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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Institute for Quality of Life (RIQL) Romania, the Czech Republic, Moldova
Romanian Academy
Scientific Researcher September 2005 – December 2017

- Carried out research on vulnerable children and families, social development, social innovation housing, social policy, social inclusion
- Elaborated studies, book chapters, scientific papers
- Delivered programme and organizational evaluations for international organizations, central and local government institutions and NGOs
- Conducted research aimed at informing strategies, policies, and programmes addressing child protection, social inclusion, youth policies, housing and homelessness, health, education
- Consultancy for institutional development

Faculty of Sociology and Social Work Romania
University of Bucharest
Assistant Professor October 2006 – June 2008

- College courses: Applied Sociology, Paradigms of Sociological Thinking
- Master's courses: Social Problems and Social Development

Poverty Alleviation and Social Inclusion
Promotion Commission, Romanian Government Bucharest, Romania
Expert October 2002 – August 2005

- Set up the monitoring system and tracked the dynamic of national poverty and social exclusion, drafted yearly reports
- Contributed to strategy elaboration: poverty, social inclusion, UN development goals
- Managed commissioned research and ensured the liaison with WB and DFID consultants

SELECTED PROJECTS (2010 ONWARDS)

2017 • *National expert* for the study on Family Homelessness in Europe, European Observatory on Homelessness (FEANTSA)
Conducted desk-study, interviews with key informants, elaborated the report on Homelessness in Romania

- *Team leader*, UNICEF Romania, Elaboration of the Situation Analysis of Children and Women Romania (the study informing the fund's activity in Romania 2018-2022)
Coordinated the team comprised of experts on social and special protection, education, health, and financing, carried out documentation, interviews, focus-groups, secondary data analysis, drafted the report, presented findings
- *Team leader*, UNICEF Romania, Evaluation of the Development Capacity of the Pupils Council (PC)
Designed the (participative) research framework, reviewed documents and legislation, carried out interviews and focus-groups, elaborated the report, presented findings, consultancy for institutional development

- 2016 • *Team leader, UNICEF Romania, Technical Assistance to the Authority for Children's Rights Protection and Adoption for the interim report of its strategy 2014-2020*
Coordinated the team of experts, conducted interviews with lead data representatives within key government bodies, coordinated the setting up of the M&E system
- 2014-2015 • *Consultant, World Bank Romania, Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Protection and the Elderly for the elaboration of the Anti-Poverty and Social Inclusion Strategy*
Conducted qualitative field work, elaborated the Housing chapter, provided research input for several chapters of the Strategy (services for children, education, labour market), drafted several case studies, participated in drafting the Strategy, the Action Plan, and the accompanying M&E system
- 2013 • *Team leader, UNICEF Romania, Technical Assistance to the Agency for Children's Rights Protection (ACRP), Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Protection and the Elderly for the elaboration of the Strategy on Children's Rights Protection and Promotion, 2014-2020*
Coordinated the team of experts, performed secondary data analysis, elaborated the background research paper, drafted the strategy (along with ACRP representatives)
- 2011 • *Research Coordinator, Roma Centre for Health Policies SASTIPEN, Impact evaluation of the health mediator programme*
Participated to the quasi-experimental evaluation, co-designed and coordinated surveys with local government officials, mediators, Roma beneficiaries, coordinated the qualitative interviewers carrying out semi-structured interviews, prepared the evaluation report
• *Consultant, KPMG, Pluriconsult SRL for the Romanian Authority for the Coordination of the Structural Instruments (SI), study on the challenges in the Capacity of Public and Private Beneficiaries of Structural Instruments*
Conducted online surveys and face to face interviews with public officials and SI beneficiaries, co-authored the report
- 2010 • *Evaluator, Pluriconsult SRL for the Council of Europe Development Bank, ex post evaluation of the 1st phase (2001-2006) of the National Agency for Housing programme (public housing for rent for the employed youth)*
Designed and implemented surveys with the beneficiaries, online surveys with authorities, carried out interviews and focus-groups, co-authored the report
• *RIQL in partnership with Istituto per la Ricerca Sociale (Lead Partner), Tavistock Institute, and Rehabilitation Foundation, ex post evaluation of the 2000-2006 European Social Fund support to the Open Method of Coordination in Social Protection and Social Inclusion*
Performed desk research on Poland, conducted field case study on the Czech Republic social economy project, co-authored the RIQL report

EDUCATION

- 2015 Postdoctoral programme, Research Institute for Quality of Life, Romanian Academy, within project funded through Structural Instruments *Pluri and interdisciplinarity in doctoral and postdoctoral programmes*
An Evaluation of the anti-poverty policies in Romania in the last two decades –

elements for a theory of policy evaluation

- 2011 PhD, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work Romania 2003–2009 and West University of Timisoara, Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, 2009-2011
Social Problems and Social Intervention – the Role of Evaluation
- 2002- Short courses: *Livelihoods* (University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK, the Overseas
2005 Development Group, 2005), *Choosing and Comparing Poverty Lines; Anti-poverty Policies, Monitoring and evaluation* (World Bank Romania, 2002, 2003, 2004); *Statistics* (Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj, Romania, 2002)
- 2005 BA in Philosophy, Spiru Haret University Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy and Journalism