

SVART Valeria

Valeria is co-founder and Executive Director at Katalyst - Moldovan Food Business Incubator and also co-founder and Development Director of EcoVisio. She works as international environmental trainer and consultant. She studied Geoecology and Integrated Natural Resource Management in Germany. Currently she is focusing her efforts on organically growing the field of sustainable development and social entrepreneurship in Moldova.  
  
Experience

**Co-Founder and Director at Katalyst (Moldovan Food Business Incubator and EcoVillage Farms)**

Katalyst Kitchens

Sep 2019 - Present1 year 9 months

Rîșcova, Criuleni, Moldova

**Co-founder and Development Director**

EcoVisio

Apr 2013 - Present8 years 2 months

Chişinău, Moldova

www.ecovisio.org  
EcoVisio is a Public Association based in Moldova.  
Our work is dedicated to gradual realization of the full potential of Moldova and its neighborhood as a model region for sustainable development. For this purpose we run educational and empowerment programs for individuals, create and advocate for viable examples of ecological and social innovations and boost cooperation between changemakers through networks’ development.  
  
Our main working topics are: Education for…

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**ClimateLaunchpad National Lead for Moldova**

[in partnership with Climate-KIC](https://www.linkedin.com/company/climate-kic?trk=public_profile_experience-item_result-card_subtitle-click)

Mar 2015 - Present6 years 3 months

Running the ClimateLaunchpad Program in Moldova, Coaching the Start-ups.

**National Expert for Moldova Green Export Review (Walnuts and Honey)**

[UNCTAD](https://www.linkedin.com/company/unctad?trk=public_profile_experience-item_result-card_subtitle-click)

Sep 2017 - May 20189 months

Chisinau, Moldova

**Junior Advisor in Integrated Solid Waste Management**

[Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH / Eptisa](https://www.linkedin.com/company/gizgmbh?trk=public_profile_experience-item_result-card_subtitle-click)

May 2013 - Dec 20152 years 8 months

Chisinau, Moldova

Advisory on design, planning and implementation of an awareness raising and citizens' involvement campaigns for an Integrated Waste Management Infrastructure project. Consultancy for design and organisation of the Regional Waste Management Conferences.

**Research and public relations in the Field of Biogas, Biochar and "TerraPreta"**

Leibniz Intsitute for Agricultural Engineering Potsdam-Bornim e.V.

Apr 2011 - Mar 20132 years

Potsdam Area, Germany

Research and Public relations - Research on Eisenia foetida and Azotobacter vinelandii reaction to Biochar-treated soil; Organization of the 1st International Biochar Summer School

**Student co-worker in the department of Renewable Energies**

The German Energy Agency (dena)

Feb 2010 - Dec 20111 year 11 months

Berlin Area, Germany

Research on Bioenergy resources and stakeholders in Russia, EU-fundraising support.

**FLEX Alumni Coordinator**

American Councils for International Education in Moldova

Jul 2008 - Jul 20091 year 1 month

Coordinating a network of volunteers, organizing the "Business for Youth" program, starting new initiatives, empowering the alumni community for civic engagement.

Education

* [**Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**](https://www.linkedin.com/school/humboldt-university-berlin/?trk=public_profile_school_result-card_full-click)

**Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**

Master of Science (M.Sc.)Integrated Natural Resource Management

2013 - 2018

Activities and Societies: Green Office - student initiative

Main focus on International Development Cooperation, Organic Agriculture, Institutional Economics.

* [**Universität Potsdam**](https://www.linkedin.com/school/university-of-potsdam/?trk=public_profile_school_result-card_full-click)

**Universität Potsdam**

BachelorGeoecology

2009 - 2013

Activities and Societies: Student Council

* [**Universitatea de Stat din Moldova**](https://www.linkedin.com/school/universitatea-de-stat-din-moldova/?trk=public_profile_school_result-card_full-click)

**Universitatea de Stat din Moldova**

Ecology

2007 - 2009

Volunteer Experience

**Chairman**

EcoVisio

Sep 2000

Environment

Publications

* **Motivation crowding theory and pro-environmental behavior: Experimental evidence**

Economics Letters  February 12, 2015