

MIRSA DANI

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

October 2026 - ongoing

PhD Candidate - Economic Sociology, Organization and Labour Studies (ESOL)

Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy

Research project: *"From Evidence to Policy: Understanding the Organizational and Institutional Determinants of Statistical Evidence Use in Public Decision-Making in EU Candidate Countries"*

October 2021 – July 2023

Master of Science (MSc) in Business Administration

Epoka University, Tirana, Albania

Thesis: *"Comparative Analysis of Board of Directors' Practices as Corporate Governance Mechanisms: Insights from the Albanian Context"*

October 2018 – July 2021

Bachelor in International Marketing & Logistics Management

Epoka University, Tirana, Albania

Thesis: *"Marketing Strategy in the Korean Skincare Industry: Case Study of PURITO"*

WORK EXPERIENCE

October 2025 - ongoing

Grant Holder Manager & Working Group Member COST Action CA24167

- Coordination of the administrative, financial and operational management of the Action.
- Contribution to comparative research on labour-market transformation in the context of artificial intelligence and digitalisation.
- Contribution to analytical frameworks, country mapping, policy briefs, comparative reports and dissemination activities.

September 2024 – ongoing

Research and Project Assistant

Centre for Comparative and International Studies (CCIS), Tirana, Albania

- Contribution to EU-funded research and capacity-building projects in digital transformation, democratic governance, youth participation, innovation and evidence-based policymaking.
- Literature reviews, desk research, policy analysis and evidence synthesis.
- Preparation of research reports, policy briefs, technical deliverables and project documentation.
- Coordination with universities, public institutions, civil society organisations and international project partners.

January 2024 – September 2026

Annual and Regional National Accounts Specialist

Institute of Statistics (INSTAT), Albania

- Compilation and analysis of annual national accounts in accordance with ESA 2010.
- Production and validation of macroeconomic indicators using administrative and statistical data sources.
- Preparation of national accounts datasets for SDMX transmission.
- Participation in technical and capacity-building activities involving Eurostat and the Joint Vienna Institute.

February 2026 – April 2026

Trainee – National Accounts Unit (VGR)

Federal Statistical Office (FSO), Neuchâtel, Switzerland

- Support to national accounts revision documentation and methodological analysis.
- Exposure to the Swiss official statistics system and European statistical methodologies.
- Collaboration with experts in an international and multilingual working environment.

January 2025 – October 2025

Assistant Project Manager

“Fostering Trust and Utilization in Albania’s Data Landscape” Project

Center for Comparative and International Studies (CCIS), Tirana, Albania

- Contribution to a national mixed-methods research project on trust in and use of official statistics in Albania.
- Support to quantitative and qualitative data collection, stakeholder surveys and regional consultations.
- Contribution to stakeholder mapping, research reports, policy papers and evidence-based recommendations.

October 2021 – July 2023

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Epoka University, Tirana, Albania

- Support to undergraduate teaching in business and management.
- Preparation of teaching materials, assignments and examinations, and contribution to grading activities.
- Academic support to students during coursework and practical sessions.
- Contribution to literature reviews, data organisation and research-related faculty activities

PERSONAL SKILLS

LANGUAGES

Albanian - Native
English - Proficient user
Italian - Basic

HONORS AND AWARDS

2026 – PhD Scholarship, University of Milan, ESOL Programme
2023 – Graduated with High Honours, MSc in Business Administration, Epoka University
2021 – Graduated with High Honours, Bachelor in International Marketing & Logistics Management, Epoka University

PROJECTS

ENGAGEEUROPE Mobilising Citizens for the Future of European Democracy through Data-driven Advocacy, Engagement, and Mobility
ERASMUS-YOUTH-2023-CB: A cross regional predictive model for youth policy shaping - Youth Observers
Fostering Trust and Utilization in Albania’s Data Landscape
VALEU-X Erasmus+ Virtual Collaborative Learning Project

TRAININGS

Leadership Workshop - COST Association, Brussels (2025)
Fiscal Sustainability Training - International Monetary Fund (IMF) & Joint Vienna Institute, Vienna (2025)
Fiscal Policy Analysis Training - IMF & Joint Vienna Institute, Vienna (2025)
Fiscal Policy Analysis Training - IMF & Joint Vienna Institute, Vienna (2025)
ESA 2010 National Accounts Course - Eurostat, Luxembourg (2024)
Data Integration from Multiple Sources - Eurostat ESTP Webinar (2024)