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## PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

### Educational background

Hooshmand Alizadeh is an experienced planner with a strong academic and professional background in urban planning and design. He began his academic journey with a BA in Urban Planning from **University of Tabriz** in 1991, followed by an MA in Urban and Regional Planning from **University of Tehran** in 1998. He went on to earn a PhD in Urban Design from **Newcastle University (UK)** in 2006. Building on this solid educational foundation, he furthered his research portfolio as an **MSCA Postdoctoral Researcher at the Austrian Academy of Sciences** from 2019 to 2021, where he engaged in innovative projects that furthered his expertise in **sustainable development, spatial analysis, and urban morphology**. His formal education, complemented by certifications in urban planning and project management, and his multilingual fluency in English, Persian, Kurdish, and German, enable him to approach complex urban challenges with a culturally attuned perspective.

### Career to date

His career has been marked by a solid progression from practical urban planning practice to influential academic leadership positions. Early in his career, he worked as a research expert at the Jahad-e Sazandegi Organization (1990-1991) and headed the **Urban Planning Department at the Technical Office of the Governor General of Kurdistan** (1992-2002), where he supervised detailed and master plans and participated in key technical committees and municipal projects. Building on this practical foundation, he took on important academic roles, notably as **Head of the Department of Urban Planning and Design** at the University of Kurdistan (2006-2016), and later as **Associate Professor of Urban Design** and **Associate Dean of Research**. His extensive professional experience is enriched by his work as a Senior Researcher at the Astrain Academy of Sciences (2019-2024), more recently at the University of Vienna, and as an Associate Researcher at the University of Innsbruck (Austria) and the University of Heidelberg (Germany). His active participation in international research projects, editorial boards, and professional organizations underscores his ongoing commitment to sustainable urban development and social inclusion.

### Professional Experiences

In addition to his academic work, Dr. Hooshmand Alizadeh has gained extensive experience in urban planning consulting, focusing on master planning, urban regeneration, tourism development and strategic spatial planning in Iranian and Iraqi cities. He has led major projects such as the **City Development Strategy for Halabje** (2024), the **Feasibility Plan and Planning for the New City of Nishtman in Sanandaj** (2022), and **Sustainable Land Use Strategies for the Hills of Sanandaj** (2017-2020). He also developed a strategic action plan for Sanandaj Municipality (2018) and conducted a **feasibility study for the pedestrian zone** in the center of Sanandaj (2016-2018). Previously, he managed **master plans for several cities** (2008-2011), conducted **tourism development studies** in the villages of Nawgoul and Salwatabad (2006-2007), and was responsible for several **comprehensive land development plans**. His projects demonstrate his ability to integrate cultural and environmental considerations into innovative, resilient urban solutions.