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ABOUT ME

Doctor Habilitat, Associate Professor | Expert in Business Clustering, Cluster Policy and Regional Competitiveness | Specialized in Public Policy, Management, Marketing, Public-Private Partnerships (PPP), Educational Program Development, Business Risk Management and Project Management

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

02/06/2026 – 11/06/2026 Stockholm, Sweden

Trade Promotion and Export Development Certificate National Board of Trade Sweden

Export promotion, SME export readiness assessment, export strategy development, international market access, market research, EU market requirements, trade facilitation, export training design, international networking.

Level in EQF EQF level 8

20/10/2018 – 05/08/2022 Chisinau, Moldova

Doctor habilitate Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova

- Advanced research methods in economic and management sciences
- Evaluation and management of project risks in infrastructure within public-private partnerships
- Development of comprehensive risk assessment models tailored to public-private partnership (PPP) projects
- Policy analysis and strategic recommendations for risk mitigation in infrastructure PPP contexts
- Statistical and econometric modelling for performance evaluation of PPP projects

15/07/2021 – CURRENT Moldova

Doctoral Supervision ANACEC

Certificate of Eligibility for Doctoral Supervision confirms the eligibility to coordinate PhD students within higher education institutions.

23/12/2014 – CURRENT Moldova

Associate Professor ANACEC

09/01/2010 – 19/04/2010 Chisinau, Moldova

Certificate of psycho-pedagogy Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova

Website www.ase.md | **Field of study** Teacher training without subject specialisation

12/10/2005 – 15/05/2009 Chisinau, Moldova

Doctor of Economic Sciences (PhD) Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova

Economic instruments of market infrastructure

Level in EQF EQF level 8

01/09/2001 – 15/06/2005 Chisinau, Moldova

Bachelor degree Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova (ASEM)

Bachelor's Programme in Economics - Specialisation: Finance and Insurance

Level in EQF EQF level 6

WORK EXPERIENCE

GROW Expert Group on Cluster Policy Burussels, Belgium

Expert

06/02/2026 – Current

1. Contribute to discussions and recommendations on the future development of EU cluster policy.
2. Exchange good practices and evidence on cluster development, competitiveness, innovation and industrial transition.
3. Participate in thematic working meetings and consultations with experts from EU Member States and associated countries.
4. Provide expertise and country perspectives on cluster ecosystems, internationalisation and policy implementation.

Club Afaceri.ro Romania

Vice President

21/01/2026 – Current

Responsible for coordinating the activities of a network of entrepreneurs and professionals at a global level, developing partnerships, organizing networking

Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization of the Republic of Moldova Chisinau, Moldova

Expert Working Group on the Economic Criterion

03/03/2025 – Current

1. Provide expertise on cluster policy, industrial competitiveness and SME development in the context of Moldova's EU accession process.
2. Contribute to discussions on the role of clusters in strengthening competitiveness, innovation and regional economic development.
3. Support policy dialogue between public authorities, cluster organisations, business associations and academia.
4. Provide recommendations on aligning Moldova's cluster ecosystem with EU industrial and competitiveness policies.

MoldCluster Association

President

02/03/2024 – Current

Strategic leadership and governance of a non-profit association for 8 clusters' development; coordination of member clusters; engagement in policy dialogue with public authorities and international partners; analysis of cluster governance frameworks and support instruments; promotion of cooperation between public and private stakeholders; contribution to capacity-building and institutional development of clusters.

Moldova State University Chisinau, Moldova

Professor of business

01/09/2009 – Current

Academic teaching, methodological and research activities, including curriculum design and development, delivery of undergraduate and postgraduate courses, supervision of academic research, and participation in institutional, national and international research projects.

Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova

Professor of business administration

01/09/2006 – Current

Academic teaching, methodological and research activities, including curriculum design and development, delivery of undergraduate and postgraduate courses, supervision of academic research, and participation in institutional, national and international research projects.

Heritage International School Chisinau, Moldova

Business teacher

01/09/2021 – 15/06/2023

Travel and Tourism Course

Business Course

Ministry of Transport and Road Infrastructure of the Republic of Moldova Chisinau, Moldova

International development officer

10/10/2005 – 07/06/2009

Coordination and organisation of international conferences, workshops and bilateral and multilateral meetings; support to international cooperation activities; preparation, translation and interpretation of official documents and communications; contribution to public communication and institutional representation; participation in the drafting, review and amendment of international conventions and cooperation agreements in the field of transport and infrastructure.

SKILLS

Policy Proposals | publish academic research | marketing management | responsibility (I always follow deadlines with my university projects) | assist students with their dissertation | Communication skills ■ On my university course, creating and giving presentations to large groups. | sustainable development goals | Clustering, k-NN | social media | PR | Coordination of work teams

LANGUAGE SKILLS

MOTHER TONGUE(S): Romanian

Other language(s):

Russian

Listening C2

Reading B2

Writing C1

Spoken production B2

Spoken interaction C2

English

Listening B2

Reading C1

Writing C1

Spoken production B2

Spoken interaction C1

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

DRIVING LICENCE

Driving Licence: B

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Social Media, Content Creator

Reels Editor

PUBLICATIONS

2024

CLUSTERING OF BUSINESSES IN THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA: ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS

Authors Irina Calugareanu |

Journal Name Scientific Conference "Competitiveness and Innovation in the Knowledge Economy" | **Publisher** ASEM

2025

DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMY THROUGH ECONOMIC CLUSTERS

Clusterization of the economy is becoming an important tool of regional development. The formation and expansion of clusters facilitate economic specialization, innovation, and increased competitiveness of regional markets. Clusters contribute to the integration of enterprises, research institutions, and governmental organizations, creating synergies that enhance productivity and sustainable economic growth. The article considers the essence of clusters, analyzes various approaches to the cluster's classification, cluster's characteristic features that contribute to the dynamic development of regional economies. The relevance of this issue is due to the need to find effective tools for managing sustainable regional development, which can be achieved through the rational clustering of economic activity.

Authors Irina Calugareanu, Alexei Chirtoca, Sergiu Aftenev |

Journal Name Dezvoltarea sustenabilă a cooperativelor și bunăstare | **Publisher** UCCM