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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- The International Diplomacy Initiative** (Berlin, Germany) *Dec. 2024 – present*
Member of Advisory Board (part-time)
- Providing advice regarding strategic development of organization
 - Conduct research and give lectures in international security and conflict resolution
- East-West Management Institute** (New York, USA)
Program Development Advisor (Berlin, Germany) *Feb. 2024 – Feb. 2025*
- Support to development of program proposals for building peace, reconciliation, and social cohesion; strengthening civil society and governance; ensuring transitional justice etc.
- Initiative Center to Support Social Action "Ednannia"** (Kyiv, Ukraine) *Oct. 2019 – Jan. 2024*
Deputy Chief of Party, USAID/Ukraine Civil Society Sectoral Support Activity
- Managed program implementation, including quality, budgeting, cost-effectiveness, and timeliness of performance
 - Provided management oversight of program staff, including consortium members, sub-grantees and partners
 - Managed CSO capacity building and development activities
 - Coordinated CSO engagement in policy changes, recovery of Ukraine activities, and EU integration
 - Developed project documentation (Plans, Reports, M&E) and evaluated program results
 - Represented program to international donors, public authorities and other constituents
- Ukrainian Centre for Political Independent Research (UCIPR), Kyiv, Ukraine** *Jan. 2017 – Nov. 2019*
Project Director
- Coordinated civil society projects (USAID Civil Society Organizations Sustainability Index for Ukraine; ECNL-DANIDA Project "Introduction of Social Contracting in Ukraine;" ICNL-Sida Rapid Response Grants for Embattled Civil Society)
- Ukrainian Centre for Political Independent Research (UCIPR), Kyiv, Ukraine** *Jul. 2014 – Jul. 2019*
Deputy Chief of Party, USAID/Ukraine Civil Society Enabling Environment Activity
- Provided management oversight of the project activities and staff
 - Coordinated CSO organizational development and developed organizational structure and processes
 - Prepared project documentation (Plans, Reports, M&E) and evaluated project results
 - Conducted research on civil society issues
 - Represented the project and collaborated with the international donor community and partners

EU-UNDP Project “Rada for Europe” (Kyiv, Ukraine) *Oct. 2016 –Feb. 2017*
Parliamentary Development Consultant

- Developed proposals for improving the legislative process of Parliament

USAID/Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, Office for Democracy and Governance (Kyiv, Ukraine) *Jul. 2013 –Mar. 2014*

Elections and Political Processes Adviser

- Developed strategy and analyzed elections and political processes environment in Ukraine
- Planned and oversaw program activities for political process and elections programs in Ukraine
- Managed relationships with implementing partners, beneficiaries, and stakeholders

European Information Support Centre of the Parliament of Ukraine (Kyiv, Ukraine) *Sep. 2011 –May 2013*

Centre Manager

- Coordinated Centre’s activities, developed Centre’s development and management strategies
- Performed European legislation and policy analysis
- Oversaw relationship management with partners and stakeholders

Open Ukraine Foundation (Kyiv, Ukraine) *Sep. 2010-May 2011*

International Dialog Program Manager

- Coordinated program activities, including International Security Forums, Diplomatic Clubs, security debates
- Oversaw relationship management with partners and donors
- Provided analysis about the current security system and challenges

EDUCATION & RESEARCH

Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, NY, USA *Jan. 2009 – May 2010*

Research Assistant at Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs

- Conducted research on transnational organized crime in Balkan countries

University of California, Berkeley (CA, USA) *May 2009 – May 2010*
Visiting Scholar at Institute of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies

- Analyzed state policies in Balkan countries and their impact on global security

Ph.D. in International Relations, Institute of World Economy & International Relations, National Academy of Sciences (Kyiv, Ukraine) *May 2009*

MA in International Relations, Diploma with the Highest Honors, Ivan Franko National University (Lviv, Ukraine) *Jun. 2004*

TRAINING

Protecting Human Research Participants (PHRP) Online Training, Inc. *Sep. 2024*

Stanford GDPi-ICNL Tech Camp for Civic Space Defenders, organized by Stanford’s Global Digital Policy Incubator (GDPi) and the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), UC Berkeley, CA, USA *Jul. -Aug. 2021*

COMPUTER SKILLS

MS Office/Microsoft Office Suite, Google Drive, Collaboration and communication software (Zoom, Microsoft Teams, and e-mail platforms), social media, Presentation software, Spreadsheets, WordPress, Project management software (Jira, Assana), Lexis

OTHER SKILLS

Research, Program Management, Conflict Resolutions & Mediation, Negotiations, Data Analytics (Dedoose)

LANGUAGES

English, Serbian, Russian (fluent); French, Polish (good); German (independent user); Ukrainian (native speaker)

PUBLICATIONS & INTERVIEWS

1. Peace Formula for Ukraine: Lessons from the Balkans and Nagorno-Karabakh. St. Antony's International Review - <https://www.stairjournal.com/oped/2025/3/16/peace-formula-for-ukraine-lessons-from-the-balkans-and-nagorno-karabakh>
2. CONFLICTS IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA AND THEIR LESSONS FOR UKRAINE - <https://ukraine-analytica.org/conflicts-in-the-former-yugoslavia-and-their-lessons-for-ukraine/>
3. PEACE FORMULA AND LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE BALKANS AND NAGORNO-KARABAKH - <https://ukraine-analytica.org/wp-content/uploads/Heletiy1.pdf>
4. International Day of UN Peacekeepers - evaluating the conflict-reducing effect | Experts' Opinions - <https://www.developmentaid.org/news-stream/post/143954/international-day-of-un-peacekeepers>
5. Civil Society Sustainability Index Report 2017 on Ukraine - <https://www.fhi360.org/wp-content/uploads/drupal/documents/resource-csosi-2017-report-europe-eurasia.pdf>
6. Civil Society Sustainability Index Report 2018 on Ukraine - <https://www.fhi360.org/wp-content/uploads/drupal/documents/resource-csosi-2018-report-europe-eurasia.pdf>
7. Policy Brief on Civil Society Development in Ukraine (Ukrainian) - <https://rpr.org.ua/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Gromaga.pdf>
8. Current situation in Western Balkans: Crisis Continues - <https://veche.kiev.ua/journal/392/>
9. Global Study on the Impact of Counter-Terrorism Measures on Civil Society and Civic Space - <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/issues/terrorism/sr/cfis/cfi-gs-impact-ct-measures/subm-global-study-impact-cso-isar-edannia.pdf>
10. A Conversation on the Human Side of Rebuilding Ukraine: Voices from Civil Society. GMF Forum. Brussels 2023. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ne2CZoP9-FA>
11. Democracy in Crisis: Protests Erupt in Georgia & Serbia. TVP News. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKb1GwLhspU>
12. The Purpose and Expected Results of Zelenskyy's European Tour. TVP News. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibFwzOHTpiQ>

REFERENCES

1. Julia Jacoby, Civil Society Program Manager, EU Delegation to Ukraine, julia.jacoby@eeas.europa.eu, +4916096727503
2. Erin McCarthy, Senior Civil Society Advisor, Democracy and Governance Division, Technical Support Office, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, USAID Washington, emccarthy@usaid.gov
3. Tetiana Voloshyna, HR Manager, USAID HOVERLA, DAI, t.n.voloshina@gmail.com, +380502850182