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WORK EXPERIENCE

– BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

HEAD OF THE EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA SECRETARIAT – 07/07/2024 – CURRENT

- Coordination of the EHEA Secretariat
- Liaising with the Bologna Follow-Up Group co-chairs and co-chairs of the working structures
- Supporting the Advisory Group on the ECTS User's Guide Revision, the Thematic Peer Group C on Quality Assurance, the Coordination Group on Global Policy Dialogue
- Assistance in the implementation of the Work Programme and organisation of BFUG meetings
- Dissemination and preparation of materials regarding the Bologna Process
- External representation at the global level
- Member of the Working Group on Automatic Recognition and the Sub-Group on Higher Education of the Council of Europe

EXECUTIVE AGENCY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION FUNDING – BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY EXPERT – 01/08/2024 – CURRENT

- Expert on internationalisation of higher education, working on policy outputs in a national project funded by the Cohesion Funds
- Expert on higher education employability, working on policy outputs in a national project funded by the Cohesion Funds - supporting the implementation of Eurograduate and the National Higher Education Employability Survey in Romania (July 2025 - February 2026)



INDEPENDENT HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY EXPERT

Expert for the Council of Europe on developing a Student Rights Charter
Expert for the Council of Europe on building a legally binding convention on Automatic Recognition
Expert for the SPHERE project on Higher Education reforms (conducting technical assistance missions in Montenegro, Ukraine, Jordan, Kazakhstan etc)
Expert on Quality Assurance - delivering presentations at various conferences (e.g. INQAAHE Conference in May 2025 in Japan on the QA of work-based learning)
Having conducted over 15 external QA reviews (institutional, programme level, cluster level)
Former Member of the ENQA Pool for Reviewers

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (NON-EXEC) – 01/02/2024 – CURRENT

Providing advice to strategic initiatives of the University of Bucharest

AGENȚIA ROMÂNĂ DE ASIGURARE A CALITĂȚII ÎN ÎNVĂȚĂMÂNTUL SUPERIOR (ARACIS) – BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

MEMBER OF THE LEGAL SCIENCES PERMANENT COMMITTEE – 01/11/2024 – CURRENT

Evaluating the reports of external QA reviews in the field of law (Bachelor, Master, Doctorate level)

EUROPEAN STUDENTS' UNION – BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Business or Sector Education | **Email** secretariat@esu-online.org | **Website** www.esu-online.org

PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN STUDENTS' UNION – 01/07/2023 – 30/06/2024

The European Students' Union (ESU) is the European federation representing the rights and interests of 20 million students at the European and global levels, comprised of 44 national student federations in 40 countries.



Main responsibilities:

- Overall coordination of the federation, including operational coordination, setting policy and negotiation strategies
- Regular liaison and advocacy with European and national decision-makers in the higher education sphere (European Commission - DG EAC, DG EMPL, Commissioners' teams; Council of the European Union and education attachés; Council of Europe; Bologna Follow-Up Group, OECD, UNESCO)
- Coordination of the implementation of the Work Plan and the Operational Grant from the European Commission
- Coordination, on behalf of ESU, of various ESU projects/involvement in various education policy projects at the European level (+1 million euro overall funding)
- Consultancy for different institutions at the European level
- Relation with stakeholders: E4, EUF, INQAAHE, Global Student Forum, Eurydice, ENIC-NARICs etc

Areas of activity: social dimension of education, Bologna reforms, quality assurance, student-centred learning, digitization, micro-certifications, recognition of qualifications, artificial intelligence, macro-economic policies in education, EU initiatives for internationalization

External representation:

- Co-Chair of the Group for the Elaboration of the 2024 Tirana Ministerial Communiqué (February 2023 - May 2024)
- Co-Chair of the Working Group on the Social Dimension of the Bologna Process
- Representative in the OECD Group of National Experts on Higher Education
- Representative at Directors General for Higher Education (DGHE) meetings
- Representative in BFUG and BFUG Board
- Member of the Eurostudent Steering Board
- Member of the Advisory Group on the European Qualifications Framework
- Member of the Europass Advisory Group
- Member of the Working Group on the organization of the 26th Ministerial Conference of Ministers of Education of the Council of Europe
- Member of the Working Group on Higher Education in the Council of Europe
- Member of the Working Group on Automatic Recognition of Qualifications in the Council of Europe
- Board Member of the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR) and Treasurer of EQAR
- Consulted on the Council Recommendation on a European Quality Assurance and Recognition System, European Degree, Romania's QA system review by OECD for the membership application
- Speaker at EQAR, INQAAHE and various other European and global conferences on Quality Assurance, Lifelong Learning, Micro-credentials etc
- Expert consulted in the process of revising the Flemish Quality Assurance Framework

CONSILIUL ECONOMIC ȘI SOCIAL

MEMBER OF THE PLENARY OF THE ROMANIAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL – 01/2021 – 22/04/2024

- Member of the Plenary, elected by civil society and appointed by the Prime Minister
- Representative in the Executive Bureau (2023)
- Drafting opinions and opinions on public policy and legislative impact for government and MP proposals

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VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN STUDENTS' UNION (ESU) – 01/07/2022 – 30/06/2023

- Similar activity as for the president position (see above)
- Involvement in the development of the European Education Area, including initiatives on European University Alliances, European Degree

AGENȚIA ROMÂNĂ DE ASIGURARE A CALITĂȚII ÎN ÎNVĂȚĂMÂNTUL SUPERIOR (ARACIS)

MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE ROMANIAN HIGHER EDUCATION QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY (ARACIS) – 15/09/2020 – 15/09/2022

- Representation in the Agency's governance structure
- Evaluating external quality assessment reports and validating results for institutional and program evaluations
- Involvement in the development of the Romanian quality assurance methodologies, guidelines and standards in two overarching revision processes, based on the ESG - 2017 and 2022
- Coordination of student evaluators group and organization of trainings
- Participation in the Executive Bureau meetings, member in the Ethics Commission, member in the External Evaluation Department, member in the Permanent Expert Commission - Legal Sciences
- Participation in numerous institutional and program evaluations

ANOSR – BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF STUDENT ORGANISATIONS IN ROMANIA - ANOSR – 01/09/2020 – 01/07/2022

- General coordination of the federation
- External representation in relation to the Romanian Government, Ministry of Education, Romanian Parliament, trade unions, universities and the National Council of Rectors, partners



- Media relations
- Advocacy campaigns for student participation, social dimension, higher education funding, quality assurance, academic integrity, internationalization, youth policies
- Organization of national conferences
- Member of various working groups at national level and participation in meetings of the Education Committee of the Chamber of Deputies and Senate
- Member of the Education Steering Group of the European Youth Forum
- ANOSR delegate in the UNESCO SDG4Youth network
- Member of the Working Group on EU Youth Dialogue of the Ministry of Youth
- Questionnaire implementation and analysis development
- Additionally employed as project manager from March 2021 to March 2023

ROMANIAN MINISTRY OF YOUTH – BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

PRESIDENT OF THE EDUCATION & RESEARCH WORKING GROUP OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YOUTH – 10/01/2021 – 01/07/2022

OGP ROMANIA – BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP ROMANIA – 25/05/2021 – 01/07/2022

Supporting public authorities in increasing their transparency and accountability efforts

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST (CONSILIUL DE ADMINISTRATIE) – 20/12/2017 – 01/07/2020

- Representing the 32,000 UB students in the executive structure

COUNCIL OF THE FACULTY OF LAW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

STUDENT COUNCILOR – 01/11/2016 – 25/05/2021

– BUCHAREST

PRESIDENT OF THE LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ASD) – 20/10/2018 – 01/07/2020

- Coordination of over 350 volunteers
- Strategic management for representation activities and projects (over 60 activities per year)
- Organization of several conferences
- Fundraising and outreach activities

SENATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

SENATOR STUDENT – 10/07/2017 – 01/07/2020



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- Drafting legal analysis
- Checking and drafting contracts
- Verification of legal claims
- Review of case law and doctrine

EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM

MEMBER OF THE EDUCATION EXPERT GROUP OF THE EUROPEAN YOUTH FORUM (YFJ) – 01/05/2017 – 01/06/2018



VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL (CTR) – 03/04/2016 – 15/08/2017

- Responsible for formal and non-formal education
- Delegate to the General Assembly of the European Youth Forum
- Delegate in the National Working Group for Structured Dialogue with Young People of the Ministry of Youth
- Delegate to the 'Better Strategies for Youth' project for the Western Balkans
- Delegate to the Advisory Council for Youth Issues of the Ministry of Youth

CONSILIUL NAȚIONAL AL ELEVILOR

PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL STUDENTS' COUNCIL (CNE) – 04/02/2015 – 27/07/2016

- Coordination of the organisation, drafting press releases, positions and analysis
- Organized national events
- Delegate to the Council of Europe meeting of national experts for the implementation of the Plan of Implementation of the Rights of the Child in Europe



- Member in the Textbooks Commission, Commission for the elaboration of the ROFUIP of the Ministry of Education
- Invited to meetings of the Social Dialogue Commission of the Ministry of Education
- Member of the Integration Committee of Romania Educated Project
- Voting member of the General Assembly of the Organizing Bureau of European School Students' Union (OBESSU)

RED CROSS ROMANIA

VOLUNTEER – 01/07/2011 – 01/01/2013

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

01/10/2024 – CURRENT Bucharest, Romania

JURIS DOCTOR University of Bucharest

Website www.unibuc.ro | Level in EQF EQF level 8

01/10/2020 – 01/02/2023 Bucharest, Romania

MASTER IN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW University of Bucharest

Website www.drept.unibuc.ro | Field of study Law | Final grade 10 (100%) | Level in EQF EQF level 7 |

Thesis Applications of the principle of continuity of public service in public financial law

01/06/2016 – 01/07/2020 Bucharest, Romania

BACHELOR OF LAWS University of Bucharest

- Valedictorian of the 2020 class
- Admitted to the profession of lawyer (Bucharest Bar) in the September 2020 session with the highest mark at national level - 95 points (95%)
- Internship with the People's Advocate

Website www.drept.unibuc.ro | Field of study Law | Final grade 9.6 (96%) | Level in EQF EQF level 6 | Type of credits ECTS |

Number of credits 240

01/09/2012 – 01/06/2016 Oradea, Romania

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA WITH BACCALAUREATE DEGREE National College 'Emanuil Gojdu' of Oradea

- Valedictorian with 100%
- Participational in the National Mathematics and National Economics Olympiads
- Prize at the County Philosophy Olympiad
- Extracurricular activities: president of the student council, observer in the school board, editor of the high school magazine, member of the choir and theatre team, participation in the European Youth Parliament, etc.

Field of study Mathematics-Informatics Bilingual in English | Final grade 10 (100%) | Level in EQF EQF level 4

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **ROMANIAN**

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
FRENCH	B1	B1	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

SKILLS

IC3 Digital Literacy Certification | Microsoft Word | Microsoft Excel | Google (Google Meet, Google Docs, Google Classroom, Google Forms, Google Drive, Google Slide)

DRIVING LICENCE

Driving Licence: B



COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Communication skills

- Advanced knowledge of lobbying, advocacy and campaign organizing
- Experience in media relations, participation in live prime-time broadcasts, debates, interviews
- Intercultural communication experience at global and regional level, especially Europe and Africa
- Experience in developing media strategies

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

Organizational, project and public policy skills

- Project manager for a 125.000 euro EEA grant funded project and multiple smaller projects
- Coordination on behalf of ANOSR/ESU of more than 20 projects, partly funded by grants (maximum of 500.000 euro/grant), in the field of education and youth, covering a total budget of more than 1 million euros
- Project writing
- Strategic planning, public policy evaluation, monitoring legislative process
- Team working skills

I had been representing my colleagues for 8 years at university, national and European levels. While I 'retired' from student activism last year, it would be my pleasure to represent you in the Doctoral School Council. I am confident my experience, including in shaping existing national and university regulations and policies, as well as legal background would ensure a thorough preparation for the meetings and defense of our interests. Do not hesitate to reach out and discuss with me!

25/11/2025

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