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A collection of updates from Master CoDe alumni

Master CoDe alumni from various editions have sent in updates about what they have done since graduation and what they are involved in at present.

We hope you will enjoy reading their news!

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I am **Monika Kordic**, née Poposka. I am an Economist with a Bachelor's degree in Economics (Faculty of Economics, Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Skopje, R Macedonia), and hold a Master II level in "Policy and Measures for Sustainable Rural Development" from the University of Trento. I won a scholarship from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2002 for the Master Program "Local Development for the Balkans" 2002/04 where I acquired international knowledge and skills in the field of PCM, local and rural development, SMEs and public administration, social capital, etc.

In the meantime I worked on an EU funded project within the **Macedonian Ministry of Agriculture**: the introduction of EU Rural Development Policy and Measure in Macedonia. After graduating from Master CoDe, I continued promoting the Master project "EU Policy and Measures for Rural Development" through several EU funded projects such as: CARDS Project – Institutional Strengthening of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy in FYR Macedonia (2002-04 - Agriconsulting Europe S.A) and IPA Project Structural and Legal Reform of the Ministry of Agriculture in FYR Macedonia (2004-07 Vakakis International SA). Final results of my work were drafted as IPARD Programme 2007-2013 and established the Agency for Payment in Agriculture & Rural Development by the end of 2007.

In 2008, I moved to Zagreb, Croatia. Initially, I worked as an international consultant on EU funded projects: IPA Technical Assistance project for IPARD Agency in Croatia (2008-NIRAS A/S, Consultancy Company); Methodology for the establishment of a 'Semi-subsistent Farms and Early Retirement scheme'; FWC Rural development Detailed Training for IPARD Project Analysis (2010 - EBRD Office for Economic Policy and Regional Development) in Turkish Agency of Payment. In the same period, I started working for the leading Croatian Consulting Companies dealing with EU Funds Management, Micro Group till 2011 and Sense Consulting from 2012 till 2015.

In September 2015, I decided to enter as a Partner in the ownership structure of the company Genius Consulting Ltd., company i.t. a Partner to Colliers Advisory and Deloitte Croatia. Genius Consulting is a company specialised in preparation for projects financed from EU funds, development of strategic and operational development plans and business consulting.

My aim is to support the development of Croatian and Regional economy through development of Croatian and regional companies that are willing to invest, employ and make a new added value made world a better place to live in. I evaluate a client's investment needs and prepare full tender dossier for relevant EU funding (EAFRD, ESF, ERDF, EMFF) including project application, Feasibility Study with CBA, Investment Studies. etc.

I am grateful to the University of Trento where I successfully completed the Master CoDe programme, to my colleagues, team leaders and consultants for the possibility to learn, connect and develop my professional career.

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### ***Dritan Shala (Kosovo) | Master CoDe 2006/07***

Since my last update, a few things have happened during 2015. Here is a short intro about my participation in 2 trainings, and a job done:

I had a chance to participate in two trainings: the first, about to finish, is immovable property evaluation, which I see feeding in to local development and planning. The training is organized by the Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and other stakeholders. Luckily, my participation was supported by my employer. For more see: <http://bmlvpp.org>



The second training, completed in December, was organized by the World Bank Group, for free, through a 4-week massive open online course (MOOC) through [www.coursera.org](http://www.coursera.org) reaching out to 27,000 participants in real time.



The training, with general awareness and development tracks, made a link and transition from the Millennium Development Goals to now Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), a global agenda from now on to 2030. The training readings, interactions and video materials covered general aspects, public and private finance and the role of multinational banks, stressing the importance of leveraging private investment alone or jointly with individual donors, official development aid (AID), national public and philanthropy funding, while introducing a shift using “millions” ODA and other sources to mobilize “trillions” mostly by Domestic Resource Mobilization needed for new development goals and challenges. It was nice to read a guide on employee evaluation and development for civil servants in Kosovo suggesting MOOC as an alternative way of employee development given that participants know English and have computer and internet access. From this online training, a LinkedIn group evolved.

For those interested, some 650+ free online trainings are coming soon, see: <https://www.class-central.com/report/mooc-course-report-february-2016/> .

While the last piece of my last year’s involvement was facilitation of some stakeholder workshops, identifying gaps and needs which evolved into a strategic intervention document that I had a chance to compile as consultant aiming at increasing the quality of hospitality and tourism programs in three vocational schools in south and west Kosovo through increase of cooperation and inclusion among stakeholders, including curricula, internships, capacity building and increase of women participation in these schools, and in the industry in general, through various projects and campaigns to be financed with resources in a framework of a regional support of educational and development project implemented in Kosovo, partly by a local NGO, financed by the Austrian Development Agency, see: [www.syriivizionit.org](http://www.syriivizionit.org).

Using this communication, I suggest that the CoDe programme implementing institutions and its participants dedicate a good amount of time to sustainability and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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After graduating from Master CoDe, I worked in the Consular Section and Visa Section of the Consulate General of Italy in Shanghai, from December 2007 to July 2008.

Since June 2010, I have been working in the Human Resources Department of Nanjing University of Finance & Economics (<http://english.njue.edu.cn/>) in charge of the work of recruitment, training and the evaluation of professional titles.

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### ***Salita Gurung (Nepal) | Master Code 2007/08***



Salita (right) with colleague

I have been working in various development organizations after I returned to Nepal having completed the Joint European Master in Comparative Local Development.

Some major projects I worked in:

#### **December 2012-November, 2014:**

Project Coordinator for **TPO (Transcultural Psychosocial Organization) Nepal, Baluwatar Kathmandu**

This led to implementing the **Mental Health beyond Facility (mhBeF) project** in Nepal. The project was implemented in Liberia, Nepal and Uganda aiming to strengthen community health through clinical and socio-economic interventions.

The major responsibilities included overall planning, budgeting, coordinating and administering programs in the district with the support of the Ministry of Health. Other responsibilities included liaison with project consortia to roll out project activities in the community. In addition, providing technical support to promote health governance through creating a public demand at community level. Monitoring and evaluation of the project were also part of my core responsibilities.

#### **June 2015 - ongoing: Consultant for “Way Out of Informality Project”, ILO/ Pokhara Tourism Council.**

The objective of the project is to develop the local economy through promoting the tourism sector in Pokhara City. Major assignments include planning and providing technical support to Pokhara Tourism Council/ILO in implementing the WOI project. Other tasks are co-ordinating stakeholders, proposal development, mobilizing human resources, documentation and reporting along with monitoring of assigned activities in the project.

I got married in 2013 and happily living with my little boy and husband in my hometown, Pokhara, Nepal.

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### ***Alisher Juraev (Uzbekistan) | Master CoDe 2007/08***

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Currently I am working as a senior advisor for the European Union "Management Training Programme (MTP) Capacity Building for SME management in Uzbekistan" Project, in Tashkent.

By the way, within the framework of this programme, with the help of Professor Dallago and in close cooperation with Trentino Sviluppo, I organized an informative workshop on "Business opportunities for Italian companies in Uzbekistan" in Trento, in June 2015.

Currently we are working closely with Trentino Sviluppo and 3 Uzbek company managers are having business training in companies in the Trentino.

Please, have a look:

<http://www.trentinosviluppo.it/dettaglio.aspx?l=it&id=ELE0008161&name=manager-uzbeki-in-trentino-nuove-opportunita-per-le-aziende>



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### ***Anteneh Meseret (Ethiopia) | Master Code 2007/08***

Currently, I am working as a Capacity Building Manager in a USAID/ Private Health Sector Program being implemented by Abt Associates Inc. in Ethiopia. The program supports the Government of Ethiopia in achieving key public health outcomes by making the private health sector an indispensable component of the national health care delivery system.

The program uses strategies of building capacities of the private health facilities to deliver quality and accessible services, creating an enabling policy environment for enhanced participation of the private health sector, and supporting introduction and implementation of public private partnership in health (PPPH) models of services in the country's health care delivery system. The program works in functional partnership with the Federal Ministry of Health (FMoH) and Regional Health Bureaus (RHBs) of seven regions in the country.

For 4 years now, I have been working for the program with main responsibilities of designing and administering the capacity building supports to partner health organizations, technically supporting the establishment of regional private health sector associations in 7 regions where the program is operating, and overseeing the implementation of cooperative grant agreements made with partner organizations and associations in the health sector.

After completing Master CoDe and before my current engagement, I worked as a program officer for an international partnership program working with disability group associations to promote community based rehabilitation strategies of development. Also with services contracts with UNICEF-Ethiopia in child rights protection and gender trainings and as Enterprise Development Advisor for Banyan Global Inc. Ethiopian program. My Master CoDe studies and the local development applications have proved to be highly relevant in all of my work engagements and have been a critical skill and knowledge base for me for successful application of tasks in the real world development work.

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### ***Mahesh Baral (Nepal) | Master CoDe 2007/08***



Before being selected as an Erasmus Mundus scholar for Master CoDe 2007/09, I had been working with the Government of Nepal as a member of the Nepal Administration Service in the central planning authority of Nepal, called the National Planning Commission Secretariat.

After completing the CoDe program, I was transferred to the Ministry of Local Development (now called Ministry of Federal Affairs and Local Development). In this Ministry, I had various roles and responsibilities in different local bodies.

I was working as an Executive Officer of Banepa Municipality. Later, I worked for the District Development Committee, Gorkha as the Local Development Officer (LDO is the development coordinator in the district and there are 75 districts in Nepal). After that, for a while, I worked as the Executive Officer of Pokhara Sub-Metropolitan City of Nepal (which is the second largest city in Nepal and the capital city of Nepalese tourism).

At present I am working for Bharatpur Sub-Metropolitan City as an Executive Officer.

Bharatpur, similar to Pokhara in many ways, has various opportunities and comparative advantages. I am trying to implement the ideas we learned and transfer the knowledge and experiences we gained during my study. There is a huge scope of work and I am trying my best.

More information about Bharatpur and my office can be found on:

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### ***Theophilus Adekunle Tinuoye (Nigeria) | Master CoDe 2008/09***

My present appointment is as Chief Research Fellow / Manpower Development Officer, Micheal Imoudu National Institute For Labour Studies, Ilorin, Nigeria (<http://minilsnig.org/index.html>).

My present interest areas are the following: Trade Unionism and labor management relations; Local Development and entrepreneurship; Conflict management/dispute resolution; Human/women/workers rights Education, Training, Organizing and Advocacy.

#### **My extracurricular activities:**

Writing, soccer, reading, traveling, researching, networking, listening to shortwave and engaging in intellectual dialogues and cerebral discourses on contemporary global human, social, economic and political issues.

After Master CoDe, I have gained the under listed certificates and honours:

- 1) Executive Program in Management Diploma, Maastricht School of Management, Holland , 2010
- 2) Advanced Certificate in Facilitating Multistakeholder processes and Social Learning, Wageningen UR, Centre for Development Innovation, Netherlands, 2012
- 3) Fellow, Strategic Institute of Natural Resources and Human Development, Nigeria 2012
- 4) Certificate in Communication, Management and Leadership, Maritime Institute for Technology and Graduate Studies, Maryland, USA 2013
- 5) Certificate in International Women's Health and Human Rights, Stanford University, California, USA 2014 .

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### ***Bertha Mkandawire Munthali (Malawi) | Master CoDe 2009/10***

Since my graduation from Master CoDe, my career has taken off for the better. In 2012 I worked as a Country Director with Winrock International, a US based humanitarian development project which focused on addressing child labour in Tobacco growing communities of Malawi.

After working with Winrock for a year and half, I found yet another exciting position as a National officer - Food and Nutrition security with the Food and Agriculture organisation of the United Nations where I served the organisation for 2 years. In the past year, I have worked as an independent consultant serving organisations like the African Development Bank, the United States Agency for International Development, World Food Programme, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the UN and related multilateral and bilateral organisations.



The diversity of the Master CoDe subjects enabled me to fit in the development field easily and understand the most challenging development issues. I have worked in all development related issues, from food and nutrition security, to climate change adaptation projects, to gender related projects, project management, human rights and legal issues. I strongly believe that Master CoDe set me up for career progress and built in me the confidence I needed most to face the job world, and today I can comfortably claim that I am a “master of my trade” because Master CoDe moulded me for such.

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### ***Lana Pasic (Bosnia & Herzegovina) | Master CoDe 2009/10***



Since graduating from Master CoDe (2009/2010), I have completed my MPhil in Development Studies at the University of Oxford (2013).

Over the last couple of years, I have been working as Development Consultant and a freelance writer.

I am also a Bosnia Editor for **Balkananalysis.com**.

I have just published an eBook on the current political, economic and social context in Bosnia and Herzegovina - "20 Years After Dayton", soon to be found on Amazon:

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### ***Pinar Arikan (Turkey) | Master CoDe 2009/10***

Following my graduation from CoDe in 2011, I joined the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Turkey as a Cluster Lead on the Rule of Law and Democratic Governance, leading a number of different projects, mainly tackling the EU candidacy of the country, on local administration, gender and justice thematics. In the scope of the UN experience I also co-led joint programmes with different UN Agencies, namely the UN Women, UNHCR and UNFPA. Subsequently, I joined the World Bank supporting programme implementation and business development within the Disaster Risk Management Portfolio as DRM Analyst.

I can easily say that CoDe contributed a lot to the way I work, conceptualize and perform. The interactive, dynamic, focused, inspiring, insightful environment CoDe offered, both broadened my perspective and enhanced the interdisciplinary learning experience.

The CoDe experience was important in many ways. Academically it was a great opportunity to learn about the systems of the constituent universities forming the Consortium and more specifically to solidify my aspirations to pursue professional opportunities in the development domain. CoDe set my direction for international service in the area of development and governance. Furthermore, the multicultural setting offered by the programme helped enhance my global point of view, enabling me to appreciate views which are “beyond nations,” so to speak. I would, and do, gladly recommend the programme to those who aspire to get acquainted with the theoretical background of local development studies and to pursue career opportunities in development domain.

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### ***Giedrė Šadeikaitė (Lithuania) | Master CoDe 2010/11***

I currently work as a Researcher at the Sustainable Development of Tourism Programme of the World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) in Madrid.

At the same time, I am continuing my PhD in Local Development and Territorial Innovation at the University of Alicante.

After concluding the Master CoDe, I was a Project Manager in the International Center for Promotion of Enterprises in Ljubljana where I managed capacity building projects in cooperation with governmental and multilateral partners. Before starting my assignment in UNWTO, I also did a stage at the Directorate General of Education and Culture at the European Commission.



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### Gratian Mihailescu (Romania) | Master CoDe 2010/11

My important updates in recent months are:

- In September I was invited to Dnepopetrovsk (Ukraine) with other experts from Italy, France and Poland to talk to the public administration specialist and politicians. My presentation can be viewed here:

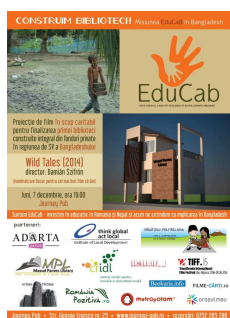
[https://www.academia.edu/15669244/Romania vs Poland. What Ukraine should do](https://www.academia.edu/15669244/Romania_vs_Poland._What_Ukraine_should_do)

- Guest Speaker in Cluj at the **Junior Chamber International** 100 celebration years. The Junior Chamber International (JCI) is a international NGO of young people between 18 and 40 years old. It has members in about 124 countries, and regional or national organizations in many of them. It has consultative status with the **Council of Europe**, with the **Economic and Social Council of the United Nations** and with **UNESCO**. It was founded in St Louis in 1915. It encourages young people to become responsible citizens and to participate in efforts towards social and economic development, and international co-operation, good-will and understanding. My presentation is here: [https://www.academia.edu/16987059/An Integrated approach to regional development](https://www.academia.edu/16987059/An_Integrated_approach_to_regional_development)

- Launching with success a National Public Policy Report called: "The importance of regional development for Romania's future" which had a big impact in media and in politics, because the Presidential Administration invited me to develop seminars and roundtables in 2016 regarding my vision on an integrated approach of regional development.

- The launch of a European Report in Brussels at the Committee of Regions regarding Regionalism in Europe. This event was organized by the Assembly of European Regions, with the occasion of 30 years since they start functioning. [AER Study on Regionalisation 2014/2015 | Assembly of European Regions](#)

- In December 2015 CAESAR Foundation (<http://www.caesarfoundation.org/>) (Center of Access of Expertise for Romanian Students and Alumni) invited me to be speaker in Bucharest. This was an important event which focused on regional development, infrastructure, urbanization, local development.



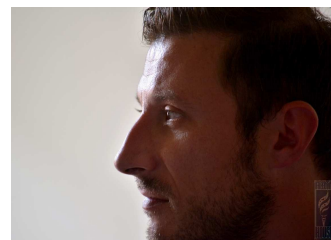
- On 7 December, I organized, together with friends in Bucharest, a fund-raising event in a pub, where over Euros 800 was raised for the **Masud Parves Library Bangladesh**. <http://www.masudparveslibrary.com/index.html>

- I am launching another project: you can read all about it on pages 2 & 3 of the January edition of "Master CoDe News"!

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### **Szabina Czako (Hungary) | Master CoDe 2010/11**

I graduated in 2012 as part of the class that had an exchange semester at Corvinus.

After graduation, I was actually trying to figure out whether I wanted to apply for a PhD or go out and find a job that could have become my passion; did this all while working for a couple of companies.

In 2013, I started working at Schneider Electric's energy consultancy business, and I was managing energy portfolios by trading on the European exchanges. I was mainly using English as my working language.

In January last year (2015), I switched jobs and started working for a Hungarian company which develops software and provides IT solutions to the energy sector.

As the result of the past 3 years in the energy business, I am now a great advocate of free, liberalized energy markets as well as smart metering / energy consumption optimization through monitoring energy needs (even households') and using renewable energy as the primary source of power.

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### **Abu Sayed (Bangladesh) | Master CoDe 2010/11**

After finishing my bachelor's degree in Urban and Rural Planning from Khulna University, Bangladesh in 2006, I started working in a project supported by USAID. At the end of 2006, I started working as a town planner for Local Government Organizations under the Ministry of Local Government Rural Development and Cooperatives. Taking study leave from the job in 2010, I completed my Master's degree in Comparative Local Development (Master CoDe).

I returned to my country after graduating and returned to my former job.



**Abu Sayed in front of the Masud Parves library.**

**The library inauguration is planned for 15 February 2016!**

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Since, September, 2013 I have been working as an assistant town planner for Khulna Development Authority (KDA) for the Ministry of Housing and Public Works. I am responsible for preparing and updating the master plan for future development of the city and its vicinity of 818 sq.km. Along with this, I also have to monitor and guide the physical development of the city following the master plan. Different types of plans, for example, Detailed Area Plan, Action Area Plan etc. have also been prepared and implemented, and various development projects proposed in the plans. .

While preparing different types of physical development plans for the city, I am capable of interacting various urban rural interactions from a social and economic point of view, such as I have been taught in the master degree in Comparative Local Development. As a student of planning background together with the knowledge of social and economic aspects, I enjoy my job

### ***Geline Alfred Fuko (Tanzania) | Master CoDe 2010/11***

I am a lawyer and a Human Rights Activist working with a local NGO called Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) in Tanzania. At the moment I work as a researcher and one of the designers and managers of the Online Public Database on Constitutional Resources as well as Information Centre on Constitution issues. This project was introduced in order to increase public access to constitutional resources. available at the following url <http://katiba.humanrights.or.tz>



In the 2015 General Election, I was working as the Manager of the Election Observation Centre that used ICT HUB under the umbrella of 16 Tanzania Civil Society Organization called TAC-CEO. With the Election Observation Centre and together with the observation team, I opened an online TV and radio station that aired short videos about the election in Tanzania as well as messages to promote peace during election times.

I am also a recipient of the Erasmus Mundus Star Award 2015 for my contribution to community development as well as to the Erasmus Mundus Association. I am also a recipient of the 2015 years of development Coin given by the European Union. In 2015, I was covered in the European Union Website as a success story of the European Union Partnership in Education as the EU celebrated the European Union year of Development: available at the following url <https://europa.eu/eyd2015/en/european-union/stories/community-tanzania>.



My goal is to continue assuming more leadership roles in stimulating change, fostering innovation and find sustainable solutions to persistence problems in my community.

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### ***Diana Tellez-Delgado (Colombia) | Master CoDe 2013/15***

After my graduation, life continues and now I am living and working in Barcelona with a feminist NGO in a women migrant project. The cherry on the pie: I am studying culture of peace in the Autonomia University Barcelona. My Colombia finally has a chance for peace and I take the challenge of improving in a personal and emotional way for the task.



Erasmus & CoDe have taught me that life, like love, changes in a minute, and the only thing that you can do, is flow and learn. Well, I am in love with my life, my people, my significant other, my work, my studies and my country.

The “leit motiv”: You probably learn for yourself, but mostly, you must learn for the people “who have raised their voice for their rights”\*. This is the real global, local and personal development chain.

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\* Malala Yousafzai’s speech at the Youth Takeover of the United Nations. In: <https://secure.aworldatschool.org/page/content/the-text-of-malala-yousafzais-speech-at-the-united-nations/>



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