



# Mladen Rajko

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## ● ABOUT ME

Prof. Dr. Sc. Mladen Rajko was born in Rijeka in 1977. Since 2014, he has been employed at the Department of Economics, University of Zadar, where he currently holds the position of Associate Professor with a permanent appointment in the field of economics. He has more than 20 years of professional experience, primarily acquired in higher education, local government, and the private sector. Over the course of his career, he has authored more than 40 scientific and professional papers, as well as one book, and has successfully led and implemented over 30 EU-funded projects in the areas of regional development, innovation, and entrepreneurship. He teaches several university-level courses at the Department of Economics, focusing on contemporary business challenges and technological advancements. His main research interest lies in the application of artificial intelligence in business, with particular emphasis on business process optimization, innovation management, and the digital transformation of organizations. He lives in Tinjan and is the father of five children.

Consultations: according to published terms

Research interests: entrepreneurship, artificial intelligence, rural tourism

CroRIS: <https://www.croris.hr/osobe/profil/32030>

Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Bz6gVaMAAAJ&hl=hr&oi=ao>

## ● WORK EXPERIENCE

 **UNIVERSITY OF ZADAR – ZADAR, CROATIA**

**ECONOMICS LECTURER – 01/06/2014 – CURRENT**

 **MUNICIPALITY OF TINJAN – TINJAN, CROATIA**

**MAYOR – 05/2009 – 05/2013**

 **JUPITER ADRIA D.O.O. – LONDON - POREČ, UNITED KINGDOM**

**PROJECTS MANAGER – 05/2008 – 05/2009**

 **MUNICIPALITY OF TINJAN – TINJAN, CROATIA**

**OFFICE MANAGER – 09/2005 – 04/2008**

 **K.G. MEDIA D.O.O. – OBERTRUM - POREČ, AUSTRIA**

**MARKETING SALES – 10/2004 – 09/2005**

 **RIVIERA D.D. – POREČ, CROATIA**

**MANAGEMENT ASSISTANT – 03/2003 – 10/2004**

 **SPRINGFIELD FOOD COURT – LAS VEGAS, UNITED STATES**

**SALES MANAGER – 05/2001 – 10/2001**

 **MOUNTAIN MEADOW RANCH – SAN FRANCISCO, UNITED STATES**

**SPORTS INSTRUCTOR – 05/2000 – 09/2000**

## ● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2010 – 2012 Pula, Croatia

**DOCTORAL STUDY** University of Pula

03/2010 – 06/2010 Zschortau, Stuttgart, Germany

**YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAMME "MANAGING AND LEADING REGIONAL RURAL GOVERNANCE"**

InWent Germany

● **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): **CROATIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
<b>ENGLISH</b>	C1	C1	B2	C1	B2
<b>ITALIAN</b>	B2	B2	B1	B2	B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user