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<b>2006 – present</b>	Independent Consultant associate of REPIM
<b>2007 – present</b>	Project Coordinator and Principal Researcher, Capacity Building for Sustainable Tourism Development, EU Project
<b>2002- present</b>	Lecturer, Management Department, Faculty of Economy, University of Tirana
<b>2002- present</b>	Executive Director for SIFE Albania, Network of business students organisation promoting entrepreneurship
<b>2002 – 2004</b>	<b>Project Manager</b> (full time) “ <i>USAID/MBA, Nebraska Training Program</i> ”, a more than ten years project funded by USAID (and lately by SOROS) and managed by the University of Nebraska team. She was responsible of managing, the design and implementation work and then

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### 2001 –2002

**Office Manager** (full time) at “*Business Assistance Center, Nebraska Training Program*”, in the Faculty of Economy, UT, Tirana.

Jorida Tabaku, an associate of REPIM, is a graduate from UK, US and Albania universities. She is a consultant on the Strengthening Public Expenditure Management programme working with Parliamentarians on scrutiny of the budget, training on policy and planning and working with line ministries in the application in budget formulation. She teaches in the Management Department of the University of Tirana and serves as Executive Director of Students in Free Enterprise in Albania. Jorida Tabaku also carries out research in SMEs and Financial Management in Higher Education and has been a consultant on privatisation in Albania.

### Highlights of Ms. Tabaku’s career are presented below.

Albania – Public Expenditure Management Reform. Consultant (3 years) for Phase III of a DFID supported project to strengthen public expenditure management. Work under Phase III of the project focuses in particular on completion and implementation of new PEM legislation and procedures, capacity building, training and mentoring of Ministry of Finance and line ministry staff as well as staff supporting the Parliamentary public finance committee.

Albania – Policy and Budget Formulation. Providing mentoring support to the staff of the Ministry of Education and Science, Culture, Integration and Foreign Affairs, etc. in the implementation of new policy review and public expenditure planning procedures.

Albania – Public Expenditure Analysis and Prioritisation. Providing in-service training to sector desk officers in the Ministry of Finance to allow them to competently fulfill their expenditure analysis role and in monitoring and providing support and advice on the policy design and review process to line ministry staff at sector level.

Albania – Strategic Privatization. Local consultant on analysis and evaluation of the strategic privatization in Albania, current trends and priorities for the future. Ministry of Education and Science & University of Tirana, Albania (2007)

Albania/Italy – Project coordinator and local consultant in the project “*Capacity Building for Sustainable Tourism Development*”, LIFE EU Project.

Albania – Principal Consultant in the project “*Statistic Indicators of Financial Autonomy of the Higher Education Institutions*”, Ministry of Education and Science & University of Tirana, Albania (2007).

Albania – Principal Consultant in the project “*Financial Autonomy of the Higher Education Institutions – A basis of the institutional autonomy and a pre-conditions for a qualitative development of higher education*”, Institute for Contemporary Studies, Albania (2003).

Albania – Principal Consultant in the project “*Analysis of the Current Status of Financial Management in the Higher Education Institutions*”, UNESCO, Romania (2003).

### Publications

*Small Businesses, promoters of development, international evidence*, MIBES International Conference, July 2008, Greece

*Characteristics of Entrepreneurs in transition countries*, International Conference on Balkans Integration, May 2008, Pristina, Kosovo

*Financing Barriers for SME Development; the Eastern European Case*, paper “SEEU Review”, Volume Three, Number, 2007, Macedonia

*Corporate Governance in Curricula*, National Conference on Corporate Governance, February 2008, Albania

*Youth Employment*, National Conference on Youth Strategy, April 2007, Albania

*Economic Education in Albania and Labour Market Challenges*, 3-rd International Conference on Education and Economic Development, May 2006, Greece

*Legal Background, stakeholders and partnerships*, Western Balkans Knowledge Forum, World Bank, May 2006, Serbia

*Enhancing of entrepreneurial spirit in universities*, author, “SIFE – a real network of students and practice”, Project supported by Ministry of Education and Science, Tirana (2005)

*Financial Obstacles to SME Development in Albania*, Master Thesis, Durham University, September 2005, UK.

*Corporate Governance Issues: Why Board of Director Matters?*, co-author, article, ‘Economy and Business’ Bulletin, Faculty of Economy, UT, January 2004, Tirana.

*Financial Management Issues in the Higher Education Institutions*, co-author, article, ‘Economy and Transition’ Magazine, Albanian Centre for Economic Research, August 2003, Tirana.