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Curriculum Vitae**



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Nationality Kosovar

Date of birth JUNE 21th, 1981.

Gender Male

**Desired employment /
Occupational field**

- **Expert of Forensic: Graphology (Handwriting/Signatur) Drugs Analysis, Gunshot Residue, distance determination, GSR, Arson/Explosives and Questioned Document from 2006.**
- **Chief of Division (Laboratory) for GSR, Arson and Explosives in Kosovo Agency on Forensic from 2013-2018 - Ministry of Internal Affairs.**

- **Chief of Division (Laboratory) for Questioned Document and Handwriting in Kosovo Agency on Forensic from 2018-2020 - Ministry of Internal Affairs.**
- **Director for Traseologies Forensic in Kosovo Agency on Forensic from 18/05/2020- 31.10.2023 - Ministry of Internal Affairs.**
- **Professor Assistant - Prof. Ass. Dr. in Alma Mater Europaea Campus College “REZONANCA”. 01.11.2023-**
- **Court expert in the areas - Expert in analytical chemistry and the environment (forensic areas: Graphology (Handwriting/Signature) Drugs Analysis, Gunshot Residue, distance determination, GSR, Arson/Explosives and Questioned Document), from 06/04/2023-**

**Title of qualification awarded
And COMPETENCES**

PhD in Analytical Chemistry in University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy –Sofia/Bulgaria,
Master’s degree in Analytical and environmental chemistry
Expert of Forensic science,
Engineer of Chemistry,
Forensic Expert on: Drugs Analysis, Questioned Document, Handwriting, GSR, and Arson/Explosives, Serial Number Restoration, Distance Determination.
Expert JUDICAL in Analytical chemistry and Environmental.

Work experience

Expert of Forensic: Graphology (Handwriting/Signatur) Drugs Analysis, Gunshot Residue, distanc GSR, Arson/Explosives and Questioned Document from 2006 at Forensic Laboratory, Kosovo Agency on Forensic, Prishtine, Kosovo, since June 5th 2006 – 31.10.2023.

Teacher Assistant at University of Pristina, Faculty of Medical since 01.10.2012 – 15.02.2013.

Teacher Assistant at University of Pristina, Faculty of Medical since 01.10.2013 – 15.02.2014.

Professor Assistant - Prof. Ass. Dr. in Alma Mater Europaea Campus College “REZONANCA”. 01.11.2023-

Occupation or position held

- Director for Traseologies Forensic in Kosovo Agency on Forensic from 18/05/2020-31/10/2023 - Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Professor Assistant - Prof. Ass. Dr. in Alma Mater Europaea Campus College “REZONANCA”. 01/11/2023-

Main activities and responsibilities

- Management of the department and setting its objectives in accordance with the strategy and objectives of the Kosovo Agency on Forensic and drafts detailed annual work plans to meet these objectives;
- Management, supervision of staff and budget of the department and organizes the work through allocation of tasks to subordinates, provides guidance and monitors the work of the staff;
- Effective and efficient management of the resources entrusted to the Department of Forensic Traceology.
- Analysis and evaluation of internal processes and procedures and recommends changes/ improvements to increase work efficiency;
- Performs regular assessment of staff under his supervision and supports their development through training to ensure the performance of their duties in line with the standards required;
- Appointing an expert or group of experts for conducting expertise;
- Advising the Chief Executive on the matters dealing with the department;
- Performs duty of a member of KAF Council for Quality, Qualification and Requalification;

Name and address of employer

Kosovo Agency on Forensic - Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Alma Mater Europaea Campus College “REZONANCA”

Type of business or sector

Forensics, Expert Judiciar

Education and training

- Elementary school, 1988-1996, Carrabreg, R. of Kosovo.
- High school-Gymnasium, 1996-2000, Deçan, R. of Kosovo.

**Presentation & attendance on
Conferences**

- **Faculty of Natural Science – Engineer of Chemistry**, four years, Period 2000/01-2005, University of Pristine, R. of Kosovo.

- **Master's degree in Analytical and environmental chemistry.**
- Period 2006 – 2011, University of Pristine, R. of Kosovo.
- **PhD, Analytical Chemistry** in UCTM, Sofia , Bulgaria 2018-2023.
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- Successfully completed the following course: **“FORAM 685-2”** Has been trained by foster + freeman, training on-site at KPS, Pristina , Kosovo, 12.05.2008-16.05.2008.
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- Successfully completed the following course: **“VSC-5000 & CV/5K ”** Has been trained by foster + freeman, training on-site at KPS, Pristina , Kosovo, 12.05.2008-16.05.2008.
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- Successfully completed the following course: **“ESDA-2”** Has been trained by foster + freeman, training on-site at KPS, Pristina , Kosovo, 12.05.2008-16.05.2008.
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- European Network of Forensic Handwriting Experts, Has attended the ENFHEX Conference “Modern Develpmen in Handwriting Examination” from 20 – 22 of September 2007 in Vilinius, Lithuania.
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- Successfully completed the Forensic Training Program: **“Questioned document and Handwriting”** conducted by the Department of Forensic Police Laboratories in Ankara, Turkey (14.05.2007 – 25.05.2007).
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- Successfully completed the following course: **“Public Safety” & “Criminal Justice”** organized by American University in Kosovo, 21 November 2006 – 14 May 2007.
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- Successfully completed the Forensic Training Program: **“Questioned document”** conducted by the Department of Forensic Police Laboratories in Pristina, Kosovo (21.06.2006 – 21.06.2007).
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- Successfully completed the Training Program: **“Expert Witness in Court”** conducted by the Department of Justice - UNMIK in Pristina, Kosovo (02-06 June 2008).
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- Successfully completed the Forensic Training Programs: **“Handwriting Fundamentals”** held in

- Prishtina, R. of Kosova, 14 August 2006 – 13 October 2006, held under management of United States, Department of Justice, International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program(ICITAP).
- Successfully completed the Training Program: Advanced Forensic Science Training “**Secure Printing Techniques & Bitmap Analysis & Intersecting Lines**” conducted by the Department for Security and Public Safety – OSCE in Pristina, Kosovo (17.10.2011 to 28.10.2011).
- Successfully completed the Training Program: Advanced Forensic Science Training “**Printing Techniques, Ink analysis, Typewriter identification training**” conducted by the Department for Security and Public Safety – OSCE in Pristina, Kosovo (26.10.2009 to 06.11.2009).
- Successfully completed the Training Program: Advanced Forensic Science Training “**Explosives analysis methods including LC/MS/MS training**” conducted by the Department for Security and Public Safety – OSCE in Pristina, Kosovo (29.06-10.07. 2009 & 05.10-16.10.2009).

Successfully completed the following course: “*Agilent 1200 LC/QQQ System Customer SW and Basic Maintenance Training*” Has been trained by GODAX PRO, held in Pristina , Kosovo, June 08th- June 12th 2009.

Successfully completed the following course: “**Lidershipi dhe Menaxhimi**”, from 29-30 march 2016 in Institution of Kosovo for Public Administration, Pristine, Kosovo.

Successfully completed the following course: “**Single-crystal and powder X-ray**

diffraction”, from 30 May to 3 June 2016 at the Faculty of Mathematical Engineering and Physical Engineering, Polytechnic University of Tirana, Albania.

- Participation in Conference organisation at ENFSI (**European Network of Forensic Science Institutes**) at associated members - expert working group for explosives, from 18-20 May 2015, in Budenheim, Germany.
- Successfully completed the following course: “**TRAINING ON QUALITY ASSURANCE FOR FORENSIC**”, conducted by the Department for Security and Public Safety – OSCE in Pristina, Kosovo (24.08.2015 to 28.08.2016).
- Participation in Workshop organisation at ENFSI (**European Network of Forensic Science Institutes**) at associated members - expert working group for explosives, FINEX Workshop 2016, 23/24 June, Baden/Switzerland.
- Successfully completed the following course: “**TRAINING ON QUALITY CONTROL MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL AUDITING FOR FORENSIC**”, conducted by the Department for Security and Public Safety – OSCE in Pristina, Kosovo (05.12.2016 to 06.12.2016), Trainer NFI –Jos Toth.
- **Successfully completed the following course - training: “Quanta 650 FEG GSR Cours” SEM/EDS, conducted by the UNDP, at Kosovo Forensics Agency, Prishtina, Kosovo (February 13-17, 2017).**
- Participation in Conference organisation at “Forensic sciences contemporary security challenges”, from 14-15.11.2017, in Tirana, Albania.
- Successfully completed the following course - training: “**Fraudulent Documents and Facial Recognition**”, from 28.05-01.06.2018 in Police Academy Zagreb at Department of Justice, International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program(ICITAP), Zagreb, Kroaci.
- Successfully completed the following course - training: “**Cyber Security Awareness Course**”, in June 2018 at Department of Justice, International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program(ICITAP), Prishtinë, Kosovë.
- Participation in 71st Annual Scientific Meeting organisation at American Academy of Forensic Sciences, from 18-23 February 2019, in Baltimore, Maryland, USA.
- Successfully completed the following course: “**Specialised training for KAF staff on the requirements of ISO 170252017 STANDARD**”, conducted by the Department for Security and Public Safety – OSCE in Pristina, Kosovo (10.06.2019 to 14.06.2019).
- **Successfully completed the Forensic Training Program: “Drugs Analysis” conducted by the Kosovo Agency on Forensic in Pristina, Kosovo (22.10.2018 – 19.07.2019). (Analysis with Instruments: TLC, GCFID, GCMS).**

- Participation in 72nd Annual Scientific Meeting organisation at American Academy of Forensic Sciences, from 17-22 February 2020, in Anaheim, California, USA.
- Participation in 73rd Annual Scientific Meeting Virtual organisation at American Academy of Forensic Sciences, from 15-19 February 2021.
- Participation in 74nd Annual Scientific Meeting organisation at American Academy of Forensic Sciences, from 21-25 February 2022. in Seattle, Washington, USA.
- Successfully completed the following course: “Participated and successfully completed the specialized training on shooting distance determination through chemical methods, serial number restoration and preparation for ISO17025 ACCREDITATION PROCESS”, conducted by the UNDP in Pristina, Kosovo (04-13 September 2023).
- Successfully completed the following course: “Workshop and ad hoc trainings for Kosovo institutions dealing with counterfeit euro banknotes and coins”, conducted by the EULEX in Pristina, Kosovo (20-21 September 2023).
- Participation in 29TH ENFSI FIREARMS/GSR EWG MEETING, Brussels, Belgium from 3-6 October 2023.

Gratitude

- Letter of recommendation from the Director/CEO of Kosovo Agency on Forensic.
- Letter of recommendation from Professors University of Pristina - Department of Chemistry.
- Letter of recommendation from Expert Training, FBI.

Name and type of organization providing education and training

University of Pristine-FSHMN;
 Analytical Chemistry in University of Chemical Technology and Metallurgy – Sofia/Bulgaria;
 Kosovo Police Academy;
 ICITAP;
 OSCE;
 Turkish Police/ Forensic;
 American Academy of Forensic Science;
 European Network of Forensic Science Institutes.

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) Albanian

Other language(s) English & German

Self-assessment	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
<i>European level (*)</i>	Listening	Reading	Spoken	Spoken interaction	production
English	B1		B1	C1	C1
German	B1		B1	B1	B1

(*) [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Social skills and competences

Very Good skills to adapt on multicultural environments, working under stress, Overall administration and management of the Organization, gained as a result of experience within and abroad the country.

- Very good communication skills achieved through my long experience as first-line manager, mid-manager and lately Director manager.

Organisational skills and leading competences

Leadership from Director position (currently responsible for managing and the State Forensic Agency); sense of organization (experience in management); good experience in project development, team management and a very good experience on Forensic Expert.

- The Kosovo Agency on Forensics today is one of the best organized forensics in Region, comparable to the European and US forensic services.

Technical skills and competences

Very good technical skills and competences on administration, management and project development. I have been part of create and validate methods in the development and accreditation with standard ISO17025;2018 in Forensic for 17 years. Knowledge and experience in ISO 17025 Quality Management System.

Computer skills and competences

Good command of Microsoft Office™ tools (Word™, Excel™ and PowerPoint™);

Other skills and competences

Teaching on subject of Terrorism, Criminalistic, Forensics CHEMISTRY, Modern methods and applications in Analytical chemistry and Forensics, Metalurgy, Drugs.

Membership in professional bodies:

European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) - Working group on Forensic Investigation of Explosives (FINEX) and GSR – Associate Members.
American Academy of Forensic Sciences – Associate Members

Driving licence

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Publications:

- Milazim TAHIRUKAJ, Blerim OLLURI and Fatos REXHEPI-
“**Optimization parameters fragmentary voltage and collision energy for identification and separation 2,4,6- TRINITROTOLUENIT (TNT) with LC/MSMS**”. Science Academy of Albany: on, 20 October, 2011, Tiranë.
- Rexhepi F, Tahirukaj M, Ataleshi M, Abazi S. –“**Përcaktimi i arsenolipideve në omega 3 kapsullat e vajit peshkut me anë GC-MS**” on, 25-26 October, 2011, Bullgari.
 - Fatos Rexhepi¹ , Avni Berisha² Milazim Tahirukaj³ - “**Conditions optimization and characterization of arsenolipids by GC-MS in fish oil**” – 08 - 10 Tetor 2013, Kongresi XXIII Teknologjisë Kimike në Maqedoni.
 - Milazim Tahirukaj¹, Sokol Dedaj², Blerim Olluri³, Xhemajl Ademaj⁴ – “**IDENTIFIKIMI I MBETJEVE TE BARUTIT PAS QITJES ME ARMË ZJARRI ME METODEN E KROMATOGRAFISË NË SHITRESË TË HOLLË**” – me: 12-14 Gusht 2014 “Ditët e shkencës së Forenzikës Kosovë-Turqi” në Prizren/Kosovë.
 - Publication: Milazim TAHIRUKAJ, Blerim OLLURI and Xhemajl ADEMAJ- “**Optimization parameters fragmentary voltage and collision energy for identification and separation PETN with LC/MSMS**”. Forensic sciences contemporary security challenges”, from 14-15.11.2017, in Tirana, Albania.
 - Publication: Milazim Tahirukaj¹ PhD. cand, Blerim Olluri¹, PhD., assoc. prof. Andriana Surleva² PhD
Chemical composition of GSR of commonly encountered samples in shooting events in Kosovo by optimized and validated SEM/EDS method, Participation in 72nd Annual Scientific Meeting organisation at American Academy of Forensic Sciences, from 17-22 February 2020, in Anaheim, California
 - Publication: Blerim Olluri, Ph.D., Milazim Tahirukaj, Ph.D.cand, Xhemajl Ademaj, Ph.D.AAFS, Herolind Krasniqi, Msc.
Optimization parameters of fragmentary voltage and collision energy for identification and separation TATB (1,3,5-triamino-2,4,6-trinitrobenzene), from other explosives with LC / MS-MS., Participation in 72nd Annual Scientific Meeting organisation at American Academy of Forensic Sciences, from 17-22 February 2020, in Anaheim, California
 - Publication: Milazim Tahirukaj¹ PhD. cand, Blerim Olluri¹, PhD., assoc. prof. Andriana Surleva² PhD
Optimization parameters of fragmentary voltage and collision energy for identification and separation TETRYL (N-Methyl-N-(2,4,6-trinitrophenyl)nitramide), from other explosives with LC / MS-MS., Participation in 73rd Annual Scientific Meeting Virtual organisation at American Academy of Forensic Sciences, from 15-19 February 2021

- Publication: **Milazim Tahirukaj¹ PhD. Cand and assoc. prof. Andriana Surleva² PhD Development and validation of SEM-EDS method for analysis of gunshot residues**, Participation in 13 Edition, European exhibition of creativity and innovation, 2021 online IASI- Romania, May 22, 2021, we have win GOLD MEDAL.
- Publication: **Milazim Tahirukaj¹ PhD. Cand., Blerim Olluri¹, PhD and assoc. prof. Andriana Surleva² PhD**
A study of the effect of working parameters and validation of SEM/EDS method for determination of elemental composition of commonly encountered GSR samples in shooting events in Kosovo, First published: 23 July 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1111/1556-4029.14803>, JFS in USA.

Presentation title: Optimization parameters of fragmentary voltage and collision energy for identification and separation RDX (1,3,5-Trinitro-1,3,5-triazinane) from other explosives with LC / MS-MS.

Corresponding Author name: Prof. Ass. Dr. Milazim Tahirukaj, PhD1,
Affiliation: 1. Prof. Ass. Dr. assistant professor of Analytical Chemistry in Alma Mater Europaea Campus College “REZONANCA”, June 24-25, 2024 Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Research reports and conferences participation

- **Optimization parameters of fragmentary voltage and collision energy for identification and separation RDX (1,3,5-Trinitro-1,3,5-triazinane) from other explosives with LC / MS-MS.**, Participation in 74nd Annual Scientific Meeting organisation at American Academy of Forensic Sciences, from 21-25 February 2022. in Seattle, Washington, USA. **Authors: Blerim Olluri, PhD1., Milazim Tahirukaj, PhD.cand1, assoc. prof. Andriana Surleva2 Ph.D.**
- **Optimization parameters of fragmentary voltage and collision energy for identification and separation Carbamite (C₁₇H₂₀N₂O) from other explosives with LC / MS-MS.**, Participation in 75nd Annual Scientific Meeting organisation at American Academy of Forensic Sciences, from 13-18 February 2023. in Orlando, Florida, USA. **Authors: Milazim Tahirukaj1 PhD cand., Blerim Olluri, PhD1., assoc. prof. Andriana Surleva2 Ph.D.**
- ERASMUS +, Student Mobility for Traineeship with title: Study of analytical characteristics and scope of application of instrumental methods for characterisation of materials, “Gheorghe Asachi” Technical University

of Iasi Faculty of materials Science and Engineering, 29.06 to 29.09.2022,
Iasi, Romania.

Papers:

1. Milazim Tahirukaj, Blerim Olluri, Andriana Surleva, A study of the effect of working parameters and validation of **SEM/EDS** method for determination of elemental composition of commonly encountered GSR samples in shooting events in Kosovo, Journal of Forensic Studies, 2021, 66: 2393-2404 DOI: 10.1111/15564029.14803. IF 1.831 (2020-2021), **Q2**

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- Citations 5
- Reads 200

2. Milazim Tahirukaj, Andriana Surleva, Petrica Vizureanu, Blerim Olluri, Andrei Victor Sandu, Assessment of persistence of gunshot residue produced by firearms from criminal cases in R Kosovo, Applied Sciences, under review Citation: Tahirukaj, M.; Surleva, A.; Vizureanu, P.; Olluri, B.; Sandu, A.V. Assessment of Persistence of Gunshot Residues Produced by Firearms from Criminal Cases in the Republic of Kosovo. Appl. Sci. 2022, 12, 10477. <https://doi.org/10.3390/app122010477> Academic Editor: Thomas Schmid Received: 6 September 2022 Accepted: 14 October 2022 Published: 17 October 2022, **Q2**.