

Dipl.Ing.Arch.

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## Summary:

*An energetic, talented, self-motivated young scientist driven by her vision of a green Sahara, eager to help the people mitigate the effects of climate change and with a strong desire to build a career by implementing the knowledge gained during her PhD studies. Hugely efficient and methodical with highly developed scientific research and writing skills.*

*Vesela is at present looking for suitable partners to join her on her quest of greening the world's deserts. They should be active in at least one of the fields of sustainable businesses, social entrepreneurship, preserving the environment and helping to mitigate climate change.*

*She has excellent social skills; Experience working in international teams; Highly proficient in English*

## Professional Experience and Projects

### Afforest4Future

**Founder** March 2016 - Present

- Greening deserts with our patent pending sustainable transport system

Technical University of  
Vienna (1040 Vienna,  
Austria)

**Researcher** March 2012 - Present

- Fields of interest: Afforestation of the Sahara Desert; Forestry; Agroforestry systems; Ecoscaping; Water management; Wastewater management; Sustainable irrigation

REA/C/04, Research  
Executive Agency, European  
Commission (1049 Brussels,  
Belgium)

**External Expert** May 2015 - Present

- Evaluator of Horizon 2020 projects proposals - Topics: Water; Wastewater; Water management

Gramont Inzenjering (18000  
Nis, Serbia)

**Research Architect** July 2012 - Present

- Remodelling of EKO-Gramont wastewater facility; System design; Sustainable use of water; Water management; Irrigation

**Architect** January 2011 - June 2012

- Supervision of construction sites; Project management; Remodelling of EKO-Gramont wastewater facility

Building Projekt (18000 Nis,  
Serbia)

**Assistant Architect** January 2009 - December 2010

- Construction site monitoring; Assisting in project management; Architectural project drawing using relevant computer programs

## Education

Technical University of  
Vienna, Austria

**PhD Candidate** March 2012 - Present

- Faculty of Architecture and Spatial Planning, Institute for Transportation System Planning

Title of Doctorate Research: *Making the Sahara Desert Green. Sustainable Transport Design for producing new Agricultural Land from Desert*

University of Nis,  
Serbia

*Diploma Engineer of Architecture October 2004 - December 2010*

- Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture
- Title of Diploma Work: *Zero CO2 Hollywood Mansion*

## Computer Skills (Expert level)

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- Windows
- MS Office
- AutoCAD
- Autodesk Revit
- ArchiCAD
- 3D MAX
- Maya
- Internet research
- Photoshop
- CorelDraw
- Adobe Acrobat X Pro

WordPress: *Intermediate level (I recently made and designed my own website, [veselatanaskovic.com](http://veselatanaskovic.com))*

## Languages

- Serbo-Croatian: Native
- English: Highly proficient (IELTS academic)
- Russian: Very Good
- German: Good (A2)
- Italian: Good (A2)

## Other Skills

- Scientific writing
- Team leadership
- Project management

## Interests

- Afforestation
- Green buildings
- Water management
- Ecoscaping
- Environment
- Climate change

## Other Studies/Awards

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- Accepted into Climate-KIC accelerator (2016)
- Participant at the Living Blue University (2016)
- Silver status winner of the European ClimateLaunchpad Finals 2016
- Access to INiTS startup Camp (2016)
- Winner of the Austrian National Finals of ClimateLaunchpad 2016
- Holder of scholarship dedicated to PhD students from the Technical University of Vienna to delegates at 5<sup>th</sup> international Eurosoil Congress in Istanbul (2016)
- Presenter at the Vienna Workshop on Sustainable Development at MODUL University Vienna (2015)
- Presenter at Vienna Young Scientists Symposium, presenting my research 'Making the Sahara Desert Green. Sustainable Transport Design for producing new Agricultural Land from Desert', presentation and poster (2015)
- Founder of the ExYU Brainiacs group on LinkedIn, which gathers together brilliant minds from the ex-Yugoslavian countries whom have emigrated, are now central members of their respective academic communities, and whom are willing to engage in research and non-governmental work for the benefit of the Balkans as a whole (2015)
- Horizon 2020 project development and proposal writing (2015)
- Certificate 'Presenting your research - Making efficient presentations in English', awarded by Norris and Steiner in cooperation with TU Wien and Genderfair (2014)
- RCE Vienna/INEX/OeAD scholarship holder and participant in international summer university Green.Building.Solutions. (2013)
- Full scholarship from Gramont Inzenjering (2012)
- Holcim Awards for sustainable construction Certificate for 'Conceptual design for Zero CO2 Hollywood mansion' California, United States in the Next Generation category (2011)
- Best Design Award for Interior Design, Society of Architects Nis and Faculty of Civil Engineering and Architecture Nis (2009)
- Active volunteer involved in environmental protection, Greenpeace and anti-GMO movement
- Member of society for animal protection Nis

References available upon request