



Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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Nationality Romanian
Date of Birth 03 August 1955
Current Position **Romanian Ombudsperson**
 since July 2019

Recent activity

Period 12/2007 → 07/2019

Occupation or position held **Member of the European Parliament**

Main activities and responsibilities

2014-1019	Vice-President of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)
2014-2019	Member of the Subcommittee on Human Rights (DROI)
2014-2019 2008-2019	Vice-President of the Delegation of the European Union to Chile Coordinator of the ALDE Group on EP relations with Latin America
2007-2014	Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)
2009-2014	Coordinator of the ALDE Group in LIBE
2008-2009	Member of the Committee on Legal Affairs (JURI)
2007-2009	Member of the Committee on Development (DEVE)
2007-2014	Member of the Delegation for Relations with the countries of the Andean Community (DAND)

Special Activities

2008	Head of the EU Constitutional Referendum Observation Mission to Bolivia
2008	Chairperson of the EP Election Observation Delegation to the Constitutional Referendum in Ecuador
2009	Head of the EU Election Observation Mission to the Presidential and Legislative Elections in Bolivia
2009	Chairperson of the EP Election Observation Delegation to the Presidential and Parliamentary elections in Ecuador
2010	Head of the EU Election Observation Mission to the Municipal, Presidential and Legislative Elections in Burundi

2013 | Head of the EU Election Observation Mission to the Presidential and General Elections in Paraguay

2016 | Head of the EU Election Observation Mission to the Presidential and Parliamentary Elections in Peru

2018 | Head of the EU Election Observation Mission to the Presidential and General Elections in Paraguay

(All election observation missions are coordinated by the EU's External Action Service and the appointment as Head of Mission is done by the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs)

Some of the reports drawn up:

- Strengthening Eurojust
- Conflict of jurisdiction in criminal proceedings at European level
- Mergers and divisions of companies within the EU
- Road safety
- The impact of the Lisbon Treaty on the EU's institutional balance
- EU sanctions as part of the European human rights policies
- Implementation of the Equality and Non-discrimination Directive at the workplace
- Fight against impunity in the European Union and Latin America
- Freedom of press

Positions previously held

Period | 1979 -2015

Occupation or position held | **Lawyer**

Name and address of the employer | **Bucharest Bar, Romania**

The type of work or field of activity | Justice

Period | 12/2004 - 12/2005

Occupation or position held | **Presidential adviser on constitutional and legislative matters**

Name and address of the employer | **Presidential Administration (Romania)**

The type of work or field of activity | Public Administration

Period | 1998 - 2007 (interruption between December 2004 - March 2006)

Occupation or position held	Chairperson
Name and address of the employer	Foundation for an Open Society, Romania
The type of work or field of activity	civil society
Period	2006 – 12/2007
Occupation or position held	Project Manager
Main activities and responsibilities	Advocacy in the EU Monitoring and Advocacy Program (EUMAP) - the rights of people with intellectual disabilities
Name and address of the employer	Open Society Institute New York
Period	1999 – 12/2007
Occupation or position held	Member of the Sub-Board for Justice and Human Rights Member of the Human Rights Program
Name and address of the employer	Open Society Institute
The type of work or field of activity	civil society
Period	2000
Occupation or position held	Ad hoc judge
Name and address of the employer	European Court of Human Rights Strasbourg, France
The type of work or field of activity	Justice
Period	1999 - 2005
Occupation or position held	Board Member / Executive Chairperson
Name and address of the employer	Center for Legal Resources Bucharest (Romania)
The type of work or field of activity	civil society
Period	1999 - 2000
Occupation or position held	Project Manager
Main activities and responsibilities	Coordinating the program "The Status of Women's Rights in Central/Eastern European Countries and the Newly Independent States"

Name and address of the employer	International Helsinki Federation Vienna (Austria)
The type of work or field of activity	civil society
Period	1995 - 2003
Occupation or position held	Editor
Main activities and responsibilities	Responsible for the bi-annual journal "International Studies", edited by the CIS
Name and address of the employer	Center for International Studies Bucharest (Romania)
The type of work or field of activity	civil society, media
Period	1993 - 2004
Occupation or position held	Editor-in-chief
Name and address of the employer	The Romanian Journal of Human Rights Bucharest (Romania)
The type of work or field of activity	media, civil society
Period	1993 - 1999
Occupation or position held	Executive Manager
Name and address of the employer	Center for Human Rights Bucharest (Romania)
The type of work or field of activity	civil society
Period	1994 - 1999
Occupation or position held	Co-President
Name and address of the employer	Helsinki Committee - Romania (APADOR-CH)
The type of work or field of activity	civil society, justice
Education and training	
Period	1975 – 1979
Qualification / diploma obtained	Bachelor's degree
Name and type of educational institution /	University of Bucharest, Faculty of Law (Romania)

training provider	
Period	1994
Qualification / diploma obtained	Visiting Scholar
The main disciplines studied / the professional competences acquired	Law School School of International Public Affairs Centre for the Study of Human Rights
Name and type of educational institution / training provider	Columbia University New York (United States of America)
Personal Skills	

Mother tongue	Romanian									
Other languages	Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
English	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
French	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
Spanish	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user

self-assessment

*Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Computer skills	Microsoft Office, Internet - * Proficient User
Driving Licence	B
Teaching activity	- 2005: Lecturer, National Institute for Magistracy, Bucharest (course on the European Convention on Human Rights and case studies from the European Court of Human Rights) - 2003-2004: Lecturer, Faculty of History, University of Bucharest (Protection of human rights in the context of international relations) -1997-2003: Lecturer - Faculty of Political Science, SNSPA (courses on international human rights law, constitutional law, minority rights, women's rights)
Honorary positions	
Period	2006 – 2012
Occupation or position held	Member
Name and address of the employer	European Network of Anti-Discrimination Law Experts
The type of work or field of activity	Justice

Period	January 2007 – December 2007
Occupation or position held	Management Board Member
Name and address of the employer	Fundamental Rights Agency
The type of work or field of activity	EU Agencies
Period	2000 – 2007
Occupation or position held	Board Member
Name and address of the employer	Euroregional Center for Democracy Timișoara (Romania)
The type of work or field of activity	Civil society
Period	1998 – 2002
Occupation or position held	Board Member
Name and address of the employer	Open Society Institute Budapest (Hungary)
The type of work or field of activity	Civil society
Period	1997 - 2003
Occupation or position held	Member
Name and address of the employer	International Council for Human Rights Policy Geneva (Switzerland)
The type of work or field of activity	Civil society
Period	1996 – 2003
Occupation or position held	Board Member
Name and address of the employer	Center for International Studies Bucharest (Romania)
The type of work or field of activity	Civil society
Period	1995 – 2003
Occupation or position held	Member of the Advisory Board

Name and address of the employer	International Service for Human Rights Geneva (Switzerland)
The type of work or field of activity	Civil society
Period	1992 – 19996
Occupation or position held	Vice-President
Name and address of the employer	International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights (Vienna, Austria)
The type of work or field of activity	Civil society
Training activities and other relevant professional experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2007 - International expert in the project "The legal system of the Republic of Moldova and its compatibility with EU standards" - 2003 – Assessment mission to Kosovo, addressing constitutional issues and minority rights – on behalf of the Council of Europe - September 2000: Co-organizer and lecturer, training course "Rights of national minorities", at the request of UNDP and the Center for Human Rights, Republic of Moldova - July 2000: Co-organizer and lecturer, training course for trainers "Police and human rights", at the request of UNDP and Center for Human Rights, Republic of Moldova - May 2000: Lecturer "Police and the European Convention on Human Rights", Moscow Police Academy, organized by the Council of Europe - July 1999: Lecturer from the Council of Europe, "Joint Pilot Training Course for Human Rights Field Missions", organized by the OSCE, the Council of Europe, the UN and the European Union, Venice. - 1998 -1999: Member of the Reflection Group within the project "The Long-term Implications of EU Enlargement: The Nature of the New Border", set up by the European Commission within the Robert Schuman Center of the European University Institute in Florence - 1995: Lecturer "International Protection of the Rights of Minorities", organized in The Hague by the Foundation for Inter-Ethnic Relations and the Council of National Minorities) - 1993, 1994: Organizer and lecturer of a three-week course on "International Protection of Human Rights" (organized in The Hague by the Netherlands Helsinki Committee, with the support of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs) - 1993-1996: Lecturer on human rights monitoring, seminars organized for judges, prosecutors, lawyers and human rights defenders in Albania, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary (including contributions to the Handbook for monitoring police abuses and prison conditions)

Articles, studies, books

- **1993:** Head of the evaluation and training mission in Albania, at the request of the German Marshall Fund from the United States of America

Other training sessions inside and outside Romania, on human rights monitoring (especially regarding police activity, prison conditions, elections, freedom of expression, minority rights, etc.)

- Summary of the internal situation in Romania (anti-discrimination report prepared for the European Commission, 2006)

- "The Kin-State and Its Minorities: Which European Standards? The Hungarian Status-Law : Its Antecedents and Consequences", in The Hungarian Status Law: Nation Building and/or Minority Protection, Zoltan Kantor and others eds., Slavic Eurasian Studies, Vol. 4, Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, 2004

- "Non-Discrimination Review" - within a project of the Council of Europe, regarding the issues regarding non-discrimination in Central and South-East Europe - member of the national group of experts, 2002-2003

- "Report on Measures to Combat Discrimination in the 13 candidate countries" - project carried out by MEDE European Consultancy, in partnership with Migration Policy Group - country report on Romania, 2003

- "Concept paper on Combating Discrimination in Romania. An Inventory of Problems on Legislation and Institutional Mechanisms for Combating Discrimination" – continuation within the project Non Discrimination Review of the Council of Europe, 2003

- "The Romanian Constitutional Court: In Search of its Own Identity" in Sadurski Wojciech ed. Constitutional Justice, East and West – Democratic Legitimacy and Constitutional Courts in Post-Communist Europe in A Comparative Perspective, Kluwer Law International, The Hague-London-New York, 2002

- "The Impact of the European Convention of Human Rights upon the Rule of Law in Romania", Blackburn and Polakiewicz (eds.), Oxford University Press, 2002

- Research on "National and European Legislation to Combat Racism", project carried out by Migration Policy Group, Interrights and European Roma Rights Center, report on Romania, 2001

- "The Effect of the ECHR on the Legal and Political System of Member States: Romania", in Prof. Robert Blackburn and Dr. Jorg Polakiewicz eds. Fundamental Rights in Europe – The European Convention on Human Rights and its Member States, 1950-2000, Oxford University Press, 2001

- "Constitutionalism as a Vehicle for Democratic Consolidation in Romania", in Jan Zielonka ed. Democratic Consolidation in Eastern Europe, Oxford University Press, 2001

- "Police Organization and Accountability: A Comparative Study", in Andras Kadar ed. Police in Transition, Central European University Press, 2001

- Women 2000 – An Investigation into the Status of Women's Rights in Central and South-Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States, editor, International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights, Vienna, 2000

- "Transylvania: evolution through devolution?" In the Transylvanian Problem, Polirom, Iași, 1999
- "The Romanian-Hungarian Relations within the Legal Framework of the Schengen Agreements, in the journal International Studies, Center for International Studies, Bucharest, 1999 (published in Romanian, English and Hungarian, in Europai Szemmel, Budapest, 1999)
- "The Moldavian Csango" (in collaboration), International Foundation for Promoting Studies and Knowledge of Minority Rights, Budapest, 1998
- "The Protection of National Minorities in Romania: a Matter of Political Will and Wisdom", in Law and Practice of Central European Countries in the Field of National Minorities Protection, Institute for International Affairs, Warsaw, 1997
- "Three minorities and their claims: the Hungarians from Romania, the Romanian from Ukraine and the Gagauz from Moldova", in Altera, no.6/1997;
- "Self-determination", study developed within the Center for Human Rights in Bucharest, at the request of the Committee of Foreign Affairs of the Council of Europe, 1996
- "Romania and the international human rights law" - chapter for the Romanian version of Thomas Buergenthal's book International Human Rights - in a nutshell, All Publishing House, Bucharest, 1996
- "The evolution of the UDMR's conception regarding the rights of the Hungarian minority" (in collaboration with Gabriel Andreescu), in Romanian and English, Center for Human Rights, Bucharest, 1996/1996;
- "The White Paper on Access to Information in Romania" (in collaboration), in Romanian and English, Center for Human Rights, Bucharest, 1996;
- "The Welfare State in Post-Communist Countries: The Romanian Case", in Re-conceptualizing the Welfare State, Danish Center for Human Rights, ed. Copenhagen, 1996
- "Romania's relations with the Republic of Moldova" (in collaboration) in International Studies, in Romanian and English, Center for International Studies, Bucharest, 1995
- "Nationalism and its impact on the rule of law in Romania" (in collaboration), in International Studies, in Romanian and English, Bucharest, 1995
- "UDMR's concept on the rights of national minorities" (in collaboration), in Romanian and English, Center for Human Rights, Bucharest, 1994
- "Two draft laws on the protection of national minorities", in Transitional Legislation, Center for Human Rights, Bucharest, 1994,