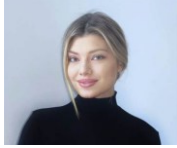


CV



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## Dina Dragija

### Education:

- Sustainable Business Strategy  
Harvard Business School Online (2024)
- Master of Science in Anthropology of Crime, Violence, and Politics  
University College London (2019)
- Bachelor's Degree in International Relations and Diplomacy  
Dag Hammarskjöld, Croatia, Zagreb (2017)

### Professional Experience:

- **Founder, President Youth Leadership Network (YLN) 2017 - Present**
  - Championing the involvement of young minds in shaping the future, with a keen focus on sustainability and the UN's Agenda 2030 with global partners
  - Partnered with the World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS) to promote SDGs and youth participation in decision-making.
  - Continue to represent WAAS at scientific conferences, supporting its mission through YLN projects.
  - Continuing to represent involvement of youth in the decision-making processes
  - Connecting young leaders, activists and field experts to organisations and projects to increase youth's active participation in the decision-making processes leading to solution-based strategies for the realisation of the Sustainable Developments Goals.
- **Partnership Manager and Ambassador, Human Security For All (HS4A) Campaign World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS) and UN Trust Fund for Human Security 2022 - 2024**
  - Led initiatives to promote human security and SDGs until January 2024.
  - Engaged with stakeholders to advance the goals of the HS4A campaign on a global scale.
- **Coordinator, Stop Ecocide Initiative, Croatia 2020 - Present**
  - Advocated for the criminalization of the mass destruction of nature.
  - Utilized the platform to amplify the urgency of environmental conservation on the global stage.

- **Sustainable Design and Entrepreneurship 2018 - Present**

- Created an innovative gum recycling stand recognized by the World Intellectual Property Organization.
- Collaborated with Krie Design and Green Fashion Week to advise on sustainable projects and curate eco-friendly fashion collections.

- **Junior Fellow , World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS), Junior Fellow 2018 - Present**

- Since 2020, I have actively contributed to the mission and work of the World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS) through my role as Vice President of the Youth Leadership Network (YLN). In this role, I have worked consistently to promote youth inclusion in decision-making processes and foster meaningful intergenerational cooperation within WAAS and its affiliated initiatives.
- Together with YLN, we partnered as a youth organization for the UNGA-WAAS Leadership for the 21st Century initiative, marking a significant moment in elevating youth voices on global challenges. Following this, I began participating more extensively in nearly every major WAAS conference and event, advocating for the inclusion of emerging leaders and contributing to thematic development across key WAAS programs.
- In 2022, I was honored to be appointed as a Junior Fellow of the Academy, continuing to expand my role within WAAS through international representation, content development, and community engagement. My commitment deepened further in 2023 when I assumed the role of President of YLN and Partnership Manager for the UN Trust Fund for Human Security–WAAS Human Security for All (HS4A) campaign. In this capacity, I led efforts to build cross-sectoral partnerships and bring youth perspectives into the heart of global security and sustainability dialogues.
- Currently, I am organizing UNWASTED Forum , a cross-border, multi-stakeholder platform under the patronage of WAAS, aimed at accelerating solutions aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The platform engages academia, civil society, industry, and political actors, and highlights innovations in circular economy, climate action, and intergenerational cooperation around Agenda 2030.
- **Co-Founder, UNWASTED 2025 Forum under the Patronage of World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS)** International Forum for Sustainable Innovation and Circular Economy Transition

UNWASTED 2025 is an international, interdisciplinary forum that promotes sustainable innovation and the transition toward a circular economy. The event gathers leading experts, innovators, policymakers, and scientists from across sectors

including policy, science, design, and technology to showcase actionable solutions for a sustainable future.

### Skills:

- Multidisciplinary approach to sustainability, diplomacy, and business
- Strategic partnerships and campaign management
- Advocacy for environmental conservation and human security
- Innovation in sustainable design and entrepreneurship

### Future Goals:

- Continue representing WAAS at scientific conferences and contributing to its initiatives
- Support WAAS's mission, leveraging expertise in sustainability and youth leadership to drive impactful change.
- Continue representing WAAS at international conferences and events deepening involvement in its interdisciplinary programs and projects.
- Expand the reach of youth initiatives by integrating youth-led projects within WAAS frameworks and fostering stronger academic and institutional partnerships.
- Support WAAS's mission by leveraging expertise in sustainability, innovation, and youth engagement to drive actionable change through projects and conferences.

### Contributions:

Since 2020, I have actively contributed to the mission and work of the World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS) through my role as Vice President—and currently President—of the Youth Leadership Network (YLN). My work has focused on promoting youth inclusion in global decision-making processes and fostering intergenerational cooperation within WAAS and its affiliated initiatives.

- **Youth Engagement in Global Policy:** Co-led YLN's involvement as an official youth partner in the UNGA-WAAS Leadership for the 21st Century initiative, advancing youth voices in global governance dialogues.
- **Conferences and Content Development:** Participated in nearly every major WAAS conference since 2020, contributing to thematic development, session design, and advocacy for emerging leaders across key WAAS programs.
- **HS4A Campaign:** Since 2023, have served as Partnership Manager for the Human Security for All (HS4A) campaign in collaboration with the UN Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS), building cross-sectoral partnerships and amplifying youth perspectives on global security and sustainability.
- **International Representation:** Represented WAAS at global conferences, including through collaborations with institutions such as the Croatian LEAP Conference, where I organized the involvement of WAAS members and showcased SDG-aligned initiatives.

- **Organizer and Co-Founder, UNWASTED 2025 Forum** : An international, interdisciplinary platform under the patronage of WAAS, the UNWASTED Forum brings together experts in science, design, policy, and technology to accelerate solutions aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The forum fosters representation of the WAAS in the field of cross-border, multi-stakeholder collaboration in support of the circular economy transition, intergenerational dialogue, climate action and sustainable transition in public and private sectors.

Through the creation and leadership of this initiative (Forum), I have actively advanced the mission of WAAS by integrating its vision into a high-impact platform for dialogue, collaboration, and innovation. The forum highlights intergenerational cooperation, systems thinking, and practical implementation of circular and sustainable practices.

- We positioned WAAS as a patron of a globally relevant sustainability forum, reinforcing its international influence and partnerships.
- Co-developed the concept, structure, and strategic partnerships of the Forum in alignment with WAAS's interdisciplinary and intergenerational approach.
- Promoted WAAS's mission by engaging youth leadership and fostering cross-sector collaboration across academia, civil society, industry, and government among **Strategic Partners Secured by the Organizers of the Forum** : United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS), Office of MEP Nikolina Brnjac, European People's Party (EPP), Ministry of Tourism and Sport of the Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Green Transition of the Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the Republic of Croatia, Ministry of Economy of the Republic of Croatia, Club of Rome, Croatian Chamber of Economy (HGK), Italian-Croatian Chamber of Commerce, Italian Embassy