

PERSONAL INFORMATION


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WORK EXPERIENCE

October 2016 - present

Associated Lecturer

National School for Political and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Public Administration (www.administratiepublica.eu), Faculty of Political Science (www.politice.ro) and Faculty of Communication (www.comunicare.ro)

Teaching administrative studies to students for Master Degree. Main subjects: **public integrity, transparency, anti-corruption in public administration, performance indicators and evaluation of public policies and projects.**

March 2017 - present

Lead researcher and project coordinator

Transparency International, Berlin, www.transparency.org

Transparency International Romania, Bucharest, www.transparency.org.ro,

contact person: Gerogiana Ciută, Director executiv: georgiana.ciuta@transparency.org.ro, +40 726 499 374

- Data, research and advocacy expert for open data use, publication and visualisation under the project Integrity Watch 3.0 ([March 2022-present](#))
- Advocacy expert for the promotion of Integrity Pacts as golden standard for corruption prevention in public procurement ([June 2022-present](#))
- Lead researcher for the Business Integrity Country Agenda for Romania ([2018-2020](#))
- Policy and advocacy expert at EU level ([2019-2020](#)) and coordinator for Romania within the project: *Integrity Pacts – civil control mechanism for safeguarding EU funds, phase II* ([2017-2022](#))
- Expert in monitoring public procurement
- Expert participating to the evaluation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy implementation of the public institutions in Romania ([2019](#))
- Public compliance expert within the project *LINC – increasing the capacity of the central public administration in preventing and identifying cases of conflicts of interests, incompatibilities and unjustified assets* implemented by the National Integrity Agency of Romania in partnership with Transparency International ([October 2018-July 2019](#))
- Lead researcher for the project “The preventive role of judiciary in protecting the financial interest of the European Union – a comparative analysis for improved performance” ([March-December 2017](#))
- Researcher and trainer in several projects implemented by Transparency International Romania in partnership with central and local public authorities aiming at developing anticorruption procedures, institutional policies and practices.

October 2015 - present

Public policy and programme monitoring and evaluation expert (freelancer)

Contracted by Qures Quality Research and Support, Bucharest, contact person: Laura Trofin: laura.trofin@qures.ro, +40 756 548 823:

- **Team leader – Evaluation of the horizontal principles for European Structural and Investment Funds** in Romania. Beneficiary: Ministry of European Investments and Funds ([September 2021-June 2022](#))
- **Team leader – Evaluation of the coordination and capacity for European Structural and Investment Funds** in

Romania. Beneficiary: Ministry of European Investments and Funds ([March 2020-present](#))

- **International Evaluation Specialist – Multi Country Programme Evaluation**, providing UNICEF Europe and Central Asia Regional Office with programme evaluations for: Bulgaria, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova and Ukraine. Beneficiary: UNICEF Regional Office ([January 2021-January 2022](#))
- **Evaluation expert - Evaluation expert within the Evaluation of the Human Capacity Operational Programme in Romania**. Beneficiary: Ministry of European Investments and Funds ([April 2019-present](#))
- **Evaluation expert - Evaluation expert within the Joint evaluation of implementation of the Programme for Development of Inclusive Education 2011–2020 in Moldova** ([May-December 2019](#))
- **Evaluation expert – Minimum Package of Services**. UNICEF model implemented in Bacau County. (September 2018-June 2019). Beneficiary: UNICEF România, Contact person: Vioirca Ștefănescu, Child Rights Systems Monitoring Specialist, vstefanescu@unicef.ro, +40 744 707797
- **Evaluation expert – Evaluation of under-accessed measures of the NPRD 2014-2020**. Beneficiary: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development ([September 2018-March 2019](#)).
- **Evaluation expert – Ex-post evaluation of Norway and EEA Grants 2009-2014 in Romania**. Beneficiary: Ministry of European Funds ([April-August 2018](#))
- **Case Study expert for the evaluation Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme 2014-2020**. Beneficiary: DG Justice and Consumers ([February-March 2018](#))
- **Key evaluation expert** within the *Evaluation of the Youth Employment Initiative in Romania. Report for 2015*, beneficiary: the Ministry of European Funds of Romania ([March-May 2016](#))
- **Key evaluation expert** within the technical assistance to the Ministry of European Funds within the contract: *Consultancy for the introduction of simplified cost options in technical assistance operations for the European Structural and Investment Funds 2014-2020 in Romania* ([October-December 2015](#))

Contracted by ACZ Consulting, Bucharest, contact person: Andrea Floria, andrea.floria@aczconsulting.ro; Corina Folescu: corina.folescu@aczconsulting.ro

- **Monitoring and evaluation expert – Contract for the monitoring and evaluation of the administrative simplification plan of the Romanian Government** ([October 2019-February 2022](#))

Engaged by EU-Council of Europe Youth Partnership, contact person: Tanya Basarab, tanya.BASARAB@partnership-eu.coe.int

- Development of the **E-library of youth policy/youth sector evaluation** ([October 2020-present – three contracts](#))
- Review of the **Youth Policy Evaluation** within the Council of Europe Countries, covering the review of social, employment and education policies targeting youth in all states members of the Council of Europe ([March 2019-June 2020](#))
- Drafting the **Insight to Youth Policy Evaluation** ([February-July 2020](#))

Contracted by UiPath Foundation, contact person: Cătălina Rață, Programme Director, catalina.rata@uipathfoundation.com

- **Monitoring and evaluation consultant for the M&E for UiPath Foundation programmes** ([June 2019-present](#))

Contracted by Learning First, Istanbul, <http://www.lfturkey.org>, contact person: Musa Akgül: musaaibu@gmail.com, +90 506 851 69 71

- **Monitoring and evaluation consultant for the M&E framework, template and learning documents within the Social Cohesion Programme for migrant children and young people in Turkey**, beneficiary: UNICEF Turkey ([February 2017-January 2018](#))

Contracted by ECORYS Poland

- **Country expert (Romania) - Midterm evaluation of EEA & Norway Grants education programmes** (2014-

2021 Financial Mechanisms) ([July-September 2021](#))

- **Country expert (Romania) - Evaluation of the EEA and Norway Grants' gender equality programming** ([May-August 2022](#))

Contracted by: International Consulting Expertise, contact persons: Alina Uricec: Aur@ice-org.eu

- **Short term consultant to DG INTPA for the development of the Monitoring Evaluation and Learning framework for the Youth Sounding Board of DG INTPA**, Beneficiary: DG INTPA (EC) ([May – July 2022](#))
- **Team leader of the Summative evaluation of “First Priority: No More ‘Invisible’ Children!” modelling project in Romania, 2011-2015”**, Beneficiary: UNICEF România, contact person: Vioirca Ștefănescu, Child Rights Systems Monitoring Specialist, vstefanescu@unicef.ro, +40 744 707797 ([February 2017-January 2018](#))

February 2016 - January 2017

Advisor of the Secretary of State for Youth

Ministry of Youth and Sport, Bucharest, www.mts.ro, contact person: former Secretary of State, Andrei Popescu: andreipopescu@gmail.com, +40 724 137 137

- drafting the Action Plan of the Youth Strategy 2015-2020 of Romania
- drafting amendments of the Youth Law in Romania (Law no. 350/2006) and other legal documents
- supervision of 4 evaluation studies on youth policies in Romania and youth programmes of central administration

September 2013 - February 2016

Senior consultant (in the field of policy and programme evaluation) and Business Development Director (since November 2014)

International Consulting Expertise, Bucharest, www.iceconsult.ro,

contact person: Gabriela Tănase, Director: gabiela.tanase@iceconsult.ro, +40 721 734 145

- **Public administration evaluation expert** within the project *Evaluation services within the project „Rising the integrity of the Fiscal Administration National Agency of Romania through institutional cooperation and capacity building”* (Technical Assistance project for the General Government Secretary and the Fiscal Administration National Agency of Romania)
- **Team Leader and evaluation expert** within the project *Multiannual evaluation of General Programmes “Solidarity and Management of Migrants flows” (GP SOLID): European Refugees Fund, European Integration Fund, External Borders Fund and the European Return Fund in Romania* (Technical Assistance project for the General Immigration Inspectorate of Romania)
- **Key evaluation expert** within the *Evaluation of management and performance of Operational Programme Development of Administrative Capacity 2007-2013* (Technical Assistance project for the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration of Romania)
- **Non-key evaluation expert** within the *Impact evaluation of Key Area of Intervention 3.4 Rehabilitation / modernization / development and endowment of undergraduate, graduate and continuing professional training infrastructure* (Technical Assistance project for the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration of Romania)
- **Non-key evaluation expert** within the *Impact evaluation of Key Area of Intervention 5.2 Creation / development / modernization of infrastructure for sustainable capitalization of natural resources with tourism potential and increase the quality of tourism services* (Technical Assistance project for the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration of Romania)

March 2010 - March 2012 **Project coordinator**

Transparency International Romania, Bucharest, www.transparency.org.ro,

contact person: Victor Alistar, Executive Director: victor.alistar@transparency.org.ro, +40 721 093 424

- Coordination at national level of the project: *Evidence-based Action against Corruption – The European Integrity Systems Project*, funded by EC, DG Home Affairs (think tank project)
- European funding expert within the project: *Social partners and civil society for employment and social inclusion*, funded by the European Social Fund. The project aimed at developing the social dialogue and encouraging civil society to participate to local development in Bucharest and Ilfov region of Romania.

- Training, research and advocacy activities in the field of anti-corruption

September 2008 - February 2010 Programme coordinator and Deputy director (since April 2009)

February 2010

Asociația Pro Democrația (Pro Democracy Association), Bucharest, www.apd.ro,
contact person: Cristian Pîrvulescu, honorary President: crpîrvulescu@yahoo.fr, +40 722 617 872

- Coordinating election monitoring activities in 2009 in Romania (Elections for the European Parliament – June 2009 and Elections for the President of Romania – November 2009)
- Coordinating election monitoring activities in Ukraine for the presidential elections (2009-2010)
- Coordination of the advocacy capacity building project for CSOs in Armenia, Georgia, Romania, the Russian Federation (Black Sea Trust project) (2009-2010)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2010-2013

PhD, EQF Level 8

University of Bucharest and Université Libre de Bruxelles (cotutelle de thèse)

- Political Science

2010-2015

Bachelor of Arts, EQF Level 6

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Law

- Law

2008-2020

Master of Arts, EQF Level 7

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Political Science

- Political Science

2004-2008

Bachelor of Arts, EQF Level 6

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Political Science

- Political Science

Mother tongue(s)

Romania

Other language(s)

English

French

UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2
C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2	C1/C2

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Certifications

- Certified project manager and trainer

Publications

Articles în publications

2018 Laura Trofin, Vasile Alecsandru Strat, Irina Lonean, „A theory based evaluation on possible measures which increase young NEETs employability”, pp. 931–941, in *Proceedings of the International Conference on Business Excellence*, Vol 12, nr. 1, 2018, <https://content.sciendo.com/view/journals/picbe/12/1/article-p931.xml>

2012 Irina Lonean, „Construirea formei de guvernare prin discurs în 2003 și 2009. Republica semiprezidențială în Constituția României”, pp. 83-96, in *Sfera Politicii*, nr. 172, 2012, <http://www.sferapoliticii.ro/sfera/172/art09-Lonean.php>.

- 2012** Irina Lonean, „Relația dintre partide și stat ca efect al competiției politice. Sistemul de partide și partonajul în politica românească”, pp. 82-92, in *Sfera Politicii*, nr. 169, 2012, <http://www.sferapoliticii.ro/sfera/169/art08-Lonean.php>.
- 2012** Irina Lonean, „Reforma statului. O formulă la modă sau o schimbare fundamentală?”, pp. 35-45, in *Sfera Politicii*, nr. 167, 2012, <http://www.sferapoliticii.ro/sfera/167/art05-Lonean.php>.
- 2010** Irina Bujder, „Societatea civilă românească între performanță și participare publică”, pp. 21-25, in *Sfera Politicii*, nr. 2 (144), anul XVIII, 2010, <http://www.sferapoliticii.ro/sfera/144/art02-bujder.html>.
- 2009** Irina Bujder, „Criză, birocrăție și democrație. O perspectivă democratică asupra programelor de combatere a crizei economice”, pp. 43-46, in *Sfera Politicii*, nr. 133, anul XVII, 2009, <http://www.sferapoliticii.ro/sfera/133/art07-bujder.html>.
- 2009** Irina Bujder, „Schimbarea politică și schimbarea administrativă. Ce se schimbă și ce se păstrează în administrație odată cu schimbarea de guvern”, pp. 42-47, in *Sfera Politicii*, nr. 131-132, anul XVII, 2009, <http://www.sferapoliticii.ro/sfera/131-132/art06-bujder.html>.

Articles in collective works

- 2018** Irina Lonean, „Anti-corruption institutions as democratization agents in Romania. Lessons from parliamentary and civil society discourses”, in Alexandra Iancu, Antony Todorov, Reforms, Democratization and Anti-Corruption in Romania and Bulgaria: Ten Years of EU Membership, Editura Universității din București, 2018.
- 2017** Victor Alistar, Irina Lonean, Ruxandra Soare, „Romania’s Corruption: A Short Overview” in Adi, A., & Lilleker, D.G., 2017, *#rezist – Romania’s 2017 anti-corruption protests: causes, development and implications*, http://eprints.bournemouth.ac.uk/29647/1/romanian_protests_2017_publication_FINAL_nk.pdf
- 2017** Victor Alistar, Irina Lonean, Ruxandra Soare, „Romania’s Anti-corruption Fight: A Brief History” in Adi, A., & Lilleker, D.G., 2017, *#rezist – Romania’s 2017 anti-corruption protests: causes, development and implications*, http://eprints.bournemouth.ac.uk/29647/1/romanian_protests_2017_publication_FINAL_nk.pdf

Conferences

- 2018** „Boosting Access to Justice as a Support to Raise Administrative Capacity of the Judicial System”, 5th Annual International Conference on Law and Administrative Justice from an Interdisciplinary Perspective, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Faculty of Public Administration, Department of Law “Victor Dan Zlătescu”, Bucharest, Romania in partnership with Charles University, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic, 23-25 noiembrie 2018, București, România
- 2012** „Minorities related discourse and policies of the state. Re-shaping the Romanian national state after accession to EU”, *Assessing Accession 2012 research symposium 'Minorities and the EU Eastern Enlargement: Past, Present and Future Experiences'*, 14-15 iunie 2012, Tartu, Estonia
- 2012** „An analytical model of the construction of the state image of the political elites. Case study: the discourses about the Romanian state reforms from 2009 to 2012”, *Journée Docroale à l' Université Libre de Bruxelles et VUB*, 22 mai 2012, Bruxelles
- 2012** „Citoyenneté, nation et nationalisme dans la Roumaine postcommuniste”, Conferința *Redéfinir la nation Ethnicité et nation dans les sociétés communistes et postcommunistes*; Institutul de Cercetări Politice, Universitatea din București, <http://fspubconference2012.wordpress.com/>, 18-19 mai 2012, București
- 2011** „Youth NGO’s Advocacy to Solve the Unemployment Problem”, cu Adina-Marina Călăfăteanu, *International Students’ Conference European Union 2020*, la University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria, 9 noiembrie 2011
- 2009** „Naționalism și multiculturalitate în școală și în comunitatea rurală în perioada comunistă. Studiu de caz: Comuna Prejmer, județul Brașov”, Conferința *Cultural and Political Developments during the Socialist Regimes of Central and Eastern Europe*, mai 2009, București, Institutul de Cercetări Politice, Universitatea din București
- 2007** „A social perspective on populism in Romania” conferință *Le Populisme en Europe* la Universitatea din Wrocław, Facultatea de Științe Sociale, Institutul de Științe politice în colaborare cu Université libre de Bruxelles, Faculté des Sciences sociales et politiques, Wrocław, Polonia, 12-14 decembrie 2007.
- 2006** „The Ratification of The Treaty Establishing a Constitution for Europe. A Social and Civil-Political Solution for the Europe of the 25”, Conferința *Jean Monnet "Uniunea Europeana între primul și al doilea val al extinderii către Europa Centrală și de Est"*, 19-21 mai 2006, Iași Centrul de Studii Europene, Universitatea „Alexandru Ioan Cuza”

Other articles

- 2016** Adina-Marina Călăfăteanu, Irina Lonean, „The invisible youth in rural Romania and development perspectives”, European Youth Partnership Jurnal, 2016, <https://pjp-eu.coe.int/documents/1017981/9000853/The+invisible+youth+in+rural+Romania.pdf/3d5df70a-4b9c-4f38-93b8-7ce4ea39b7ce>

Selected evaluations

- 2020** Evaluation of the Human Capital Operational Programme in the field of employment: <http://mfe.gov.ro/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/c6117e17d073d0719327faddf9855605.pdf>
- 2018** The ex-post evaluation of Norway and EEA Grants 2009-2014 in Romania: <https://bit.ly/2ziGCH9>
- 2017** Summative evaluation of “First Priority: No More ‘Invisible’ Children!” modelling project in Romania, 2011-2015, UNICEF, 2018: https://www.unicef.org/evaldatabase/index_103504.html
- 2017** "Analysis of Good Practices at European Level" within the project Strengthening the Framework for Increasing the Quality of Public Services and Supporting Local Development (SPC) cod SMIS – SIPOCA 9, <http://www.ddap.ro/studii-si-analize>
- 2017** National study on the evaluation of the Fresh Fruit Scheme Encouragement Program in schools, https://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/sites/agriculture/files/sfs/documents/ro_evaluation_report_-_2016-2017_ro.pdf
- 2016** Evaluating the Impact of POCU Interventions in Employment. Evaluation of the POCU contribution to the increase of NEET youth employment. Evaluation report 2015, [http://www.fonduri-ue.ro/images/files/programe/CU/POCU-2014/14.07/Raport_final_Evaluarea_interventiilor_POCU_în_domeniul_ocupării_forței_de_muncă._Evaluarea_contribuției_POCU_la_creșterea_ocupării_în_rîndul_tinerilor_NEETs._Raport_de_evaluare_2015.pdf](http://www.fonduri-ue.ro/images/files/programe/CU/POCU-2014/14.07/Raport_final_Evaluarea_interventiilor_POCU_in_domeniul_ocuparii_forței_de_muncă._Evaluarea_contribuției_POCU_la_creșterea_ocupării_în_rîndul_tinerilor_NEETs._Raport_de_evaluare_2015.pdf)
- 2016** Study on the impact of anti-corruption measures in the project "Increasing Integrity in the National Agency for Fiscal Administration through Institutional Co-operation and Capacity Building" https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/GranturiNorvegiene/Studiu_ANAF_RO.pdf
- 2015** Impact evaluation of Key Area of Intervention 3.4 Rehabilitation / modernization / development and endowment of undergraduate, graduate and continuing professional training infrastructure