



# **Junior Professional – European Union in Albania**

**Before – During - After**



## Before the JPD

- Specialised in EU-Western Balkans relations and EU enlargement:

*MA in South-Eastern European Studies*

*MA in European Studies;*

*Traineeship at the EU Delegation in Serbia;*

*Erasmus semester in North Macedonia;*

*Field research in Kosovo;*

*BlueBook traineeship at the European Commission DG for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations.*





## Before the JPD

- Other professional experiences in communications:



*Communications adviser to a Member of the European Parliament;*

*Volunteer - social media management for NGOs.*



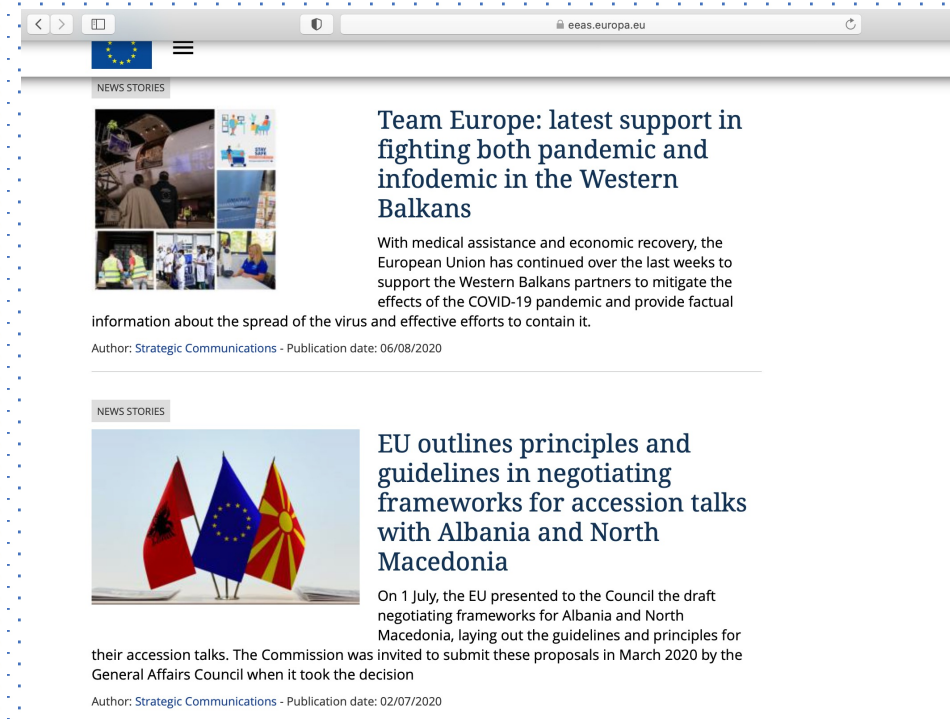
## During the JPD

- Selected to be Communications Coordinator for the EU Delegation

**Specific tasks: *strategic communications, communication campaigns, making EU-funded projects more visible, public diplomacy and cultural diplomacy events***

**The European Union – the biggest donor in Albania**

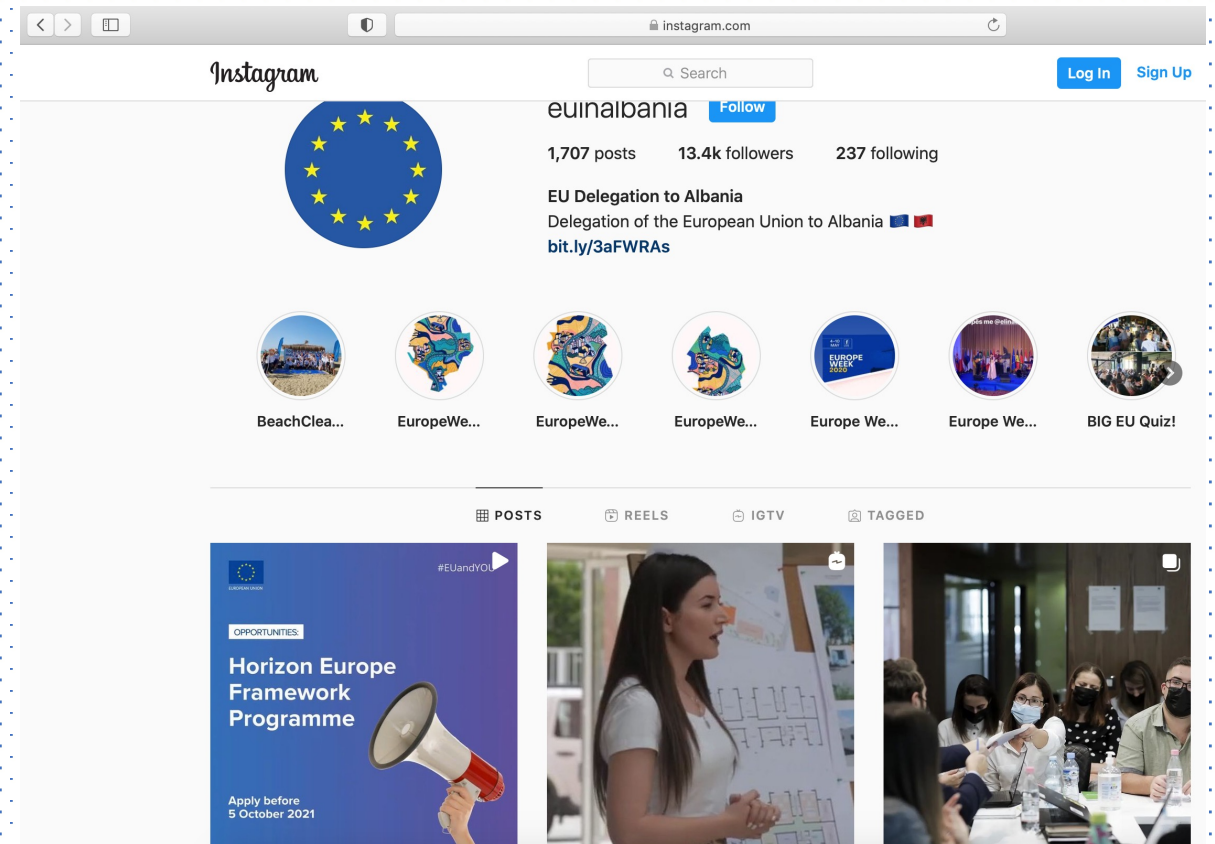
**Investments in justice reform and fight against corruption, environmental protection, local innovative start-ups, civil society support, agriculture, etc. --> many grants and directly funded projects**





## During the JPD

Flagship events: *Europe Week – 9 May; Run Against Corruption – December*  
Online communication and information: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram





## **After the JPD**

- **Skills learned :**
  - coordination**
  - project management**
  - campaigns and event organisation**
- **New knowledge acquired :**
  - EU Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA)**
  - EU development cooperation and programmes**
  - in the Western Balkans**





## After the JPD

**Transition from JPD to current position: *6 months; applications and interviews with the European Commission, international organisations, national administration***

**[Application: *CV and motivation letter;***

**Interviews: *structured, 4-5 questions about motivation, content, competencies* ]**

**Successful application with the Government of Romania**

**-Office of the Prime Minister**

Previous skills and competencies for:

- coordinating with other structures of the Government:

Ministries, agencies

- facilitating the organisation of ceremonies and other events

- press relations





# Thank you!

Happy to answer any questions 😊