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»Pharmacist by education, public health activist by heart« would be a short description of my educational background and my field of interest. I started my public health path at the age of 16 by joining Youth Network No Excuse Slovenia. The NGO has since 2008 given me many skills, knowledge and opportunities. I had a chance to become a part of a unique group of youth activists for better tobacco and alchol policy. After finishing my Master thesis in Pharmacy, I dedicated my time to No Excuse Slovenia in a role of the president for 2,5 years combing youth work, public health and sustainable development. Successful colaboration of my NGO with Ministry of Health has led me to an opportunity to become a civil servant to support the project of Slovenian presidency of the Council of EU. My interests in the public health have led me to explore food policies as a tool to prevent NCDs which motivated me to start a PhD in this field and join a Food and nutrition section at European Public Health Association as a vice-president. To keep my connection to youth sector I'm a member of supervisiory board at International Youth Health Organization.