

Curriculum vitae Europass



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Desired employment / Occupational field

Work experience

Dates	2001 – 2002: Technical Support and Repairs Section, Scientific Research Center of the National Army
Occupation or position held	Technician, Technical Support and Repairs Section (civil)
Dates	2002 – 2006 Information Systems Section (civil and military), Automated Command Systems Center of the National Army
Occupation or position held	Engineer, Information Systems Section (civil and military)
Dates	2006 – 2012: Communications and IT Center of the General Staff of the National Army
Occupation or position held	2006 (June) – 2007 (June): Senior Engineer, Network Management Group, Information Systems Section 2007 (June) – 2008 (April): Head of Network Management Group, Information Systems Section 2008 (April) – 2008 (September): Head of Telephony and Data Transmission Section 2008 (September) – 2012 (August): Head of Information Systems Section
Dates	2012 – 2013: J6 Directorate of Communications and Information Systems, General Staff of the NA
Occupation or position held	Specialist, Information Systems Development Section
Dates	2013 – 2017: Communications and IT Center of the General Staff of the National Army
Occupation or position held	Deputy Head of Center – Principal Engineer
Dates	2017 – 2019 SRL "Alsys Data"
Occupation or position held	Information Technology Engineer
Dates	2019-2020 ICS „Reliable Solutions Distributor” SRL
Occupation or position held	Information Security Engineer
Dates	2020-2024 Communications and Cyber Defense Battalion of the National Army
Occupation or position held	Head of Cyber Incident Response Center / Head of Communications and IT Center
Dates	2024-up today RSD-RomSym Data Srl
Occupation or position held	System Architect/Information Security Engineer
Dates	2025-up today ICS “Reliable Solutions Distributor” SRL
Occupation or position held	IT&C Manager/System Architect

Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning, installation, and maintenance of IT infrastructure and secure communication systems in both defense and private sector environments • Installation, repair, and configuration of computing equipment, Microsoft Windows systems (2000, XP, 7, 8, 10, 11), and specialized terminals (e.g., Octane 2000 POS) • Configuration and administration of network devices (routers, switches, access points), including Cisco, Cisco Meraki, FortiGate, MikroTik, D-Link, TP-Link, and WatchGuard • Implementation and management of Microsoft Windows Server platforms (2003–2022) with services such as Active Directory, DNS, DHCP, IIS, GPO, and Certificate Authority • Administration of email systems including Microsoft Exchange (2003–2019) and BatPost • Deployment and management of virtualization environments using VMware and Proxmox • Configuration and support of network security systems: Cisco ASA, Check Point NGFW, Fortinet NGFWs, IPSec/L2TP/PPTP VPNs, ACLs, Bitdefender, Symantec SEPm • Installation and administration of Certificate Authorities (e.g., Dekart CA and Microsoft CA), supporting secure identity and encryption services • Implementation of cybersecurity operations: patch management, vulnerability assessment and remediation (e.g., Tenable policy development, and cyber incident response) • Experience with network traffic analysis, monitoring, and Wazuh and Splunk SIEM integration • VoIP system configuration and support (CUCM, CME, Elastix, NEC systems including SL1000/2100, SV9100, UNIVERGE 3C) • Technical support for clients and internal users, including infrastructure development and operational assistance for organizations such as Lukoil and other corporate clients • Integration and support for endpoint security and cloud/network solutions: Microsoft, Bitdefender, Cisco, Fortinet, Tenable, Cloudflare, MikroTik • Configuration and maintenance of military communication systems, including HCLOS Harris 7800W radio relay equipment • Participation in international exercises (e.g., NATO Combined Endeavor), and collaboration with multinational defense and civilian IT teams
Name and address of employer	<p>Scientific Research Center of the National Army, mun. Chişinău, şos. Hînceşti 84 Automated Command Systems Center of the National Army, mun. Chişinău, şos. Hînceşti 84 Communications and IT Center of the General Staff of the National Army, mun. Chişinău, şos. Hînceşti 84 J6 Directorate of Communications and Information Systems, General Staff of the National Army, mun. Chişinău, şos. Hînceşti 84 SRL "Alsys Data" mun. Chişinău, mun. Chişinău str. M. Sadoveanu 4/10 ICS "Reliable Solutions Distributor" SRL, mun. Chişinău str. Alexandru cel Bun 85 Communications and Cyber Defense Battalion of the National Army, mun. Chişinău şos. Hînceşti 84 RSD-RomSym Data SRL, Chisinau, str. Alexandru cel Bun 85</p>
Type of business or sector	Information Systems / Information Technology / Cybersecurity
Education and training	<p>Dates 1998 – 2003 Title of qualification awarded Licensed Engineer in Electronics and Communications</p>
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	<p>Field of Study: Electronics and Communications Specialization: Microelectronics</p>
Name and type of organization providing education and training	<p>Technical University of Moldova, Faculty of Computers, Informatics and Microelectronics Department of Microelectronics</p>
Dates	2004 (502 hours)
Title of qualification awarded	Specialist in Information Systems and Technologies
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	<p>Personal Computer Usage Network Services Technologies Active Directory Services Administration Web Design and E-Commerce Databases – MS Access 2000</p>
Name and type of organization providing education and training	<p>Technical University of Moldova, Moldovan-British Center for Professional Retraining of Military Personnel</p>
Dates	July 2007 – March 2008 (30 weeks)

Title of qualification awarded | Diploma Information Systems Manager
 Colonel Alan Dexter Award for exceptional performance and academic leadership

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered | Cisco CCNA (Networking Fundamentals, Routing Protocol and Concepts, LAN switching and Wireless, Accessing the WAN, LAN/WAN Connectivity theory/practice, CCNA Security;
 Microsoft Windows 2003 Server, Network services, Active Directory, SQL, Exchange, Sharepoint, Windows security;
 VoIP Technologies
 Project Management
 Knowledge Management
 Server/Services Integration Exercise Project CAPSTONE

Name and type of organization providing education and training | United States Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, Fort Gordon, Georgia, U.S.A.

Dates | 05 September – 11 November 2016
 Title of qualification awarded | Cyber Incident Handling & Disaster Response Course (M6-110)

Dates | 12 April – 25 June 2021
 Title of qualification awarded | Network Vulnerability Assessment & Risk Mitigation Course (M6-109)

Dates | 04 September – 10 November 2023
 Title of qualification awarded | Network Traffic Analysis Course (M6-111)

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered | Nature and scope of cyber security incident handling services
 Intrusion/incident detection
 Damage control, service continuity
 Forensic analysis, incident reporting
 Service/data restoration, disaster recovery and continuity of operations
 Methodology used to assess vulnerability
 Common tools of the trade used during assessment and in mitigation
 Current types of vulnerabilities and how to protect against them
 Methods and techniques used in gaining deep insight into operations, use, investigation, and troubleshooting of cyber systems

Name and type of organization providing education and training | NATO Naval Postgraduate School Oberammergau, Germany

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) | **Romanian, Russian**

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

European level (*)

English

French

Understanding		Speaking				Writing
Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction		Listening		
B2	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2	B2
A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1	

(*) [Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

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Additional Information

- International Exercises
- NATO's Combined Endeavor multinational exercise: 2008 – 2010, 2012 – 2014
- Data Transmission System cell
- Information Assurance Cell

Certifications/Qualifications

CompTIA Security+ ce Certification

CompTIA

M6-111 Network Traffic Analysis Course

NATO SCHOOL OBERAMMERGAU

M6-110 Cyber Incident Handling & Disaster Response Course

NATO SCHOOL OBERAMMERGAU

M6-109 Network Vulnerability Assessment & Risk Mitigation Course

NATO SCHOOL OBERAMMERGAU

Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH)

EC-Council

Cisco Certified Network Associate Routing and Switching (CCNA)

APMG Agile Project Management Foundation - AgilePM

QA LTD

Associate Cyber Threat Intelligence Analyst

PGI Cyber Academy

Digital Forensics & Incident Response Practitioner Training

PGI Cyber Academy

SOC Analyst Training

PGI Cyber Academy

Digital Forensics & Incident Response Associate

PGI Cyber Academy

Digital Forensics Essentials

PGI Cyber Academy

Ethical Hacking Associate Course

PGI Cyber Academy

Certificate Field Service Engineer (Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Automated

Border Control (ABC, e-Gate) solution

Attendance Certificate IDENTIFIER 60 NOVUS TRAINING

Muhlbauer High Tech International