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Professional Profile

As a research, development and innovation consultant, I build bridges between scientific results and business implementation. With over two decades of experience in the public, corporate and knowledge center sectors, I have contributed to the preparation, management and evaluation of R&D projects. Guided by the 'Smart R&D' approach, my goal is to turn scientific knowledge into business-relevant innovation in a structured, transparent and sustainable way.

Core Competencies

- Strategic R&D consultancy and innovation management
- Project validation, impact measurement and evaluation
- Proposal writing and project management (GINOP, NKFIH, VEKOP, EFOP, KFI)
- R&D qualification procedures and expert evaluations
- Knowledge management and research utilization
- Digital transformation and data-driven decision support
- Education, training, scientific communication

Professional Experience

- 2018 – Present: R&D Expert, Innovation Manager (National Research, Development and Innovation Office – NKFIH)

Planning, managing and evaluating R&D applications. Coordination of GINOP, VEKOP, and KFI projects, innovation audits, R&D qualification procedures, and professional support for renewable energy grant programs.

- 2015 – 2017: Senior Project Manager – Dr. Bata Biotechnology Research and Development Co.

Preparation and management of R&D grant proposals (GOP, KMR, VEKOP, GINOP, NKFI, Norwegian Fund). Organizational development processes, creation and operation of management information systems.

- 2009 – 2016: Managing Director, Funding Consultant – viaD'oro Ltd.

Preparation and coordination of development projects in the public and private sectors, team recruitment, financial and professional monitoring.

- 2006 – 2008: Senior Advisor – Prime Minister’s Office, Electronic Government Centre

Planning and monitoring of EU-funded projects, support for the development of e-government ASP centers.

- 2002 – 2006: Senior Advisor – Ministry of Informatics and Communications

Participation in the development of e-Government and e-Economy strategies, coordination of GVOP programs.

Education and Qualifications

- Eötvös Loránd University – M.A. in Cultural Anthropology
- Eötvös Loránd University – M.A. in Ethnography
- Eötvös Loránd University – B.A. in Library and Information Science

Digital and Research Skills

- MS Office, MS Project, MS Visio, Canva, OpenAI, Copilot, TengrAI
- Project management systems: EPTK, NIR, NORA
- Image editing, video editing, website editing
- Data processing and analytical support
- English – intermediate level

Selected R&D References

- Expert evaluation of Market R&D and Fast Track applications (NKFIH, HIPO, Ministry of Finance)
- Professional support for GINOP+ and VEKOP projects, R&D audits
- Development of innovation strategies for SMEs
- Grant support for renewable energy and digitalization projects