

# CURRICULUM VITAE



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## KEY QUALIFICATIONS:

- **Relevant academic background** - Bachelor in World Economy and International Economic Relations, Postgraduate Diploma in Economic Intelligence and Professional Master in Political Science and European Studies (AlterEurope);
- **Over 5 years of experience** in program and project management, business consulting and development sector, international development assistance and communication;
- **Strong hands-on experience at program management level**, being in charge of a country-wide assistance program that disbursed grants for the development of over 400 small economic projects;
- **Successful experience in developing and writing technical funding proposals to specific donors** (WB, EBRD, EIB, ADB);
- **Good inter-sectoral and multilateral collaboration & coordination skills**. Experience in nurturing and overseeing relationships and cooperation with governments, partner NGOs, national agencies, donors and other stakeholders;
- **Proven quantitative analytic and research skills**, supporting data collection, analysis and report writing;
- **Proven experience in carrying out communication responsibilities**;
- Critical thinking & analysis, organisation & planning, adaptable and easily work in multicultural environments/teams;
- Demonstrated interpersonal skills, attention to details, client orientation, development and learning, self-management.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;

## EDUCATION:

| Institution   | Start date | End date  | Degree / Diploma obtained   |
|---|------------|-----------|---|
| University of Lyon (University Jean-Monnet/ IEP- Science Po/ENS), Lyon France | Sep, 2014  | Sep, 2016 | Professional and Research Master AlterEurope in Political Science and European Studies (major in Economics)<br><br>The Master program was set-up in a resolutely multidisciplinary framework (economics, law, political science and international relations): <a href="http://altereurope.universite-lyon.fr/presentation/">http://altereurope.universite-lyon.fr/presentation/</a> |
| University Jean-Monnet, Saint-Etienne/Lyon, France                            | Sep, 2014  | Jul, 2015 | Master (M1) in Economic Intelligence and Knowledge Management   |
| Academy of Economic Studies, Republic of Moldova                              | Sep, 2011  | Jul, 2014 | Bachelor's Degree in World Economy and International Economic Relations   |

## EMPLOYMENT RECORDS:

**Date:** February 2018 – March 2021  
**Employer:** French Embassy in Republic of Moldova / French Government through the French Office of Immigration and Integration (OFII)  
**Country:** Moldova  
**Position held:** **Country Program Manager**  
**Description of duties:** The 3-year Bilateral Development OFII Program of the French Government co-financed by the EU's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) and implemented in partnership with Moldovan Government aimed to facilitate the socio-economic integration of return migrants through offering them technical and financial support (grants) for developing micro-enterprises and small economic projects and by promoting decent employment.

- Managed and coordinated the day-to-day implementation of activities of the OFII Program in

Moldova (occasionally was involved in activities related to the implementation of the OFII Program in Armenia);

- Identified and developed strategies to optimize the grants administration process at each stage of the grant lifecycle and provided technical direction needed to achieve the planned outputs and results;
- Interviewed all the candidates and reviewed and evaluated all submitted applications and business plans before submitting them to the Evaluation Committee;
- Supervised and evaluated two contracted operators (2 NGOs hired under the Program) that developed feasibility studies and assisted the beneficiaries in the elaboration of business plans for grant application;
- Reviewed the implementation plans and well as performance monitoring plans submitted by the Operators;
- Organised and piloted two sets of interviews with the candidates at the incipient phase and during the Evaluation Committee composed by multilateral partners (OFII Program Director and representatives, French Ambassador in Moldova, Moldovan Ministries and National Agencies);
- Overall organised over 10 Evaluation Committees;
- Organised and leaded interactions, communication and regular meetings with the Moldovan authorities and all other program stakeholders and partners;
- Organized regular sessions with the participation of OFII Head-Office in Paris, French Ambassador in Moldova and the Regional OFII Office to update on the project implementation progress;
- Drafted and provided detailed evaluation reports on a regular bases to the Regional Director, the Ambassador and Moldovan Ministries with respect to the Program's progress;
- Monitored and evaluated the disbursement of grants and overseen the good implementation of the projects according to the operational and financial plans;
- Ensured that the grant information was captured in relevant grant management and information systems;
- Analysed the trends and offers recommendations and appropriate adjustments to ensure the proper development of the program;
- Prepared project visits and coverage activities and drafted communication products such as success stories;
- Monitored media visibility of the Program activities;
- Arranged for field missions of OFII experts and regional teams;

**Accomplishments:**

- Conducted and analysed over **800 interviews and grant applications**;
- Overseen the disbursement of EUR 1.5 Mln in grants for cca **400 small projects**

**Date:** November 2016, February 2019

**Employer:** French Newspaper Le Monde

**Country:** Moldova

**Position held:** **Fixer and Interpreter (Freelance work/ Part-time)**

**Description of duties:** ***Two Short-term missions*** whose main objective was to prepare the visit in Moldova of a journalist from the Le Monde (<https://www.lemonde.fr/>) for the 2016 presidential election and 2019 legislative elections in Moldova by setting-up interviews with the parties, presidential candidates and other relevant persons from Moldovan society (civil society representatives, journalists, members of the parliament etc.). Addressed quickly and in an efficient manner all journalist's inquiry by supplying appropriate information, connection and research on different topics.

- Managed to set-up interviews and meetings with both presidential candidates (Maia Sandu and Igor Dodon) from the second tour of 2016 presidential elections and with other parliamentary representatives and political elites;
- Organized a field mission in the separatist region of Transnistria for an article related to the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas (DCFTA) established between the European Union and Moldova implications for foreign trade of the Transnistrian region;

**Date:** January 2017 – February 2018

**Employer:** Business & Finance Consulting (BFC) GmbH

**Country:** Moldova

**Position held:** **Business Development Officer**

**Description of duties:** BFC ([www.bfconsulting.com](http://www.bfconsulting.com)) is a German-Swiss finance consultancy working with financial in Europe, Asia and Africa. It specializes on rural and agrifinance development consulting projects and is a regular sub-contractor within

International development projects funded by EBRD, World Bank, EIB and other international donors;

- Developed expressions of interest and technical proposals (technical methodologies, projects budgets, project activities plans, etc.) for international bids and tenders (World Bank, EBRD, EIB, etc.).
- Prepared documents and declaration related to the tenders procedures and in liaison with management structures and partners;
- Drafted reports and performed research activities for proposal writing and activities - finding and analysing information from different sources;

- Contributed to the evaluation of new opportunities and the development of new business directions (identification of new projects, regions, customers);
- Analysed the possibilities for potential partnerships and checked partners' reliability;
- Prepared communication products and communication materials needed to build client and donor relationships;
- Participated in the creation of monthly newsletters (in French and English);

**Date:** February 2016 – November 2016

**Employer:** French Embassy in Moldova

**Country:** Moldova

**Position held:** **Project Specialist**

**Description of duties:**

- Organized and coordinated public events - forums, conferences, seminars and other events of the French Embassy (e.g. the Forum on Sustainable Economic and Urban Development of the Moldavian capital, the Seminar on Local Development and Decentralized International Cooperation, the exploratory mission of Supreme Council of Audio-visual of France in Moldova, etc.);
- Facilitate the organization of trainings, workshops, presentations and press conferences;
- Evaluated and assessed the impact of these events;
- Produced and disseminated communication materials and mediatisation of Embassy's events;
- Facilitated the strategic communication with local partners (National agencies, local authorities, NGOs); Served as Focal-Point Liaison with local implementers and project partners;
- Arranged interviews and assured interpretation for Embassy officials and experts with the media;
- Represented the Embassy at conferences, forums and various meetings;
- Monitored the current situation and reported regularly and, in a timely fashion to the Head Deputy of the mission and, occasionally to the Ambassador on media visibility of the Embassy projects and activities;
- Elaborated diplomatic notes drafts and conducted evaluation studies as part of research assignments;
- Performed interpretations / translations for the Embassy (French, Romanian/Russian, French and sometimes English/French).

**Date:** May 2015 – September 2015

**Employer:** French Embassy in Moldova

**Country:** Moldova

**Position held:** **Researcher and Project Assistant (Internship)**

**Description of duties:**

- Co-realized a prefeasibility study on solid waste management in the capital and in the second biggest city of Moldova and prepared reports detailing and interpreting the findings;
- Assisted the Deputy Head of Mission of the French Embassy in conducting additional research when required;
- Contributed to the preparation and participated in exchanges on this issue with key actors/organizations and state institutions/agencies;
- Environmental scanning: analysed and interpreted the political, social, economic and media environment;
- Overseen the preparation and dissemination of communication materials related to study results;
- Performed interpretations / translations (French, Romanian/Russian, French).

**Date:** March 2014 – May 2014

**Employer:** National Bank of Moldova

**Country:** Moldova

**Position held:** **Professional and Research Internship, the Department of External Relations and European Integration (Internship)**

**Description of duties:**

- Conducted a research project for the licence thesis related to the Moldovan Central Bank's activities, specifically on the evolution and the implications of the external debt on the economic development of Moldova;
- Observed the communication and the exchanges of the Department with the International Organisations and partners.

**Date:** November 2013 – January 2014

**Employer:** BDR Associates

**Country:** Moldova

**Position held:** **Public Relations and Communications Assistant**

**Description of duties:** Assisted in the preparation, set-up, effective communication and smooth running of various events and meetings organized for the European Union Delegation to Moldova.

## VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE:

**Date:** July 2017 – February 2018  
**Organization:** The Association of Moldova-born Students  
**Country:** Moldova  
**Main field of activity:** **Fundraising and event organization**  
**Description of duties:** The Association Students Native of Moldova is organizing since 2012 the Gala “Academic Excellence for Moldova” with the goal to make known the exceptional academic results of the Moldovan students and graduates from abroad in Moldova, by connecting the Moldovan diaspora to the university and business community of Moldova.  
As a laureate and a volunteer in the organization of the 2017 Gala I contributed to the fundraising activities assuring the financing of a new prize category from an International Academic Institution. I also participated at all the phases related to the planning and organization of the event.

**Date:** September 2015 – July 2016  
**Organization:** Honorary Consulate of Moldova in Rhone-Alpes-Auvergne Region  
**Country:** France / Moldova  
**Main field of activity:** **Fundraising and humanitarian aid delivery**  
**Description of duties:** Under the lead of the Honorary Consul of Moldova in the French Rhone-Alpes-Auvergne Region:

- Organized the delivery of two humanitarian aids from French hospitals of the Lyon Region to a district Hospital in Moldova;
- Assisted the Hospital in obtaining all needed certifications and authorizations from the National Agencies and Ministries in charge of this particular sector;
- Contributed to the fundraising efforts and secured the financing for covering the transport costs of this operation.
- Prepared the media visibility and the communication plan and activities of the aid operation;

As a result, over 12 tonnes of different types of medical equipment, with a value of cca EUR 250 000 were successfully transferred to the Moldovan hospital.

LANGUAGES: (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

| Language     | Reading | Speaking | Writing |
|--------------|---------|----------|---------|
| Romania (MT) | 1       | 1        | 1       |
| French       | 1       | 1        | 1       |
| Russian      | 1       | 1        | 2       |
| English      | 1       | 1        | 1       |

## TRAININGS:

- **“Accelerated Project Management Course”** – French Office of Immigration and Integration (OFII), Paris, France, September 2018
- **“Formation de Perfectionnement Management de Projet et Outils Microsoft”**, Paris, France, October 2019
- **“Public Policy Elaboration”**, International Organization for Migration Moldova and BRD Moldova, Berlin, Germany, November 2016;
- **“Communications strategies about Donor assistance”**, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau, October 2016;