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Short about me

I am an electrical engineer and a top athlete. In the past year I have concluded masters studies on Faculty of electrical engineering and got my first job at Mahle Electric Drives Slovenia d.o.o. The latter was the main reason why I put my rather successful sports career in white water kayaking on hold, despite the year 2023 bringing one of the biggest successes in my sports career so far - a victory in a world cup race. Both, sports and study have taught me the meaning of discipline, persistence, and good working habits which I take a good advantage of on every field of my life.

Education

2003 - 2012	Mirana Jarca elementary school in Ljubljana
2012 - 2016	Highschool graduate Gimnazija Ledina, Ljubljana
2016 - 2023	Master of electrical engineering Faculty of electrical engineering, University of Ljubljana

Sports career

Since the year 2005 one of my biggest passions has been whitewater kayaking. In the year 2014 I specialised in the discipline wildwater canoeing and in the same year I qualified in the Slovenian junior national team for the first time. The same year brought me my first medal on a big competition on Junior European championship in Banja Luka.

In year 2015 I have first time qualified in the Slovenian senior team for world cups still as a junior, and I have been a part of Slovenian senior team each year since.

The year 2019 brought me my first biggest success in senior category when I reached second place on classic team race on European championship in Bovec.

In the year 2022 I got my first medal on a world cup race in sprint in Celje, which I upgraded in the year 2023 with my first world cup victory in sprint in Česke Budejovice.

Apart from competitive sports I have also been heavily included in supporting and executing the training process of the younger training groups in my domestic club for the past 8 years. I was also working as a teacher in kayak school for complete beginners in my club.

Since 2022 I have been cooperating with Slovenian junior & u23 team in whitewater canoeing as a coach on the biggest competitions where I provide the support for athletes on and off the water. I was also the organiser of the winter training camps and the main coach while we were on them.

Since autumn 2023 I am also a coach of a completely new group of young enthusiastic wildwater athletes at my domestic club. The group was firstly intended to be a recreational group but the enthusiasm, working ethics and the passion for the sport that me and my colleagues managed to give to the kids lead to three of them qualifying to the Slovenian junior national team already in spring of 2024.

Work and employments

- 2015 - In summer time I was leading a summer holiday care for kids on Kajak kanu klub Ljubljana as well as kayak school on the same club. In the same club, which is also my domestic club, I am helping with contributing to execution of the training process for younger categories, as well as being one of the main coaches of a new group of young whitewater athletes.
- 2022 I am one of the coaches of Slovenian junior & u23 wildwater canoeing team. I provide support to the athletes on (showing the correct lines, techniques, etc.) and off (organisation, explaining the rules, helping with the equipment, etc.) the water. I was also the organiser and the main coach of the winter training camp for the above mentioned team.
- 2016 - 2023 The whole time when studying electrical engineering I had a scholarship from Mahle Electric Drives Slovenia d.o.o, a part of which was also a mandatory yearly 160 hour internship. The work covered everything from office work (Microsoft excel) to specialised measurements of electronics. I also designed a special user interface for communicating with a multimeter in scope of the internships.
- 2020 - 2022 At E2E d.o.o. I was reprogramming heat pumps from manufacturer Daikin as a summer job. The work consisted of disassembly of the outer and inner unit, reprogramming them and then assembly of both again.
- 2023 - Since October 2023 I am employed at Mahle Electric Drives Slovenia d.o.o. as an electrical engineer. I am a part of software development team for electric pumps and ventilators.

Other skills

Foreign languages	English: excellent reader, speaker and writer German: excellent reader, good speaker and writer Croatian: excellent reader, speaker and writer
Drivers license	B category
Other licenses	Teacher of white water kayaking and canoeing II

Freetime activities

Running, cycling, cross-country skiing