

CURRICULUM VITAE

JOZEF BEDNAR
BSc, MSc, MA, DPhil (PhD)

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7. Education:

Institution	Dates	Degree or Diploma
Comenius University	10/93 – 06/96	BSc in environmental sciences
Comenius University	10/96 – 05/98	MSc with honours in environmental planning and management
Comenius University	10/96 – 06/98	MA in management and economics
University of Oxford	10/00 – 06/01	Diploma of studies (geography)
University of Oxford	10/01 – 12/06	DPhil in environmental geography

8. Jozef Bednar is a founding member and president of [Machaon International](#). Key qualifications:

10-years of experience in the development and administration of [cooperative international projects](#) focused on conservation of nature providing added value to local communities

Rich experience in [promotion of protected areas](#), capacity building programmes for staff of protected areas, SMEs and regional authorities since 2008 (more than 30 study-tours, 10 seminars and 5 conferences were organised)

Own experience in rural and eco-tourism and innovative approaches for **creative development** in remote rural areas

Excellent **fundraising skills** and ability to form strong international multi-stakeholders' project teams and motivate partners to achieve successful results

[Non-governmental conservation organisation](#) management experience

9. Language skills (marked from 1 to 5 for competence):

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	5	5	5
German	5	5	5
Russian	5	5	4
Slovak (mother tongue)	5	5	5
Spanish	5	4	5
Czech	5	5	5
Polish	5	3	3
Dutch	4	1	1

10. Other relevant skills:

Proficient in word-processing, spreadsheets, databases, research software

Research and analytical skills, extensive experience in data management

International accounting and audit competences (ACCA examination)

Outdoor activities and expeditions (various countries, including Russia, Canada)

11. Employment record:

Organisation	Period	Position held
Obec Gánovce, Slovakia	2019 - 2020	Vice-mayor
Wetlands International, Ede, the Netherlands	2013 - 2019	Project Manager (climate change mitigation)
International Open College, UK PDP Spisska Teplica, Slovakia	2008 - 2013	Project Manager (restructuring of a farm)
Environmental NGO Machaon International, Slovakia	2008 - now	Founder and President (international projects)
National Heritage Protection Fund, Moscow, Russia	2007 - 2008	Project Consultant (projects in Russia)
Fieldfare International Ecological Development plc, Newbury, UK	2007 - 2008	Project Manager (projects in Russia)
University of Oxford, Oxford, UK	2001 - 2006	Research Student Senior Invigilator
Volkswagen Slovakia, a.s., Bratislava, Slovakia	1999 - 2000	Personal Assistant to Chief Executive Officer
Ernst & Young, k.s. Bratislava, Slovakia	1998 - 1999	Junior Auditor

12. Relevant fundraising and project management experience record:

Project: 'Northern Lights' – women-led initiatives in inclusive sustainable rural development (EuropeAid grant from the European Commission, 2019-2021)

Roles: assistance with project development, expert advice and supervision

Project: Restoring peatlands in Russia – for fire prevention and climate change mitigation (funded by International Climate Initiative via KfW bank, 2013-2019)

Roles: overall project management (contracts, budget, reporting, representation)

Under my management, the project was awarded the Momentum of Change climate action award by UNFCCC in 2017 at the COP23 conference in Bonn.

Project: Areas of Inspiration - linking art and nature conservation (4 countries, funded by Creative Europe Programme by European Commission, 2017-2019)

Roles: project fundraising and supervision, organization of art exhibitions

Project: Golden Altai – wealth for local development (Kazakhstan, Investing in People Programme funded by European Commission, 2014-2016)

Roles: project fundraising and supervision, expert advice in regional development

Project: Wooden architecture in cultural landscape: new challenges in modern world (Russia and Ukraine, grant from the European Commission, 2014-2016)

Roles: project fundraising and reporting, expert advice

Project: Restoration of mountain meadows in Vernar and use of their biomass (Slovakia, funded by GEF/UNDP, 2012-2014)

Roles: project fundraising and reporting, expert advice

Project: Disappearing masterpieces of wooden architecture (various places, Russia, grant by the European Commission, 2010-2011)

Roles: chief fundraiser and project supervision

Ecoland – linking agriculture and biodiversity conservation (Programme Life funded by the European Commission, Spisska Teplica, Slovakia, 2009-2011)

Roles: project proposal, management and reporting, introduction of innovative practices

Project: KenArt - European cultural bridge (Kenozero National Park, Archangelsk region, Russia, donor: Programme Tacis of the European Commission, 2009-2010)

Roles: preparation of the project proposal and budget, identification of appropriate funding sources, project reporting. The project has been selected as the best project of the EU-Russian co-operation in the cultural field.

Project: Enhancing biodiversity conservation through effective use of the World Natural Heritage status (Virgin Komi Forests, Russia, funded by KNIP-Matra, the Netherlands, 2008)

Roles: preparation of the project proposal and identification of appropriate funding

Project: Enhancing biodiversity and eco-tourism development in Russia (the PECE Initiative funded by DEFRA, United Kingdom, 2006-2008)

Roles: preparation of the project proposal and identification of appropriate funding

Project: Catalyzing socio-economic development using the nature and cultural potential in Russia (Programme TACIS funded by the European Commission, 2007-2008)

Roles: support in fundraising, expert advice to establish pro-biodiversity businesses

Project: Enhancing biodiversity conservation in the Middle Volga Biosphere Reserve (Russia, the Darwin Initiative funded by DEFRA, United Kingdom, 2007)

Roles: preparation of the project proposal, reporting and expert advice

10. Other relevant experience:

Familiarity with issues of climate change adaptation and mitigation, participated at several UNFCCC climate summits (COPs in Bonn and Katowice)

Organization of conferences and study tours in various European countries

Lectures at various venues (e.g. Harvard University, presidential palace in Berlin)

Number of scientific and non-scientific publications

Experience of working at the interface of the public and private sectors

From December 2018 a councillor and from February 2019 also a vice-mayor of Gánovce village in the Poprad district in Slovakia