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INDNATUR and URB-for-DAN: two Interreg projects in support of Urban Forestry

Speakers



Mr Jurij Kobe, MA in Geography and Sociology of Culture, is the Head of Urban Forest Management in the City of Ljubljana. With vast experience in green infrastructure and ecosystem services, he is one of the authors of the Ljubljana Urban Forest Development Strategy 2020-2030. He is also the content manager of the URBforDAN transnational project with the focus on strategic planning and comprehensive solutions development. He is currently dedicated to building capacity of all relevant stakeholders with the goal of an efficient and sustainable urban forest governance of the capital city.

His particular interest is the cooperation and sharing of the best practises, which can contribute in a crucial way to the improvement of all urban environments.



Mr Klemen Strmšnik is a geographer with excellent understanding of natural and social processes and systems. He complements his extensive experience, gained while working on projects in Slovenia and abroad, with his outstanding communication skills and leadership capacities. He enjoys tackling new challenges, either in the field of environmental protection, efficient management, regional development and capacity building or in development and implementation of international projects. He is one of the leading Project Managers of a consultancy company ZaVita d.o.o. with over

10 years of experience in strategic planning, regional and rural development, environmental consulting, as well as implementation of EU funded projects in Slovenia, EU countries and the region of Western Balkans. He is a proven environmental expert and evaluator with international experience and a track record to prove it. As such, he was a team member of several international project teams, working on transposition and implementation of EU Directives in the region of Western Balkans, evaluations of Programmes linked to EU Structural Funds, Rural Development Fund and Cohesion Fund, as well as development and implementation of several EU funded projects in Danube, Adrion and URBACT transnational Programmes. He firmly believes that he is one of the people who are changing the world.



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Author of several books, book chapters and articles in specialized magazines, on topics related to urban ecology, on the city and human rights, on friendly environments, as well as on planning of new areas. She develops research works obtained in competitive calls, as well as contracts and research agreements of various kinds, related to the

indicated topics. She is currently the main researcher of the Interreg Poctep INDNATUR project.



Mr Artur Jorge de Jesus Gonçalves, currently works at the Centro de Investigação de Montanha (CIMO), Instituto Politécnico de Bragança. Artur does research in Urban Environmental Planning and Environmental Engineering. He is currently working in five transnational projects, in such topics as climate change, circular economy and urban environmental quality.



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degree in Communication and Information from Vytautas Magnus University. During her studies she spent one semester at Dortmund University in Germany, where she focused on on-line journalism and multimedia studies.
