

## Europass Curriculum Vitae

### Personal information



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**Date of birth** 03/08/1955

### Present Activity

**Dates** December 2007 → present (second Term)  
**Occupation or position held** **Member of the European Parliament**  
**Main activities and responsibilities**

- Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE)
- Substitute member of the Foreign Affairs Committee (AFET)
- Member of the Delegation for relations with the countries from the Andean Community(DAND)
- Member of the Delegation to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (EuroLat)
- Substitute member of the Delegation to the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee (D-MX)
- Substitute member of the Delegation to the EU-Chile Joint Parliamentary Committee (D-CL)
- Substitute member of the Delegation to the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly (ACP-EU)
- Political Coordinator for the ALDE Group in the LIBE Committee
- Political Coordinator for the ALDE Group on the emergency resolutions
- ALDE' spokesperson for matters of justice and civil liberties

**Achievements**

- Chief of the EU Election Observation Mission in Bolivia, for the presidential and legislative elections (appointed by the European Commission, November - December 2009)
- Chief of the EU Election Observation Mission in Bolivia, for the Constitutional referendum (appointed by the European Commission, December 2008 - February 2009)
- Chief of the EP Election Observation Delegation for the Constitutional referendum in Ecuador (elected by the European Parliament, September 2008)
- Rapporteur on:
  - Strengthening EUROJUST
  - European Conflict of Jurisdiction in Criminal Cases
  - Merger and Division of Companies within the EU
  - Road Traffic Safety
  - Lisbon Treaty Impact on EU Institutional Balance
  - EU sanctions as part of the EU's policies in the area of human rights
  - EU Economic Partnership with Ghana
- Shadow rapporteur on behalf of ALDE Group in over 20 reports during the first MEP Term
- Initiator of 21 motions for resolutions during the first MEP Term and over 15 more during the first 6 months of the second MEP Term – all approved by the EP

**Name and address of employer** **European Parliament**  
 60 Rue Wiertz, ASP 08G246, BE-1047 Brussels (Belgium)  
**Type of business or sector** EU Institutions

## Previous Work Experience

Dates	1998 – 2007 (Intermission between December 2004 - March 2006)
Occupation or position held	<b>Chair</b>
Name and address of employer	<b>Soros Foundation Romania</b> (formerly known as <i>Open Society Foundation</i> ) (Romania)
Type of business or sector	Civil Society
Dates	12/2004 - 12/2005
Occupation or position held	<b>Presidential Advisor on Constitutional and Legal Affairs</b>
Name and address of employer	<b>Presidential Administration</b> (Romania)
Type of business or sector	Public Administration
Dates	1979 → present
Occupation or position held	<b>Attorney at Law</b>
Name and address of employer	<b>Bucharest Bar</b> (Romania)
Type of business or sector	Justice
Dates	2006 - 12/2007
Occupation or position held	<b>Project Director</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Follow-up advocacy on EUMAP - the rights of people with intellectual disabilities
Name and address of employer	<b>Open Society Institute</b> New York (United States)
Dates	1999 - 12/2007
Occupation or position held	<b>Member of Sub-board on Law and Human Rights</b> <b>Member of Human Rights and Grant Giving Program</b>
Name and address of employer	<b>Open Society Institute</b> New York (United States)
Type of business or sector	Civil Society
Dates	2000
Occupation or position held	<b>Ad-hoc Judge</b>
Name and address of employer	<b>European Court for Human Rights</b> Strasbourg (France)
Type of business or sector	Justice
Dates	1999 - 2005
Occupation or position held	<b>Member of the Board / Executive President</b>
Name and address of employer	<b>Centre for Legal Resources</b> Bucharest (Romania)
Type of business or sector	Civil Society
Dates	1999 - 2000
Occupation or position held	<b>Project Director</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Coordination of the program "The Status of Women's Rights in Central/Eastern European Countries and the Newly Independent States"
Name and address of employer	<b>International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights</b> Vienna (Austria)
Type of business or sector	Civil Society

Dates 1995 - 2003  
Occupation or position held **Editor**  
Main activities and responsibilities Responsible for "International Studies", a by-annual journal edited by CIS  
Name and address of employer **Centre for International Studies**  
Bucharest (Romania)  
Type of business or sector Civil Society, Mass-Media

Dates 1993 - 2004  
Occupation or position held **Editor-in-Chief**  
Name and address of employer **Romanian Review for Human Rights** (Revista Romana de Drepturile Omului)  
Bucharest (Romania)  
Type of business or sector Mass-Media, Civil Society

Dates 1993 - 1999  
Occupation or position held **Executive Director**  
Name and address of employer **Centre for Human Rights**  
Bucharest (Romania)  
Type of business or sector Civil Society

Dates 1994 - 1999  
Occupation or position held **Co-Chair**  
Name and address of employer **Romanian Helsinki Committee**  
Bucharest (Romania)  
Type of business or sector Civil Society, Justice

### Education and training

Dates 1975 - 1979  
Title of qualification awarded **Bachelor of Arts**  
Name and type of organisation providing education and training **Bucharest University, Law Faculty**  
(Romania)

Dates 1994  
Title of qualification awarded **Visiting Scholar**  
Principal subjects / occupational skills covered Law School  
School of International Public Affairs  
Centre for the Study of Human Rights  
Name and type of organisation providing education and training **Columbia University**  
New York (United States)

### Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s) **Romanian**

Other language(s)

Self-assessment  
*European level (\*)*

**English**

**French**

**Spanish**

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user	C2	Proficient user
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C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user	C1	Proficient user

(\*) [Common European Framework of Reference \(CEF\) level](#)

Legend: A – Basic Knowledge; B – Medium Knowledge; C – Perfect Knowledge

Computer skills and competences Good command of Microsoft Office  
Internet Skills

Driving licence(s) B

### Academic Activity

- 2005 : Lecturer, National Institute for Magistracy, Bucharest (on the European Convention on Human Rights and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights)

- 2003-2004: Lecturer, Faculty of History, University of Bucharest (on Human Rights and International Relations)

- 1997-2003: Lecturer - National School for Political Studies and Administration in Bucharest ("Constitutional Law", "Human Rights", "Minority Rights", and "Women Rights")

### Memberships

Dates 2006 → present

Occupation or position held **Member**

Name and address of employer **European Network of Anti-Discrimination Law Experts**

Type of business or sector Justice

Dates January 2007 – December 2007

Occupation or position held **Member of the Management Board**

Name and address of employer **Fundamental Rights Agency**

Type of business or sector EU Agency

Dates 2000 - 2007

Occupation or position held **Member of the Board**

Name and address of employer **Euro-Regional Centre for Democracy**  
Timisoara (Romania)

Type of business or sector Civil Society

Dates 1998 – 2002

Occupation or position held **Member of the Board**

Name and address of employer **Open Society Institute**  
Budapest (Hungary)

Type of business or sector Civil Society

Dates 1997 - 2003

Occupation or position held **Member of the Program Council**

Name and address of employer **International Council for Human Rights Policy**  
Geneva (Switzerland)

Type of business or sector Civil Society

Dates 1996 - 2003

Occupation or position held **Member of the Steering Committee**

Name and address of employer **Centre for International Studies**  
Bucharest (Romania)

Type of business or sector Civil Society

Dates 1995 - 2003  
 Occupation or position held **Member of the Advisory Council**  
 Name and address of employer **International Service for Human Rights**  
 Geneva (Switzerland)  
 Type of business or sector Civil Society

Dates 1992 - 1996  
 Occupation or position held **Vice-President**  
 Name and address of employer **International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights**  
 Vienna (Austria)  
 Type of business or sector Civil Society

### Lectures, Trainings & Other Relevant Activities

- **2007** - International expert of the project “*The judiciary in the Republic of Moldova and its compatibility with EU standards*”
- **2003** – Assessment mission to Kosovo, addressing constitutional issues and minority rights – on behalf of the Council of Europe
- **September 2000** : Co-organiser and lecturer of the training course on “*The Rights of National Minorities*”, organised by UNDP and the Centre for Human Rights, the Republic of Moldova
- **July 2000** : Co-organiser and lecturer, training for trainers course on “*Police and Human Rights*”, organised by UNDP and the Centre for Human Rights, the Republic of Moldova
- **May 2000** : Lecturer in “*Police and the European Convention of Human Rights*”, Moscow Police Academy, organised by the Council of Europe
- **July 1999** : Trainer on behalf of the Council of Europe, “*Joint Pilot Training Course for Human Rights Field Missions*” (organised by the OSCE, the Council of Europe, UN and the European Union, Venice)
- **1998-1999** : Member of the Reflection Group for the project on “*The Long-term Implications of EU Enlargement: The Nature of the New Border*”, set up by the European Commission within the Robert Schuman Centre of the European University Institute in Florence
- **1995**: Lecturer - “*The International Protection of National Minorities*” (Course organised in The Hague by the Foundation for Inter-Ethnic Relations and the Council for National Minorities)
- **1993-1996** : Trainer on human rights monitoring, seminars organised for, judges, prosecutors, lawyers and human rights advocates in Albania, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary (including contribution to the Handbook on monitoring police abuses, monitoring prison conditions)
- **1993, 1994**: Lecturer and organizer of a three weeks course on “*The International Protection of Human Rights*” (organized in the Hague by the Dutch Helsinki Committee with the support of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- **1993**: Chief of the fact finding and training mission in Albania, at the request of the German Marshall Fund of USA

Several other training sessions within and outside Romania on human rights monitoring (mainly on: police behaviour, prison conditions, elections, freedom of expression, minority rights etc.)

### Articles, Studies, Books

- Synthesis of the national situation in Romania (anti-discrimination report produced for the European Commission, 2006)
- “*The Kin-State and Its Minorities: Which European Standards? The Hungarian Status- Law : Its Antecedents and Consequences*”, in *The Hungarian Status Law: Nation Building and/or Minority Protection*, Zoltan Kantor and others eds., Slavic Eurasian Studies, Vol. 4, Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, 2004
- “*Non-Discrimination Review*” – project undertaken by the Council of Europe, addressing non-discrimination issues within the Central and South East Europe – member of the three country group expert team 2002-2003
- “*Report on Measures to Combat Discrimination in the 13 candidate countries*” – project undertaken by MEDE European Consultancy in partnership with Migration Policy Group – country report on Romania, 2003

- "Concept paper on Combating Discrimination in Romania. An Inventory of Problems on Legislation and Institutional Mechanisms for Combating Discrimination" - a follow up project within the Non Discrimination Review project of the Council of Europe, 2003
- "The Romanian Constitutional Court: In Search of its Own Identity" in Sadurski Wojciech ed. Constitutional Justice, East and West – Democratic Legitimacy and Constitutional Courts in Post-Communist Europe in A Comparative Perspective, Kluwer Law International, The Hague-London-New York, 2002
- "The Impact of the European Convention of Human Rights upon the Rule of Law in Romania", Blackburn and Polakiewicz (eds.), Oxford University Press, 2002
- Research on "National and European Legislation to Combat Racism", project undertaken by Migration Policy Group, Interrights and European Roma Rights Center, report on Romania, 2001
- "The Effect of the ECHR on the Legal and Political System of Member States: Romania", in Prof. Robert Blackburn and Dr. Jorg Polakiewicz eds. Fundamental Rights in Europe – The European Convention on Human Rights and its Member States, 1950-2000, Oxford University Press, 2001
- "Constitutionalism as a Vehicle for Democratic Consolidation in Romania", in Jan Zielonka ed. Democratic Consolidation in Eastern Europe, Oxford University Press, 2001
- "Police Organization and Accountability: A Comparative Study", in Andras Kadar ed. Police in Transition, Central European University Press, 2001
- "Women 2000 – An Investigation into the Status of Women's Rights in Central and South-Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States", editor, International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights, Vienna, 2000
- "Transylvania: evolution through devolution?" in "The Transylvanian Problem" (Problema transilvana), Polirom, Iasi, 1999
- "The Romanian-Hungarian Relations within the Legal Frame of the Schengen Agreements, in the review International Studies", Centre for International Studies, Bucharest, 1999 (published also in Hungarian, in Europai Szemmel, Budapest, 1999);
- "The Moldavian Csango", (in cooperation), International Foundation for Promoting Studies and Knowledge of Minority Rights, Budapest, 1998
- "The Protection of National Minorities in Romania: a Matter of Political Will and Wisdom", in Law and Practice of Central European Countries in the Field of National Minorities Protection, Institute for International Affairs, Warsaw, 1997;
- "Three minorities and their claims: the Hungarian from Romania, the Romanian from Ukraine and the Gagauz from Moldova", in Altera, no.6/1997;
- "Self-determination", study prepared with the Bucharest Centre for Human Rights for the Committee on Political Affairs of the Council of Europe, 1996;
- "Romania and International Human Rights" - chapter for the Romanian version of Thomas Buergenthal's book International Human Rights - in a nutshell, All, Bucharest, 1996;
- "Evolutions in the D.A.H.R. Conception on Hungarian Minority Rights" (in co-operation), Centre for Human Rights, Bucharest, 1996;
- "The White Paper on Access to Information in Romania" (in cooperation), Centre for Human Rights, Bucharest, 1996;
- "The Welfare State in Post-Communist Countries: The Romanian Case", in Re-conceptualizing the Welfare State, the Danish Center for Human Rights, ed. Copenhagen, 1996
- "Romania's Relations with the Republic of Moldova" (in co-operation), in the review International Studies, Centre for International Studies, Bucharest, 1995;
- "Nationalism and its Impact upon Rule of Law in Romania" (in co-operation), in the review International Studies, Bucharest, 1995;
- "Study on the Conception of Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania on the Rights of National Minorities" (in co-operation), Centre for Human Rights, Bucharest, 1994;
- "Two draft laws on the protection of minorities" (in co-operation), in Legislation in transition, Bucharest, 1994

Other articles/papers on the Romanian legal system, the implementation of international human rights/minority rights legislation by the Romanian Courts and the human rights/minority rights situation in Romania.