

PERSONAL INFORMATION




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Sex M | Date of birth 14/10/1958 | Nationality Romanian

Professional Experience
(selection)

- July 2021 - present **President of the Advisory Council for Sustainable Development**, Department for Sustainable Development
Romanian Government
- Oct. 2022 - present **Professor, Head of UNESCO Chair on Science and Innovation Policies - since 2013**
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration - a member of CIVICA-European University Alliance on Social Sciences
- January 2000 - August 2007; January 2009 - December 2009; September 2010 - November 2015; February 2017 - present **General Director**
Ministry of Education and Research - Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI), the main R&I funding Agency in Romania.
- July 2016 - Dec. 2016 **High Representative of the Prime-Minister** for orchestrating the development of the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem - Laser Valley Land of Lights
Romanian Government
- Nov 2015 - July 2016 **Minister**
Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research
- Dec 2009 - Sept 2010 **State Secretary for Research - President of the National Authority for Scientific Research**
Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sport
- Aug 2007 - Dec 2008 **Prime Minister Advisor** - State Counsellor for Science and Innovation, e-Government, Communication, IT
- Oct. 1998 - Sept. 2022 **Professor**
POLITEHNICA University of Bucharest, Faculty of Automation and Computers
Business or sector: public HE

CONSULTANCY / EXPERT WORK (selection)

European Commission, DG Research and Innovation / DG Education

- 2024 - 2025 Expert - Mid-term reviews for the European University Alliance - Erasmus + Projects
- 2021-2023 Expert - Interim evaluation of the COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology)
- 2021 - 2023 Expert/Senior Consultant, Expert Panel Coordinator - Horizon Policy Support Facility PSF Country Moldova II
- 2021 - 2025 Expert / Senior Consultant - Advisory work for the Serbian Science Fund
- 2021-2023 Expert / Senior Consultant - Evaluation of the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR)

- 2018 Expert / Senior Consultant - TAIEX; S&I Strategy and Plan of Republic of Moldova
- 2015 Expert / Senior Consultant - Technical Assistance for Georgian Research - IncoNet EaP & IncoNet CA
- 2014-2015 Expert / Senior Consultant - *Stairway to excellence* - Country Synergy Report; European Commission

WB, UNESCO, UNDP, UNIDO

- Team Leader - Foresight in Science and Innovation for Republic of Moldova - *ForMoldova*; UNDP
- 2011-2012 Expert / Senior Consultant - Foresight for STI Strategy Vietnam; UNIDO
- 2010 Expert / Senior Consultant - Foresight for Science and Innovation; UNIDO
- 2005 - 2010 Expert / Senior Consultant - Higher Education Policies; UNESCO
- 2004 - 2005 Expert / Senior Consultant - Tertiary Education and Innovation Policies; World Bank
- 2003 - 2004

MEMBERSHIP

- 2021 - 2023 Member of the Expert Group on the Economic and Social Impact of Research and Innovation (ESIR 2); European Commission
- 2021 -2025 Member of the Governing Board - Science Europe
- 2017 □ 2023 Member of the Higher Council - European University Institute (EUI)
- Since 2013 Member of the Romanian Association for the Club of Rome
- Since 2016 Fellow of the World Academy of Arts and Science (WAAS)
- 2014 - 2015 Member of the Research, Innovation, and Science Policy Experts expert group (RISE); European Commission
- 2012 - 2014 Member of the European Forum of Forward-Looking Activities (EFFLA); European Commission
- 2007 □ 2012 Member of the External Advisory Board (PEOPLE); European Commission
- 2012 - 2015; 2019 □ 2022 Member of the Board of Directors, Romanian-US Fulbright Commission
- 2012-2023 Board Member, Royal Margaret of Romania Foundation
- Since 2023 President of the Dacia for Romania Foundation

EDUCATION AND TRAINING
(selection)

- 1978 - 1983 BA in Engineering - Electronics and Telecommunication
Politehnica University of Bucharest
- 1993 - 1998 Ph.D. in Automation Systems
Politehnica University of Bucharest
- 2001 - 2003 EMBA in Business Administration
ASEBUSS - Institute of Business and Public Administration, Bucharest, Romania and University of Washington in Seattle
- 2002 □ 2003 EMBA - Global Management Program
Kenesaw State University in partnership with ASEBUSS - Institute of Business and Public Administration, Romania and University of Washington in Seattle
- June 2015 Postgraduate - Innovation for Economic Development, Harvard Kennedy School
- Oct. □ Dec. 2018 Postgraduate - Oxford Blockchain Strategy Programme
- Sept. □ Nov. 2020 Postgraduate - Oxford Strategic Innovation Programme
- May □ Aug. 2023 Postgraduate - Public Policy Analysis; The London School of Economics-LSE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<p>Research Grants/Projects (selection)</p>	<p>Project director, partner coordinator or expert in over 30 projects funded by European Commission's research Framework program- FP6, FP7, H2020, HORIZON EUROPE, Interreg, NATO Science Programs</p>
<p>Strategic Projects for policy design</p>	<p>European Structural and Investment Fund: Cluster of projects - Higher Education and Research - (Scientific coordinator)</p> <p>2008 - 2011: [1] Quality and Leadership for Romanian Higher Education www.edu2025.uefiscdi.ro; [2] Doctorate in Schools of Excellence; [3] Doctoral Education in Romania; [4] Improving the Managerial Capacity in Romanian Universities; [5] Electronic Students' Enrolment System; [6] Graduate Insertion in the Labour Market.</p> <p>2011 - 2015: [7] Quality and Diversity in Higher Education; [8] Quality Assurance in Higher Education - Evaluation and Habilitation; [9] Research and Teaching Performance in Higher Education; [10] Evidence-based Policy Making in Romanian Higher Education; [11] Preparing the National e-Administration System in Romania; [12] Internationalisation, Equity and Management in Higher Education; [13] Evidence-based policies and the Labour Market; [14] Improving the Administrative Capacity of the Romanian ROI System; [15] Data Systems for the RDI sector.</p> <p>2016 - 2022: [16] Administrative Capacity of the Ministry of Research for Implementing the ROI Framework; [17] Quality Assurance, Internationalisation and Data Management in Higher Education; [18] Researchers-Entrepreneurs and the Labour Market; [19] New Perspectives in Education; [20] Anticipatory Capacity for Evidence-based Policy Making in RDI.</p> <p>Coordinator of the four national foresight exercises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foresight for Science, Innovation and Smart Specialization Strategy (2019-2021); - Foresight for S&I Policy - S&I Strategy and Smart Specialization (2013-2014) - Foresight for Romanian Higher Education (2009-2011) - Foresight for S&I Policy - Science, Innovation Strategy (2005-2006)
<p>Publications (books journal papers, patents) (selection)</p>	<p>Books and book chapters and reports: Editor/author of over 30 books or books chapters, out of which 20 books in Springer publishing houses, Elsevier, CEU-Central European University Press and Romanian Academy Publishing House.</p> <p>Journal papers : Author/co-author of over 60 scientific articles of which 42 are indexed in WoS.</p> <p>Patents: EP2105263 (A2) / RO 123527 (B1), EP 09464001</p>
<p>Research studies/International reports (selection)</p>	<p>Dixson-Declève, S.; Dunlop, K.; Renda, A.; Charveriat, C.; Baland, P-A.; Isaksson, D.; Martins, F.; Roca, M.M.; Pedersen, G.; Serger, S.; Soete, L.; Stres, Š.; Gołębiowska-Tataj, D.; Walz, R.; Curaj, A.; Huang, A. (2023), Research and Innovation to Thrive in the Poly-Crisis Age: What do we need from the next Framework Programme and the Missions?, Publications Office of the European Union. https://doi.org/10.2777/360282</p> <p>Dixson-Declève, S.; Dunlop, K.; Renda, A.; Charveriat, C.; Baland, P-A.; Isaksson, D.; Martins, F.; Roca, M.M.; Pedersen, G.; Serger, S.; Soete, L.; Stres, Š.; Gołębiowska-Tataj, D.; Walz, R.; Curaj, A.; Huang, A. (2023), Transformation in the poly-crisis age ESIR Policy Brief No. 5 ; Office of the European Union. https://doi.org/10.2777/92915</p>

Curaj, A., Angelis, J., Galan-Muros, V., Nedeva, M., Plavec, J., Zacharewicz, T. (2023) With ambition for transformation: Revisiting research funding, research infrastructures and science-industry links in the Republic of Moldova- PSF Report, Publication Office of European Union, ISBN 987-92-76-60196-8

Matei, L., Yarkova, T., Curaj et. all (2021) External Evaluation of the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR)-Report of the expert panel. Coordinated by Central European University, Yehuda Elkana Center for Higher Education

Warnke, P., Cuhls, K., Schmoch, U., Daniel, L., Andreescu, L., Dragomir, B., Gheorghiu, R., Baboschi, C., Curaj, A., Parkkinen, M., & Kuusi, O. (2019). 100 Radical innovation breakthroughs for the future, Publications Office of the European Union. <https://doi.org/10.2777/24537>

Gheorghiu, R., Dragomir, B., Andreescu, L., Cuhls, K., Rosa, A., Curaj, A., Weber, M (2017) New Horizons-Data from a Delphi Survey in Support of the European Union Future Policies in Research and Innovation, Publications Office of the European Union, ISBN: 978-92-79-76452-3; doi:10.2777/654172

Curaj, A. (2015) Stairway to Excellence Country Report: Romania, European Commission, JRC Science and Policy Report, Luxembourg: Publications Office of the European Union, ISBN 978-92-79-51889-8

Curaj, A. (2006) Romanian Research System, Study for UNESCO

Curaj, A. (2004) Tertiary Education and Innovation System Report -Romania; part of a eleven cross-countries study for the World Bank

(2009) Making Service Science Mainstream, White Paper - Helsinki Service Science Summit

(2007) Looking beyond the Endless Frontier, European Science Foundation

Honours and awards
(selection)

Medal *Custodian of the Royal Crown*, for the contributions to the institutional building, and developments of S&I; Awarded by the Princes Margareta Foundation, Romania, 2016

The National Order for Merit-Officer, for contributions to the development of S&I. Awarded by the Romanian President, 2008

The National Order for Merit-Knight, for contributions to the development of S&I. Awarded by the Romanian President, 1999

Medal *Dimitrie Cantemir* for contributions to the development of S&I; Awarded by the Academy of Sciences- Republic of Moldavia, 2016

Gold Medal. Awarded at the International Exhibitions of Inventions, Geneva 2013