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Dr. Zoritzza Kiresiewa works as a Senior Fellow in the fields of bioeconomy and sustainable development at Ecologic Institute. Her other research interests include international development, climate adaptation and land management. Dr. Zoritzza Kiresiewa coordinates the European research activities at Ecologic Institute. A native Bulgarian speaker, she is fluent in German and English and has a good knowledge of Russian.

Dr. Zoritzza Kiresiewa deals with questions relating to the significance of the bioeconomy and its consequences. Her particular research interest focuses on the extent to which bioeconomy can contribute to global food security and the sustainable use of resources as well as the ensuing impact on the environment. For the project "[Sustainable Resource Use - Requirements for a Sustainable Bioeconomy from the Agenda 2030/ SDG Implementation](#)", funded by the German Federal Environment Agency, she analyzes the goals and the characteristics of relevant political bioeconomy strategies and the actors involved in their development and implementation. Since 2019, she supports the development of regional strategies, which promote the sustainable use of agricultural, forest and marine ecosystems, as part of the project "[Bio-based Strategies and Roadmaps for Enhanced Rural and Regional Development in the EU](#)" (BE-Rural). Between 2015 and 2018, she worked on the project "[Promoting Stakeholder Engagement and Public Awareness for a Participative Governance of the European Bioeconomy](#)" (BioSTEP).

Previously, Dr. Zoritzza Kiresiewa was involved in [stakeholder analysis](#) in the field of climate change adaptation which dealt with the interests and perceptions of relevant stakeholders from policy, industry and civil society and the trade-offs between the different stakeholders groups. As a native speaker, Dr. Zoritzza Kiresiewa is involved in projects for the implementation of diverse European directives and environmental policies in Bulgaria. Between 2014 and 2017, she coordinated the framework contract "Studies in the Field of Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Space Policy" for the [European Committee of the Regions](#).



Dr. Zoritzza Kiresiewa studied geography at the Free University of Berlin (FU Berlin) with a

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