

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex M | Date of birth | Nationality Romanian

WORK EXPERIENCE

(selection)

July 2021 - present

President of the Advisory Council for Sustainable Development, General Secretariat of the Romanian Government – SGG, Department for Sustainable Development

Romanian Government <http://dezvoltaredurabila.gov.ro/>

Business or sector Public

January 2000 - August

2007; January 2009 - December 2009; September 2010 - November 2015; February 2017 – present

General Director -UEFISCDI

Ministry of National Education, Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI, former UEFISCSU) www.uefiscdi.ro

Business or sector Public / S&I, Higher Education

2022 - present

Professor and PhD supervisor

National University of Political Studies and Public Administration - SNSPA

July - December 2016

High Representative of The Prime-Minister for orchestrating the development of the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem - Laser Valley Land of Lights

Romanian Government www.gov.ro

Business or sector Public / Regional Development, S&I, Higher Education

November 2015 - July 2016

Minister

Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research www.edu.ro

Business or sector Public / Education, S&I

December 2009 - September 2010

State Secretary for Research - President of ANCS

Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sport, National Authority for Scientific Research www.research.gov.ro

Business or sector Public / S&I

August 2007 - December 2008

Prime Minister Advisor - State Counsellor

Romanian Government - The Chancellery of the Prime Minister, Department for Science and Innovation, e-Government, Communication, IT www.gov.ro

Business or sector Public / S&I, e-Government, ITC

1998 - 2022

Professor

POLITEHNICA University of Bucharest, Faculty of Automation and Computers

Business or sector: public HE

2012 - present

Head of the Chair, Professor

National University of Political Studies and Public Administration - SNSPA

UNESCO Chair on Science and Innovation Policies unesco-chair.snspsa.ro

Business or sector public HEI / HE, S&I policies, public S&I funding

**CONSULTANCY / EXPERT
WORK (selection)**
European Commission, DG Research and Innovation / DG Education (selection):

2021 - 2023	Member of the ESIR2 - Expert Group on the Economic and Social Impact of Research and Innovation
2014 - 2015	Member of the Research, Innovation, and Science Policy Experts (RISE) expert group
2012 - 2014	Member of the European Forum of Forward-Looking Activities (EFFLA)
2010 - 2014	Member of the ERC Programme Committee
2010-2012	Member of the Bologna Follow-up Group – BFUG
since 2010	Member of the Board of the Black Sea University Foundation
2009 - 2015	Member of Steering Group on Human Resources Management (SGHRM)
2007 – 2012	Member of the External Advisory Board of PEOPLE

Other commitments (selection)

2021 – 2023	Coordonator al panelului de experți - Horizon Policy Support Facility PSF Country Moldova II, Comisia Europeană - DG RTD, [2021- 2023]
2021 – 2024	Consultant , Serbian Science Fund Development
2021 – 2022	Expert/ Consultant Senior , Evaluation of the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education (EQAR) – a project coordinated by the Central European University, Yeduda Elkana Center for Higher Education
Since 2021	Governing Board member of Science Europe
2012 - 2015; 2019 - 2022	Member of the Board of Directors , Romanian-US Fulbright Commission
2012 - 2014	Advisory Board Member of the FRAME - <i>Skills for the future</i> - European Training Foundation (ETF)
2005 - 2006	Consultant in Science and Innovation - UNESCO
2004 - 2005	Consultant in Tertiary Education and Innovation - The World Bank

**EDUCATION AND TRAINING
(selection)**

1978 - 1983	BA in Engineering - Electronics and Telecommunication Politehnica University of Bucharest upb.ro	EQF level 6
1993 - 1998	Ph.D. in Automation Systems (Virtual Enterprise Architectures) Politehnica University of Bucharest upb.ro	EQF level 8
2001 - 2003	EMBA in Business Administration ASEBUSS Institute of Business and Public Administration, Bucharest and University of Washington in Seattle	EQF level 7
June 2015	Postgraduate course in Innovation for Economic Development Harvard Kennedy School www.hks.harvard.edu	EQF level 6
September- November 2020	Postgraduate - Oxford Strategic Innovation Programme 2020	EQF level 6
July 2021	Habilitation National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, a member of the CIVICA European University	

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)	Romanian				
Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2

Levels: A1/2: Basic user - B1/2: Independent user - C1/2 Proficient user, Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Research Grants/Projects (selection)

(2023-2026) **Eye of Europe – The Research and Innovation foresight community**; Horizon – Widera-2023-ERA-01, CSA Project (expert)

(2022-2025) **Gender Equity Network to Develop ERA Communities to coordinate Inclusive and sustainable policy implementation (GENDERACTIONplus)**- CSA; financed by EC under the Horizon Europe RTD Framework Programme; (national coordinator - expert)

(2020-2024) **PRO-Ethics Participatory Real Life Experiments in Research and Innovation Funding Organisations on Ethics**; financed by EC under the H2020 RTD Framework Programme; (expert)

(2019- 2021) **EXPAND II - CSA**; financed by EC under the H2020 RTD Framework Programme; (expert - national coordinator)

(2019-2022) **NI40S-Europe**; financed by EC under the H2020 RTD Framework Programme; (expert - national coordinator)

(2019-2020) **ROA - Research Data Alliance (ROA) Node**; financed by EC under the H2020 RTD Framework Programme; (expert)

(2018-2020) **OpenAIRE-Advance**; financed by EC under the H2020 RTD Framework Programme; (expert - national coordinator)

(2018-2023) **BlueBio ERA-NET Cofund on Blue Bioeconomy - Unlocking the potential of aquatic bioresources**; financed by EC under the H2020 RTD Framework Programme; (expert - national coordinator)

(2017-2019) **RIBRI - Radical Innovation Breakthrough Inquirer RIBRI** - financed by EC under the H2020 RTD Framework Programme; (expert)

(2016-2018) **Cimulact - Citizen and Multi-Actor Consultation on H2020**; financed by EC under the H2020 RTD Framework Programme Project ID: 665948 Funded under: H2020-EU.5.c. (expert)

(2015-2017) **Bohemia - Beyond the Horizon: Foresight in Support of the Preparation of the European Union's Future Policies in Research and Innovation**; financed by EC under the H2020 RTD Framework Programme - Contract no. PP-03021-2015 (expert)

(2015-2017) **Innovoucher**; financed by EC under the H2020 RTD Framework Programme Project, grant agreement No. 671295; (national coordinator/expert);

(2014-2017) **eOIGIREGION: Realising The Digital Agenda Through Transnational Cooperation Between Regions**; financed by EC under the Seventh RTD Framework Programme - FP7; Project ID: 319913 (expert)

(2012-2014) **VERA - Forward Visions for the European Research Area** - financed by EC under the Seventh RTD Framework Programme - FP7; FP7-SSH-2011-3 Project no. 290705; <http://eravisions.eu/> (national coordinator)

Development Projects (selection)

European Structural and Investment Fund
 Cluster of projects for Human Capital and Administrative Capacity development (www.forhe.ro). (Scientific coordinator)

2008 - 2011:
 [1] Quality and Leadership for Romanian Higher Education www.edu2025.uefiscdi.ro; [2] Doctorate in Schools of Excellence www.ecs-univ.ro; [3] Doctoral Education in Romania www.studli-doctorale.uefiscdr.ro; [4] Improving the Managerial Capacity in Romanian Universities www.management-universitar.ro; [5] Electronic Students' Enrolment System www.rmu.ro; [6] Graduate Insertion in the Labour Market www.absolvent-univ.ro;

2011 - 2015:

[7] Quality and Diversity in Higher Education pe.forhe.ro; [8] Quality Assurance in Higher Education - Evaluation and Habilitation aer.forhe.ro; [9] Research and Teaching Performance in Higher Education pc.forhe.ro; [10] Evidence-based Policy Making in Romanian Higher Education www.political.edu.uefiscdl.ro; [11] Preparing the National e-Administration System in Romania e-administratie.forhe.ro; [12] Internationalisation, Equity and Management in Higher Education iemu.forhe.ro; [13] Evidence-based policies and the Labour Market Infohe.forhe.ro; [14] Improving the Administrative Capacity of the Romanian ROI System www.incd2020.ro; [15] Data Systems for the ROI sector date-cdi.ro;

2016 - 2022:

[16] Administrative Capacity of the Ministry of Research for Implementing the ROI Framework sipoca27.ro; [17] Quality Assurance, Internationalisation and Data Management in Higher Education pocu-Intl.ueflscdi.ro; [18] Researchers-Entrepreneurs and the Labour Market; [19] New Perspectives in Education; [20] Anticipatory Capacity for Evidence-based Policy Making in ROI

Books, book chapters:

Curaj, A., Salmi, J., Hâj, C. (eds.) (2022) Higher Education in Romania: Overcoming Challenges and Embracing Opportunities, Springer Cham; ISBN 978-3-030-94495-7

Curaj, A., Deca, L., Pricopie, R. (eds.) (2020) The European Higher Education Area: Challenges for a new decade, Springer Nature; ISBN 978-3-030-56315-8

Curaj, A., Deca, L., Pricopie, R. (2020) European Higher Education Area (EHEA) - Two Decades of European Investment in the Future. In: The European Higher Education Area: Challenges for a new decade, Springer Nature; ISBN 978-3-030-56315-8

Curaj, A., Deca, L., Pricopie, R. (eds.) (2018) The European Higher Education Area: from Past to Future Impacts, Springer Nature; ISBN 978-3-319-77407-7

Curaj, A., Deca, L., Pricopie, R. (2018) European Higher Education Area: The Impact of Past and Future Policies Introduction. In European Higher Education Area: the Impact of Past and Future Policies, Springer Nature, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-77407-7_1, Web of Science accession number: WOS:000466533300001

Curaj, A., Holeab, C. (2018) Policy Learning in higher education and universities' governance. A Case study of the 2008-2016 policy cycle in Romania. In Curaj, A., Deca, L., Pricopie, R., (eds.) The European Higher Education Area: The Impact of Past and Future Policies, Springer Nature. pp 689-705, ISBN 978-3-319-77407-7, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-77407-7_41, Web of Science accession number: WOS:000466533300041

Radosevic, S., Curaj, A., Gheorghiu, R., Andreescu, L., Wade, I. (eds.) (2017) Advances in the Theory and Practice of Smart Specialization, Elsevier-Academic Press, ISBN: 978-0-12-804137-6; PII: B978-0-12-804137-6.00016-4;

Gheorghiu, R., Andreescu, L., Zulean, M., Curaj, A. (2017) Entrepreneurial discovery as a foresight for smart specialization; Trade-offs of inclusive and evidence-based consensus. In Advances in the Theory and Practice of Smart Specialization, pp. 320-342, Elsevier-Academic Press. DOI: 10.1016/B978-0-12-804137-6.00014-0 Web of Science accession number: WOS:000416953000017

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, Matei, L, Pricopie, R, Salmi, J, Scott, P. (eds) (2015) The European Higher Education Area: Between Critical Reflections and Future Policies, Springer Open [ISBN 978-3-319-18767-9] [ISBN 978-3-319-20877-0]

Curaj, A, Deca, L, Ergon-Polak, E, Salmi, J. (eds) (2015) Higher Education Reforms in Romania: Between the Bologna Process and National Challenges, Springer Dordrecht [ISBN 978-3-319-08053-6]

Curaj, A., Deca, L., Haj, CM. (2015) Romanian Higher Education in 2009-2013. The Bologna Process and Romanian Priorities in the Search for an Active European and Global Presence Published. In Higher Education Reforms in Romania: Between the Bologna Process and National Challenges, Springer, DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-08054-3_1, Web of Science accession number: WOS:000450336200001

Curaj, A, Georghiou, L, Cassingena Harper, J., Egron-Polak E. (eds) (2015) Mergers and alliances in higher education: International practice and emerging opportunities, Springer [ISBN 978-3-319-13134-4]

Andreescu, L., Gheorghiu, R., Irimia, A., Curaj, A. (2015) Mergers and Classifications in Romania: Opportunities and Obstacles. In Mergers and Alliances in Higher Education: International Practice

Publications (books
and journal papers)
(selection)

and Emerging Opportunities, Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-13135-1_3, Web of Science accession number: WOS:000447823300004

Curaj, A. (2015) Mergers and Alliances in Higher Education International Practice and Emerging Opportunities Preface. In Mergers and Alliances in Higher Education: International Practice and Emerging Opportunities. Springer. Web of Science accession number: WOS:000447823300001

Matei, L., Curaj, A (eds) (2014) Building an integrated higher education system in Europe. A case study: Romania's commitments in the European Higher Education Area (EHEA) and their implementation at national level, Central European University Press, Budapest [ISBN 978-963-386-065-6]

Journal papers:

Cuhls, K, Dragomir, B, Gheorghiu, R, Rosa, A, Curaj, A, (2022) Probability and desirability of future developments –Results of a large-scale Argumentative Delphi in support of Horizon Europe preparation, Futures, Vol. 138, p. 102918

Curaj, A., Paunica, M., Popa, A., Holeab, C., Jora, O-D. (2020) Sustainability through directed change in the visionary university: from predicting to producing the future. in Amfiteatru Economic 22(55), 905-919, DOI: 10.24818/EA/2020/55/905, Web of Science accession number: WOS:000560127700017

Proteasa, V., Andreescu, L., Curaj, A. (2017) Differentiation and academic control over policy in Central and Eastern Europe: The case of Romania, in European Educational Research Journal, DOI: 10.1177/1474904117703227 Web of Science accession number: WOS:000408617100006

Holeab, C., Paunica, M., Curaj, A. (2017) A Complex method of semantic bibliometrics for revealing conceptual profiles and trends in scientific literature. The case of future-oriented technology analysis (FTA) science. In Economic Computation and Economic Cybernetics Studies and Research, Web of Science accession number: WOS:000404820100002

Zulean, M., Andreescu, L., Gheorghiu, R., Roescu, AM, Curaj, A. (2017) Romanian public administration reform 2.0: using innovative foresight methodologies to engage stakeholders and the public, in Foresight 19(3), 261-279, DOI: 10.1108/FS-09-2016-0047, Web of Science accession number: WOS:000404775300001

Gheorghiu, R., Andreescu, L., Curaj, A. (2016) A foresight toolkit for smart specialization and entrepreneurial discovery. In Futures (80), pp 33-44, DOI: 10.1016/J.FUTURES.2016.04.001, Web of Science accession number: WOS:000378672800004

Curaj, A., Deca, L., Haj, C.M., Vlasceanu, L. (2014) Evidence-basing the future of EHEA. Journal of the European Higher Education Area. 2014(3)

Gheorghiu, R., Andreescu, L., Curaj, A. (2014) Dynamic argumentative Delphi: Lessons learned from two large-scale foresight exercises. In 5th International Conference on Future-Oriented Technology Analysis (FTA) – Engage Today to Shape Tomorrow. Brussels, 27-28 November 2014.

Andreescu, L., Gheorghiu, R., Zulean, M., Curaj, A. (2013) Understanding normative foresight outcomes: Scenario development and the 'Veil of Ignorance' Effect, Technological Forecasting and Social Change. 80(4). p. 711–722. DOI: 10.1016/J.TECHFORE.2012.09.013, Web of Science accession number: WOS:000317162200012

Curaj, A., Grosu, D. (2011) How to Develop Foresight Capabilities in Enterprise 2.0 Driven Organizations. In the 4th International Seville Conference on Future-Oriented Technology Analysis (FTA) - FTA and Grand Social Challenges-Shaping and Driving Structural and Systemic Transformations. Luxembourg, Publications Office of the European Union. 2011. JRC64647 EUR 24804 EN ISSN 1831-9424 (online) ISSN 1018-5593 (print) ISBN 978-92-79-20118-9 (pdf) ISBN 978-92-79-20117-2 (print) doi:10.2791/58275;

Campbell, W, Saritas, O, Pook, K, Elena-Perez, S., Curaj, A. (2009), Future-proofing HEROs: Moving from theory to practice, In Proceedings of the 1st European Conference on Intellectual Capital, ECIC 2009, Haarlem, pp. 524-531, Web of Science accession number: WOS:000281045000061

Gheorghiu, R., Curaj, A., Paunica, M., Holeab, C. (2009) Web 2 and the emergence of future-oriented communities. In Journal of Economic Computation and Economic Cybernetics Studies and Research, vol. 43, no. 2, pp. 117-129 ISSN:0424-267x, WOS:000267584300009

Paunica, M., Gheorghiu, R., Curaj, A., Holeab, C. (2009) Foresight for restructuring R&D systems. In Amfiteatru Economic, vol. 11, no. 25, pp. 201-210. ISSN 1582-9146, WOS:000265489100018

Reports (selection)

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(PDF)]

(2006) [Romanian Research System](#), Study for UNESCO

(2004) [Tertiary Education and Innovation System-Romania - part of a 11 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

Memberships

(selection)

Member of the **Board of Regal Foundation Margareta of Romania**, [2012-2024]

Fellow of the **World Academy of Arts and Science**, [since 2016];

President of the **Romanian National Commission for UNESCO**, [Nov. 2015 – July 2016]

Member of the **Romanian National Commission for UNESCO**, [since 2008];

Member of the **High Council of the European University Institute – EUI**, [2016-2023];

Member of the **Romanian Chapter of the Club of Rome**, [since 2013];

Honours and awards

(selection)

Medal “Custodian of the Royal Crown”, for the for 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 2009;