

## Contact

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## Top Skills

Leadership

Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)

Cloud Development

## Languages

Albanian (Native or Bilingual)

English (Full Professional)

German (Full Professional)

Italian (Full Professional)

Russian (Professional Working)

Romanian (Elementary)

## Honors-Awards

Medal of Honor 2023

## Publications

Virtualization of ANA resources through Linux Containers

Validierung eines nichtinvasiven Glukosemeßsystems (NIGM) auf der Basis von Mittelinfrarot-(MIR-) Quantenkaskadenlasern (QCL) und photoakustischer Detektion

Neutral IXP in Albania

Untersuchungen von Grundlagen für ein spezifisches Messsystem zur nichtinvasiven Glucosemessung basierend auf Mittel Infrarot Spektroskopie (MIR) und Photoakustischer Detektion (PA)

The Education and Research Network of Albania (ANA)

# Dr. Arjan Xhelaj

Director General & Chairman of the Governance Board at RASH - Academic Network of Albania

Tirana, Tirana, Albania

## Summary

Founder of RASH Albanian Academic Network, Institutional Leader and Experienced Manager with an excellent working experience in government, public administration and industry. Skilled in Leadership and International Relations, Business and Management, Research, Innovation and Development. PhD in BioPhysics and Informatics in Germany. Strong experience in the European Commission as member of various governing and advisory Boards with good connections to EC and other international networks.

2023, the winner of the "Medal of Honour" from Vietsch Foundation @ TNC23 in Tirana.

RASH the Albanian NREN created under his leadership is since 2012 member of the GÉANT Association & from 2021 EOSC member. RASH builds and manage the national research & education network connected to GÉANT network. RASH has develop "in-house" software applications for HEI & RI as: U-GO: University management (Pitagora/U-Finance/UCRIS), UAlbania (student admission portal), U-Library: digital library, Teachers4Albania, Training Portal, e-Research (research census). Ongoing plans: ACRIS (Albanian current research information system), HPC regional Center, U-Ranking, ANiX- albanian neutral IXP.

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## Experience

European Commission

14 years 4 months

Cluster 4: Digital, Industry and Space Delegate of PC

March 2022 - Present (2 years 1 month)

Joint Research Centres, Board of Governors Member

April 2010 - Present (14 years)

Brussels Area, Belgium

NCP for Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

August 2019 - July 2021 (2 years)

Programme Committee for Research Infrastructures, Member

October 2016 - September 2019 (3 years)

Brussels Area, Belgium

NCP for Joint Research Centers (JRC)

December 2009 - August 2019 (9 years 9 months)

Tirana, Albania

Academic Network of Albania

14 years 2 months

Director General

January 2011 - Present (13 years 3 months)

Tirane, Albania

Chairman of Governance Board

September 2018 - Present (5 years 7 months)

Tiranë

Director of Project implementation Unit

February 2010 - December 2010 (11 months)

Tiranë

GÉANT

General Assembly, Member

October 2012 - Present (11 years 6 months)

Cambridge, United Kingdom & Amsterdam Area, Netherlands

<http://www.geant.org/about/Membership/Pages/Members-Associates-GA.aspx>

EOSC Association

3 years 1 month

General Assembly, Member

March 2021 - Present (3 years 1 month)

Brussels Region, Belgium

EOSC - Member of Advisory Group: Research Careers and Curricula

September 2021 - Present (2 years 7 months)

Brussels Metropolitan Area

University of Tirana

9 years 4 months

Board of Administration, Member

January 2017 - March 2019 (2 years 3 months)

Tirana

Associate Lecturer, Faculty of Natural Science

December 2010 - November 2018 (8 years)

Tirane, Albania

Administration Council, Member

December 2009 - March 2011 (1 year 4 months)

Tirane, Albania

TERENA

General Assembly, Member

October 2012 - September 2014 (2 years)

<http://www.terena.org/about/people/ga.php>

TEMPUS Programme

Tempus project EVG Member: International Master degree

January 2010 - October 2013 (3 years 10 months)

Bari Area, Italy

Bologna Follow-up Group (BFUG Albania)

BFUG National Coordinator

January 2010 - December 2011 (2 years)

MoES, Tirane, Albania

The Bologna Follow-up Group (BFUG) oversees the Bologna Process between the ministerial meeting. The BFUG meetings play an important role in overseeing the implementation of the ministerial Communiqués as well as in developing the Bologna Process.

<http://www.ehea.info/cid101754/bfug.html>

WBC-INCO. NET

Steering Committee, Member

October 2009 - June 2011 (1 year 9 months)

West Balkan Area

The WBC-RTI.info platform (<http://wbc-rti.info/>) acts as a source of high quality targeted information on research, technology and innovation in/with/for the Western Balkan countries (WBCs). The Platform contributes to a dialogue on

STI policy issues and the integration of the research and innovation systems of the WBCs into the European Research Area (ERA).

Public Agency for Accreditation of Higher Education (PAAHE)

Accreditation Council, Member

December 2009 - January 2011 (1 year 2 months)

Tirane, Albania

<http://www.aaal.edu.al/en/>

Ministry of Education and Science of Albania

Director of Higher Education & Research

October 2009 - January 2011 (1 year 4 months)

Tirana, Albania

Goethe University

Research Fellow and Assistant Lecturer

September 2003 - October 2009 (6 years 2 months)

Frankfurt Am Main Area, Germany

Elté-Sensoric GmbH

Engineering Manager

September 2003 - December 2006 (3 years 4 months)

Gelnhausen, Germany

Elté Sensoric in cooperation with University Frankfurt am Main, has developed a promising concept for future blood glucose measurement. The method combines innovative physical methods with a direct medical application. The methodological combination was awarded as best „Präsentation start-ups!“ by Business-Angles Deutschland in 2008 (<http://www.elte-sensoric-gmbh.de/en/successes/awards>).

Randstad

Engineering Consultant

January 2000 - July 2003 (3 years 7 months)

Germany

DIS AG

Project Engineer

January 1996 - December 1999 (4 years)

Germany

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## Education

Goethe University

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) (EQF Level 8), Physics

Universität Siegen / University of Siegen

Diplom degree 2-nd Level (EQF Level 7), Applied Physics and Information  
Technology