Curriculum Vitae Béla Zsolt GERGELY



#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

# **Béla Zsolt GERGELY**



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Sex Male | Date of birth 02 October 1973 | Nationality Hungarian

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### 01 / 2017 - present

#### **Project Manager, DANUrB Project**

Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME), Department of Urban Planning and Design, Budapest, Hungary (www.urb. bme.hu)

- Oversee day-to-day operations for a multimillion euros EU-funded project on fostering sustainable use of cultural heritage and resources dubbed DANUrB (more at www.interreg-danube.eu/approved-projects/danurb.)
- Manage project funding and expenditure, monitor progress and coordinate management of 40 partner organizations; prepare narrative and financial reports
- Provide technical assistance and expertise to staff, faculty and students on research funding, grants and other forms of financing

**Business or sector Higher Education** 

#### 05/2015 - 12/2016

#### **Programme Manager**

Municipality of Kistarcsa, Kistarcsa, Hungary (www.kistarcsa.hu)

- Managed international (EU-funded), national and local projects;
- Liaised with local civil society actors to design and implement local initiatives with municipal funding
- Created content and provided data for local legislature and the Mayor's Office

**Business or sector Local Government** 

### 02 / 2013 - 05 / 2015

# **EU Funding Consultant**

Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME), Budapest, Hungary (www.bme.hu)

- Provided technical assistance and expertise on grant funded projects for the research community at BME (Erasmus+, Norway Grants, Visegrad Funds, Structural Funds, etc.);
- Maintained and updated databases and various systems;
- Authored reports and compiled statistical data on grants for CFO, Rector's Office and Director of Controlling.

**Business or sector Higher Education** 

#### 09 / 2009 - 02 / 2013

#### **Program Manager/ Erasmus Coordinator**

Edutus College, Budapest, Hungary (www.edutus.hu)

- Managed projects from initiation through close including planning, controlling, team management, implementation, evaluation and monitoring;
- Authored concept papers and recommendations to assist Rector, members of Senate and other decision makers in tailoring the college's policy and strategic planning for internationalization and global engagement;
- Coordinated EU grant funded projects (Erasmus, Campus Hungary, CEDEFOP Study Visits, Europe for Citizens, DG Enterprise and Industry, etc.);
- Identified and disseminated research funding opportunities to students, faculty and staff



#### **Business or sector Higher Education**

#### 09 / 2009 - 12 / 2010

## **Consultant (EU funded projects)**

Open Society Foundations - Education Support Program (OSF ESP), London, UK (opensocietyfoundations.org)

- Developed methodology to integrate Cambridge University's International Teacher Leadership Initiative with OSF ESP's South East European networks of practice;
- Established regional cooperation within the Education Cooperation Initiative in the Caucasus by bringing local partners and grantees together;
- Provided technical assistance and expertise to ESP in building partnerships and networks with other relevant organizations aimed at future joint activities related to the above mentioned initiatives.

Business or sector Non-profit

#### 08 / 2005 - 12 / 2008

#### Office Manager

State Science & Technology Institute (SSTI), Westerville, OH, USA (www.ssti.org)

- Oversaw day-to-day operations; managed grant monies, monitored progress and coordinated subcontracted work for multimillion dollar federally funded projects related to the field of sustainable economic development and US economic policy;
- Authored articles for the SSTI Funding Supplement, an electronic publication that
  provides readers with valuable and timely information on application procedures, eligibility
  criteria and submission deadlines for hundreds of funding opportunities offered by the
  federal government and others.

**Business or sector Non-profit** 

#### 03/2004 - 10/2004

#### **Institute Administrator**

Institute for Theoretical Sciences, University of Notre Dame (ITS), Notre Dame, IN, USA (www.theoryinstitute.org)

- Created and monitored project budgets;
- Managed all aspects of developing grant solicitation programs, preparing presentations to foundations, federal agencies, corporations and individuals;
- Created institute identity by handling all aspects of public and media relations, and of website content management;
- Organized and handled logistics for conferences, seminars, symposia and other events.
   Business or sector Higher Education

#### **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

# 2013 - 2019 (expected)

#### Master of Arts in British Studies

EQF level 7

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2000

# Master in Business Administration (non-degree student)

EQF level 7

Indiana University, School of Business and Economics, South Bend, IN, USA

1997 - 1998

#### Master of Arts in American Studies (non-degree student)

EQF level 7

Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

1993 - 1997

#### Bachelor of Arts in English (major) and Hungarian (minor)

EQF level 6

Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania



#### **PERSONAL SKILLS**

#### Mother tongue(s)

Hungarian, Romanian

#### Other language(s)

UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
A1	A2	A1	A1	A1

English French

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

#### Communication skills

- Team work: throughout my career I have worked in various types of team environment, both in terms of management and research; I have developed skills and aptitudes that make me very effective in such contexts;
- Mediating skills: worked in concert with people from all walks of life, professions, and socioeconomic statuses on numerous occasions;
- Intercultural skills: coming from a multi-cultural background in Eastern Europe, having had the opportunity to live and study in the USA and work in different national contexts (e.g. South Africa, Central and Eastern Europe, West Balkans, Caucasus, UK and Spain) allows me to be sensitive to different work environments and cultures.

# Organisational / managerial skills

- Organised over 35 events, from large 500+ participant conferences to smaller symposia and workshops in academic, non-profit and corporate settings;
- Set up several consortia for multi-partner EU projects (Interreg, Erasmus+, LLP Sectoral and Transversal programs, Youth in Action, Europe for Citizens, etc.), facilitated and mediated communications between members; acted as liaison between University of Notre Dame, Argonne National Laboratory and University of Chicago during implementation of US federally funded projects

#### Job-related skills

- Advanced project management skills; Familiar with using Microsoft Project and e-Synergy for scheduling tasks, workflow design, and controlling; Used effectively various eplatforms for online collaboration such as Google Drive and Windows Live environments;
- Excellent analytical skills (statistics and math);
- Fluent with web-based research and information gathering, as well as conducting interviews and surveys; primary data analysis;
- Academic writing, editing, and professional communication skills.

# Computer skills

- Proficient using Microsoft Office;
- Competent with web design and production software such as Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Fireworks);
- Good command of HTML authoring tools (WordPress, Drupal);
- Extended experience w/ accounting software: QuickBooks Pro, BANNER financial systems (widely used by US universities), and GERS Unix;
- Familiarity with SAP.

#### Other skills

- Digital photography and video, DTP and layout design

#### **Driving licence**

- Operator's license, category B



# ANNEXES (available upon request)

- letter of recommendation from Mr. Dan Berglund, President & CEO of SSTI;
- list of projects;
- list of publications.