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WORK EXPERIENCE

National Contact Point for Cluster 6 (Horizon Europe)

Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI) [06/2022 – Current]

City: Bucharest | **Country:** Romania

Informing and awareness raising

- a) Circulate general and specific documentation on the Horizon Europe, including on conditions for participation, on possibilities and conditions for submission of proposals, and on project budgeting and reporting.
- b) Organise information and promotional activities – in liaison with the Commission services when appropriate - e.g. info-days, seminars, conferences, newsletters, web sites, brokerage events, fairs, etc.
- c) Raise awareness of:
 - Horizon Europe funding opportunities offered through the pillars of the programme and the specific parts such as Pillar II Clusters, the Missions, European Partnerships, and EIT KICs, newly established activities of the European Innovation Council in Horizon Europe, especially the equity funding mechanism of the Accelerator;
 - The objectives to ensure gender balance in Horizon Europe and of strengthening the link between science and civil society;
 - The activities of the Joint Research Centre (JRC), the in-house science service of the Commission, to relevant national stakeholders from the scientific community, industry and public authorities.

Assisting, advising and training:

- d) Assist researchers and organisations, in particular new actors and SMEs, with a view to increasing and improving their participation in Horizon Europe.
- e) Assist in partner search activities notably by using internet based tools, co operation networks, EEN partnership services for SMES, etc.
- f) Advise on administrative procedures, rules and issues;
- h) Explain the scope and the modalities of types of action foreseen in Horizon Europe.
- i) Organise courses and training sessions (both physical and virtual) on Horizon Europe where appropriate, for intermediaries and information multipliers to ensure high quality of advice.

Signposting and cooperation:

- j) Signpost to other business support network services those potential participants who require assistance, for example on general EU matters or matters relating to internal market, technology transfer, intellectual property rights (IPR), standardization bodies, or regional development.
- k) Strengthen cooperation between NCPs within the network by promoting joint activities.
- l) Signpost to national/regional funding services and programmes and collaboration with Missions6, European Partnerships and programme level research funders.

Managing Partner

T&B HIGH FINANCE LINE SRL [02/2022 – 08/2023]

City: Bucharest | **Country:** Romania

Business consultancy;
Consulting on financial management of projects;
Writing, submitting, implementing and monitoring projects;

Vision, planning, problem solving.

EU Funds Consultant

PRO APPLY BUSINESS CONSULTING SRL [02/2021 – 02/2022]

City: Bucharest | Country: Romania

Accessing structural funds for the private sector:

Consultancy on eligibility, fulfilment and management conditions;
Preparation of the project;
Documentation for the project;
Establishing partnerships;
Drafting the project and submitting it;
Selling of services offered;
Developing sales strategies.

EU Funds Consultant

TODOS COMPANY [06/2020 – 02/2021]

Accessing structural funds for the private sector:

Consultancy on eligibility, fulfilment and management conditions;
Preparation of the project;
Documentation for the project;
Establishing partnerships;
Drafting the project and submitting it;

Geography teacher

VICTORIA EDU [01/2020 – 11/2021]

City: Bucharest | Country: Romania

EU Funds Consultant

SC ENVIRO MANAGEMENT CONS SRL [01/2018 – 05/2019]

City: Bucharest, Arad | Country: Romania

Monitoring of financing opportunities for clients;
Contacting clients for signing collaboration contracts;
Elaboration of documents necessary to access non-reimbursable funds;
Relationship with financing institutions, representation of companies and clients in relations with institutions and third parties;
Projects implementation.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PhD student - Doctoral School of Geography

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography [10/2022 – Current]

City: Bucharest | Country: Romania

Msc, Environmental policies for sustainable development

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography [10/2020 – 06/2022]

City: Bucharest | Country: Romania

Bsc, Environmental Science

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography [10/2017 – 06/2020]

City: Bucharest | Country: Romania

Post-secondary school - Technician in international trade

Școala Superioară Comercială „Nicolae Kretzulescu” [09/2017 – 06/2019]

City: Bucharest

Technician in tourism and public nutrition

Școala Superioară Comercială „Nicolae Kretzulescu” [09/2013 – 06/2017]

City: Bucharest | Country: Romania

PUBLICATIONS

Using Social Media Data to Evaluate Urban Parks Use during the COVID-19 Pandemic

International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health

<https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/18/20/10860> – 2021

Centre for Environmental Research and Impact Studies, University of Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania Faculty of Geography, University of Bucharest

Niță, M.R.; Arsene, M.; Barbu, G.; Cus, A.G.; Ene, M.; Serban, R.M.; Stama, C.M.; Stoia, L.N

[2023]

Evaluating the Romanian administrative framework for the instruments of natural hazards management

Barbu, G, -R., 2023. Evaluating the Romanian administrative framework for the instruments of natural hazards management. *Cinq Continents* 13 (28): 164-177

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Romanian

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C1 **READING** B2 **WRITING** B2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B2 **SPOKEN INTERACTION** B2

Italian

LISTENING A2 **READING** A2 **WRITING** A2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A2 **SPOKEN INTERACTION** A1

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

DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office (Microsoft) / Video Conferencing (Zoom, Teams, Skype, Webex) - Advanced / Online legal research platforms (E.g., HeinOnline, EUR-Lex, Leggi d'Italia)

HONOURS AND AWARDS

[27/03/2022] Apa Nova

ApaNova Award - The best scientific work on urban public services

Barbu, G., Grădinaru, S., Stama, C., Vânău, G., Analysis of the relationship between farmers and food security policies, National Symposium of Geography Students, Bucharest, 27 March 2022

MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Strategy, operational plan, monitoring

Identifying and analysing key policy issues;

Creating the framework for analysis on the research needs of the scientific community;

Implementation of a knowledge strategy for policy areas;

Identifying and valuing key expertise in the research areas of interest;

Identification, knowledge and involvement of stakeholders in research areas and the public administration environment;

Monitoring the work of working parties or stakeholders.

Vision, planning, innovation, communication, motivation

Vision, planning, innovation, problem solving, motivation and support, continuous development

Management of SMEs

Good management of small and medium-sized enterprises gained through the support offered to clients to manage economic and legal situations. Good management of small and medium-sized enterprises gained through the coordination of the activity of the company.

Team sales coordinator

Preparation of sales strategies of the consulting team;

Organizing the sales team;

Management of clients and situations.

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Good communication skills

Good communication skills gained through my experience as consultant and NCP.

Good selling skills

Good selling skills gained through my experience as consultant and as part of the sales team.

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

[2022 – Current]

CARECARE4BIO - Network of National Contact Points for Cluster 6: Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment

CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

[11/12/2024 – 11/12/2024] Online

CARE4BIO information session about partnerships in Cluster 6

Presentation: Cluster 6 Partnerships and the participation of Widening countries

The online event is **organised by CARE4BIO**, the Horizon Europe project network of Cluster 6 NCPs ('Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment) with the active participation of the European Commission.

Partnerships are of growing interest from our Cluster 6 stakeholders, with dedicated annual funding on specific Research & Innovation themes within the scope of Cluster 6. They provide support for transnational collaborations that can be an excellent starting point to access EU funding.

Link: <https://horizoneuropencpportal.eu/stage/care4bio-information-session-about-partnerships-cluster-6>

[18/11/2024 – 22/11/2024] Wageningen, The Netherlands

5th ESP Europe 2024 Conference

Barbu, G.R, Niță, M.R., Niță, A., Climate resilience through nature-based solutions: A network analysis approach, 5th ESP Europe 2024 Conference, Wageningen, The Netherlands, 18 - 22 November 2024

Link: <https://www.esconference.org/europe2024/home>

[30/10/2024 – 30/10/2024] Bucharest

EU-CONEXUS EENVIRO Research Conference

Workshop on Horizon Europe Funding Opportunities: Cluster 5 - Climate and Energy & Cluster 6 - Food, Bioeconomy, Natural resources, Agriculture and Environment

Link: <https://www.eenviro.ro/conference-program-2/>

[16/10/2024 – 17/10/2024] Bucharest

National Conference - EFSA Focal Point Romania

Presentation: Evolution of the field of food safety under Horizon Europe

The 2024 edition of the Conference takes place between October 16-17, 2024, in Bucharest.

The conference aims to transfer knowledge within the risk assessment community by facilitating knowledge exchange and promoting risk assessment tools and methodologies in EFSA's areas of responsibility.

The event is part of the activities carried out by the EFSA Romania Focal Point, being organized with the support of Romania's representatives in the EFSA Consultative Forum and experts from organizations listed on the art. 36 list and will take place between 16-17 October 2024 .

Link: <https://www.ansvsa.ro/informatii-pentru-public/punctul-focal-efsa-romania/conferinta-anuala-efsa-focal-point/>

[19/06/2024 – 19/06/2024] Online

Training - Opportunities beyond Horizon Europe Cluster 6: EU Missions, European Partnerships, LIFE programme

Presentation of the Biodiversa+ partnership (The European Biodiversity Partnership)

Link: <https://horizoneuropencpportal.eu/stage/opportunities-beyond-horizon-europe-cluster-6-eu-missions-european-partnerships-life>

[12/06/2024 – 12/06/2024] Online, Bucharest

CBE JU Info Day in Romania

The event is dedicated to the CBE JU 2024 call for project proposals.

The **Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU)** is a partnership between the European Union and the Bio-based Industries Consortium (BIC) that funds projects advancing competitive circular bio-based industries in Europe.

Link: <https://www.cbe.europa.eu/events/cbe-ju-info-day-romania>

EGU General Assembly 2024

Barbu, G.-R. and Niță, M.-R.: Nature-based solutions for climate resilience in EU R&I framework programmes Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe, EGU General Assembly 2024, Vienna, Austria, 14–19 Apr 2024, EGU24-19213, <https://doi.org/10.5194/egusphere-egu24-19213>, 2024

[11/10/2023 – 12/10/2023] Bucharest

National Conference - EFSA Focal Point

Presentation: Expected impact by the European Commission for trans-European research on food systems in the period 2021-2027

The 2023 edition of the Conference takes place between October 11-12, 2023, in Bucharest.

The conference aims to transfer knowledge within the risk assessment community by facilitating knowledge exchange and promoting risk assessment tools and methodologies, in EFSA's areas of responsibility.

The event is part of the tailor-made activities carried out by EFSA through the EFSA Romania Focal Point, with the support of Romania's representatives in the EFSA Consultative Forum and experts from the organizations listed in art. 36 and will take place between 11-12 October 2023 (tailor-made activity 2.10: Effective knowledge transfer across the RA community: facilitation of knowledge sharing and promotion of RA tools and methodologies in select areas of RA).

Link: <https://www.ansvsa.ro/informatii-pentru-public/punctul-focal-efsa-romania/conferinta-anuala-efsa-focal-point-2023/>

[09/10/2023 – 09/10/2023] Online

Information session on funding opportunities for the academic and innovation community in Romania

Event organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Investment and European Projects (MIPE)

[13/06/2023 – 16/06/2023] Bucharest

International Geographical Union (IGU) on Health, Environment and Sustainable Development: Changes, Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World

Barbu, G.-R. and Niță, M.-R. Demonstrating the potential of nature-based solutions projects in the context of public policy implementation, International Geographical Union (IGU) on Health, Environment and Sustainable Development: Changes, Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World, Bucharest, Romania, 13-16 June 2023

Link: <https://iguche2020.com/>