### Sanja

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##### Language Teacher

**Guidance & Counseling | Second &Foreign Language Excellence | Research & Effective Solutions**

Highly skilled Education Professional with over 10 years of experience in teaching students in public and private educational sectors. Keen to cultivate critical mindswith an unwavering commitment to optimizing student and educational institution success. Proven track of excellent research abilities in the field of early language learning, showing strong analyticaland determined approach focused on connecting theory and practice.High commercial awareness and profit sense due to participating in competitive business environment. Multilingual proficiency in Croatian, English, Italian and German with a deep understanding of diverse cultural practices. A Master’s Degree in Italian and German as Foreign languages and currently in the last stage of attaining a PhDin Foreign Language Education with thesis approved for public defence.

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| * Education Policies& Procedures * School Project Improvement * Curriculum Planning & Design * Innovative Lesson Planning | * Communication Skills * Team Player & Collaboration * Critical Thinking and Analysis * Proactive Approach | * Intercultural Competence * Time Management * Problem Solving Skills * Stimulated Growth & Learning |

# Professional Experience

**BILINGUAL PRIMARY SCHOOL BELVEDERE,** Rijeka, Croatia 2008 – Present

***Teacher of Italian and German as Foreign Languages***

Efficiently taught Italian to Croatian-speaking and German to Italian-speaking children 6-14 years of age.

* Promoted to mentor teacher for performance excellence at earliest stage of teaching career by Ministry of Education.
* Transformedthe school to official platform for mentoring university students approved by Croatian Ministry of Education.
* Due to professional excellence and coaching capacityselected as 1 of 2 German language primary teachers in Primorje-GorskiKotarcountyto mentor university students during classroom teaching by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences(University of Rijeka).
* Commenced and fostered school volunteering initiative ‘Learning Together Program’ awarded by National Foundation for Civil Society Development.
* Rewarded scholarship as an outstanding teacher for improving and fostering Italian minorityculture and language by 5 interstate institutions for 1 week course ‘Seminarioitinerante di culturaitaliananellaregione Veneto’ (Faculty of foreign languages and literatures/University of Verona, Verona, Italy).

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE SCHOOL VESELI KANTUNIĆ,** Kastav, Croatia 2006 – 2013

***Owner and Principal***

Created and designed the curriculum and courses including assessment, registrations and testing to ensure compliance with regulatory bodies.

* Increased the number of students attending the school from 20 to 200, the number of teaching staff from 1 to 20, and the yearly revenue for approximately 40% per year.
* Effectively supported teaching staff in delivering training services to the students with improved quality assurance programs to enhance the application of course materials.
* Provided stimulated learning through hands-on coaching and supported the students to attain levels of language required for course completion.
* Pioneered the teachingof Italian toyoung learnersby becoming the first Croatian author of 2 textbooks of Italian language for preschool learners.
* Achieved a grant as a distinguished promoter of lifelong learning from Grundtvig Adult Education Programmefor 2 weeks’ ‘Professional Updating Course for teaching Italian Language and Culture abroad’ (Istitutoil David, Florence, Italy).

**EDUCATION AND TEACHER TRAINING AGENCY,**Rijeka, Croatia 2010 – 2013

***County Coordinator – German Language Teachers’ Professional Development in Primorje-GorskiKotar County***

Conducted training workshops and lectures on state guidelines for primary school teachers of German.

* Developed the ‘Learner Autonomy Program’ as part of the teachers’ continuous improvement and growth. Delivered the program tothe teachers of German in different counties.
* Facilitated and conducted numerous educational workshops and lectures on teaching methodology aimed at fostering learner autonomy for teachers of Italian in different counties.
* Received a scholarship as an exceptional fosterer of German language and culture from Goethe Institute for2weeks’ course ‘Landeskunde: Europa der Regionen’ (Goethe InstitutFreiburg, Germany).

**BILINGUAL PRIMARY SCHOOL BELVEDERE & PRIMARY SCHOOL E. KUMIČIĆ,** Croatia 2005 – 2008

***Teacher of Italian and German as Foreign Languages***

Expertly taught Italian to Croatian-speaking and German to Italian-speaking children6-14 years of age.

* Actively contributed in state, regional, and local school projects for the development of foreign language.
* Rewarded scholarship as an excellent primary school teacher of German from Bavarian Ministry of Culture for 1-month classroom visitation in Karl-Lederer-Hauptschule (Geretsried, Germany).

**EDUCATION INSTITUTION EKSPERT,** Rijeka, Croatia 2004 – 2006

***Translator and Teacher of Italian and German as Foreign Languages***

Effectively taught Italian and German to Croatian-speaking children, young adults as well as adults and provided oral and written translations Italian, German↔Croatian.

* Developed and instructed Italian Language Curriculum to children and worked cooperatively with other teachers in developing and sharing methods of teaching foreign language.
* Appointed as a translator of Kastav Tourist Board and Matulji Bell Ringers-Local Ethnographic Museum.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE SCHOOL STUDENTSKI CENTAR,** Zagreb, Croatia2002 – 2003

***Teacher of Italian as Foreign Language***

Competently taught Italian to Croatian-speaking university students.

* Assigned to deliver Italian courses while studying as anexemplarystudent of the module Methodology of teaching Italian.

# Education & Credentials

**PhD Candidate in Foreign Language Education**

Universityof Zagreb, Croatia, date of public defence to be confirmed

**Master’s Degree inItalian and German as Foreign Languages**

University of Zagreb, Croatia, 2004

# scientific outreach

**Plenary talks & presentations** 1 co-authored plenary talk presented at training for teachers of English and9 authored and co-authored papers presented at international conferences.

**Publications** 6 authored and co-authored scientific papers, 1 authored professional paper,and2 authored textbooks for Italian as a foreign language for young learners.