT – WOTRA D.O.O.**

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- Conducted interviews and wrote report on the impact of EU Directive on consumer bank credits for a research project

## ● **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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2014 – 2016 – Vienna, Austria

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOCIO-ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS AND POLICY** – Vienna University of Economics and Business,

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- In-depth knowledge of Environmental policy, Globalization and Multi-level policy, Climate change adaptation models, International environmental governance, Institutional economics, Complexity theory, Agent-based modelling, Qualitative research methods
- Master thesis: “The Political Economy of Sustainable Palm Oil: The Institutional Impact of the European Union’s Renewable Energy Directive on the Governance of Palm Oil in Indonesia”.

2016 – Yogyakarta, India

**STUDY AND RESEARCH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME ERASMUS+** – Gadjah Mada University, Faculty of Economics and Business

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- Empirical research on palm oil

2010 – 2014 – Ljubljana, Slovenia

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS** – University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Economics

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- In depth knowledge of International economics, Macroeconomics, Econometrics, European monetary system, Finance and Quantitative research methods in economics
- Tutor for Macroeconomics in 2012 and 2013.

Amsterdam, Netherlands

**STUDY EXCHANGE PROGRAMME ERASMUS** – University of Amsterdam, School of Economics and Business

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Classes on Finance, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Public Economics

## ● LANGUAGE SKILLS

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**Mother tongue(s):** SLOVENIAN

**Other language(s):**

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
<b>GERMAN</b>	C1	B2	C1	C1	B2
<b>SERBIAN</b>	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
<b>CROATIAN</b>	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
<b>BAHASA INDONESIA</b>	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

## ● DIGITAL SKILLS

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Power Point | Microsoft Excel | STATA (Intermediate) | NetLogo | Visual PROMETHEE | SPSS software | Vensim

## ● ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONOURS

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2016

**Graduated with Honours**

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2014 – 2015

**Awarded the Merit-based scholarship for academic excellence**

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2012 – 2013

**Dean's Award for outstanding academic performance**

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## ● OTHER SKILLS

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**Skills and experience**

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- Extensive knowledge of circular economy as theoretical and practical concept, policy frameworks for circular economy, business model development
- Qualitative research methods methods: statistical analysis and basic econometrics
- Qualitative research methods and analysis: expert interviews, semi-structured and structured interviews
- Using various methods used in environmental policy such as systems modelling, agent-based modelling, multi-criteria assessment, environmental valuation, participatory decision-making
- Theoretical foundations in multi-level policy
- Experience with public speaking, lecturing, workshops
- Working in multicultural environments, start-up culture
- Project management, experience with tenders, EU projects
- Communication and dissemination: website design, writing content, social media
- Leading project teams
- Event management

## ● PUBLICATIONS

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### Complete list of publications

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[List of Publications Niko Korpar \(wiiw.ac.at\)](#)

### As expert contributor:

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- Weber, M. & Stuchtey, M. (2019). Pathways towards a German Circular Economy. Lessons from European Strategies. Preliminary Study. Acatech: München.
- Meyer zum Felde, A. et al. (2019). A Circular Solution to Plastic Waste. Boston Consulting Group.

## ● PROJECTS

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### Complete list of Projects

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## ● CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

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2019 – Milwaukee, St. Louis, USA

**Post Carbon Cities of Tomorrow by Ecologic Institute US**

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2019 – Arandjelovac, Serbia

**Workshop on Circular Economy Roadmaps by UNDP**

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2018 – Madrid, Spain

**Seminar on National Strategies on Circular Economy**

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2018 – Athens, Greece

**Re-turn to the tap conference**

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Brussels, Belgium

**Workshop on guidance on cascading use of woody biomass by European Commission**

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2018 – Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Green Building Council conference**

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2018 – Ljubljana, Slovenia

**SDBP conference**

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2018 – Hainburg, Austria

**Future of EU Environmental Policy**

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2017 – Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Eurocities**

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