

Green Career Profile

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Job title: Instructor of practical content

What I do in my job: *'On daily programs and through sports activities I share knowledge about the landscapes complexity, as a cohabitation for man and nature in both the past and the present, using methods which enables active engagement of the participants.'*



The green competences I use to act sustainably in my job are....

- Humans acting within natural endowment. Through actively uncovering the natural laws, the participants became aware of the conditions and limitations, which enable actions for sustainable living.
- Realisation of the value of Karst as our national pride with possibilities for sports, water source of the future, and also an opportunity for tourism and other activities within the limitations, over which nature might retaliate against us and our neighbors on top of this so called desert and under its surface.
- Understanding that successful management in coastal areas works with and for the natural world, with openness for traditional and modern technologies and knowledge.
- Based on mistakes and best practice examples to focus on living full in the ever-changing global village without changing the natural and cultural heritage and submitting to multinational corporations.
- Understanding the importance of retaining the characteristics of natural and social geographical units for promotion of a diversity of human activities. This will not only benefit man as a part of nature today. It will make it easier to respond to effects of climate changes and/or threats of greed of our twisted economy.

The core values I take into my work are....

- **Respect** and understanding of the studied landscape as a part of the global natural-social challenges.
- **Understanding** of the conditions for landscape formation and sustainable living
- Actively including the participants into the local **community**.
- Understanding and **respect for traditional knowledge** and practices as basis for contemporary consideration of sustainability.
- Sustainable living is a **way of life**, which enables economic growth.

I have been inspired to work sustainably through...

Growing up on a farm and working for decades in speleological organisations and civil environmental initiatives at home and abroad. I have also worked for more than 30 years in scientific, administrative and educational institutions by training and research work all over the world. I have learned techniques of research and passing on knowledge, which I use in my own environment and with participants in the field. These techniques enable me to critically pass on new challenges and findings to participants and the public.

Key definitions:

- **Competences** - *The skills, knowledge and understanding, qualities and attributes, sets of values beliefs and attitudes which lead to effective [...] performance in a given context, situation or role.* (Woodall & Winstanley, 1998).
- **Green competences** – *Competences for sustainable behavior at work.*