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Education:

She received her primary and secondary education in the Municipality of Pančevo, Republic of Serbia. After graduating from the "Uroš Predić" High School, she enrolled in studies at the Faculty of Biology, University of Belgrade, majoring in Ecology and Environmental Protection. She finished her studies in 2006, with an average grade of 9.00/10.00 and earned the title Graduated Biologist in Environmental Protection - Master. She defended her doctoral dissertation entitled *"Investing in honey processing on family farms for the purpose of socio - economic development of rural areas in the Republic of Serbia*" in 2023, at the Faculty of Ecological Agriculture, Educons University in Sremska Kamenica, Republic of Serbia, and thus obtained the academic title Doctor of Philosophy in Biotechnology, Scientific Area: Agriculture.

Professional Experience:

Since October 2006, she has been employed full - time at the Institute of Agricultural Economics in Belgrade, Republic of Serbia, in the sector for scientific and research work. As a member of research teams, she was involved in projects financed by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia, the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia, the European Union and local communities in the Republic of Serbia.

Scientific and professional work:

In her scientific and professional work she deals with topics related to sustainable development of agriculture and rural areas, with an emphasis on the ecological and the economical dimensions of sustainability, especially in the sector of beekeeping. As an author/co-author, she has published over 70 papers.

Other:

Certificate on English language knowledge issued by the British council in Belgrade, Cambridge English: *Proficiency* (CPE) - Council of Europe Level C2 (2016).