

CESSDA

A new addition to the team



Ivana joined CESSDA¹ as Senior Project Manager on 2 March 2015, having driven three days from Croatia to Bergen with her husband and their Labrador Max. Ivana has both an MA in psychology and an MSc in Economy in the field of management from the University of Rijeka in Croatia. She began her career in 2001 as a junior consultant at the Laboratory for Social Psychology, where she dealt with various human resources issues and the education of employees.

From 2008 to 2015, she was Head of the Projects' Office at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Rijeka, dealing with international cooperation, project proposal preparation and management. She was

¹ Consortium of European Social Science Data Archives (www.cessda.net)

simultaneously science manager for EU programmes for the University of Rijeka covering all issues related to EU programmes and project management.

Over the years, she has therefore developed an expertise in project management, having managed both the administrative and financial aspects of fifteen international (mostly EU) funded projects and having participated in the preparation of more than 70 project proposals. She has also undergone numerous trainings, the most important ones for her job at CESSDA being in 2007, 2009 and 2014 on FP7 (Seventh Framework Programme) and one on Horizon 2020 project application and management. She has led numerous seminars and educational courses for the academic community, the private sector and public institutions as well as students. She also participated in the building of the Croatian Science managers' network in order to support applications and management in the Croatian academic area.

She was also a lecturer up until 2012 at the Faculties of Economics and Business at the University of Rijeka and of Zagreb, as well as at the Faculty of Maritime Studies at the University of Rijeka. She has also published eleven scientific papers so far.

Lastly, as this is something you do on the side out of pure passion, Ivana is also writing a PhD thesis on decision making processes in the academic community. This involves survey which aims to draw a comparison between the decision makers in the academic community, in the private and state-owned companies, as well as in hospitals and their basic personality traits.

For Ivana, family life is pretty important. She is married to Tomislav and they have two sons Matej and Karlo, and their dear dog Max. Together, they used to enjoy long walks by the sea and in the mountains back in Croatia and once they have found their feet in mostly rainy and sporadically sunny Bergen, they will surely take to the "Syv fjell" (Seven Mountains). On the rainier days, Ivana enjoys reading mystery and fantasy novels, from A.C. Doyle and A. Christie, to J.R.R. Tolkien.

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