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Work experience

Dates	July 2015 – present
Occupation or position held	<p>from July 2016 - Vice Rector (Deputy) for International Programs (since July 2016) (https://www.anmb.ro/eng/files/structura/conducere/index.html)</p> <p>from May 2022 - Chairperson LoD 11 – Naval Exchanges under EMILYO program (<i>European Initiative for the Exchange of Young Military Officers</i>), ESDC (http://www.emilyo.eu/node/158)</p> <p>September 2015 – June 2016 - Director for NAC Interdisciplinary Research Center</p> <p>from July 2013-present - Associate Professor of Romanian Naval Academy</p>

Main activities and responsibilities

Romanian Naval Academy - Course Team Leader for next courses: Maritime Economics, Port Management, Military Logistics, Operations Management, Project management, Military Transports, Port Logistics - undergraduate (BAS) and Port Strategic Management, International Logistics and Supply Chain Management - postgraduate level. Program coordinator and curriculum developer for following study programs: *Naval and Port Engineering and Management* (BAS 4 years program for undergraduates level – 240 ECTS credits), *Military Naval Logistics and Marine Infantry BAS* 4 years program for undergraduates level – 240 ECTS credits), and *Logistics Systems' Management* (2 years Master program degree – 120 ECTS credits). As program coordinator/provost for international programs underwent through accreditation process with the National Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (NAQAHA – Romanian branch of European Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education), International Association for Maritime Universities (IAMU), U-multirank (EU system on Higher education rating) and with EUA (European University Association). The programs are accredited with highest level of trust, in accordance with the implemented standards ISO 9001/2015. Starting from July 2015 I am Member of the Naval Academy Executive Board, member of the Naval Academy Scientific Council and member of the Faculty Board. I am also member of Quality Assurance Board, organizing and providing internal audit for research, project development and curriculum development processes, under ISO 9001/2015 standards. In November 2016 we had succeeded the ISO 9001/2015 implementation as further accredited by BVQI- Bureau Veritas.

Starting on June 2016 I have been appointed as Provost for International Programs, being responsible with the institutional policies on international programs and relations (project/programs management, Erasmus+ program administration, EU funds management, partnership relations management, quality management/risk management, budgeting, event management, project consultancy, public relations management). In this position I am also responsible for implementing and maintaining the external accreditation processes with the international agencies (i.e. IAMU, U-multirank and EUA).

During 2015-2016, as acting *Director for NAC Interdisciplinary Research Center* I was responsible with the research activities in area of Naval Transportation and Port Management, accessing different faculty research projects with national agencies, economic entities, and European Union financing funds.

Other recent achievements on position of Vice-Rector for International Programmes:

- on October 2017, May 2019, May 2022 and May 2024 I had conducted as co-director the "Maritime Security" Course, developed by the European Security and Defense College and European Commission;

<p>Name and address of employer</p> <p>Type of business or sector</p>	<p>- on May 2018, I had coordinated, the 21st ENASC Conference – European Naval Academies Superintendents' Conference currently leading the ENASC forum as executive director and workshop facilitator;</p> <p>- on May-October 2017 and May-September 2018, I had led the joint training program onboard Mircea TS, in partnership with the German Naval Academy (https://www.anmb.ro/ro/files/bric/marsuri.html);</p> <p>- initiating cooperation partnership with more than 50 universities under Erasmus+ program.</p> <p>Romanian Naval Academy („Mircea cel Batran”), 1st Fulgerului Street, Constantza, Romania (www.anmb.ro/eng)</p> <p>University, higher education, training, scientific research and</p>
<p>Dates</p>	<p>March 2014 – July 2015</p>
<p>Occupation or position held</p>	<p>Professor, Business Faculty, UAE Abu Dhabi Men's College, Higher Colleges of Technology</p> <p>Teaching next courses: Operations Management, Logistics, Strategic Supply Chain Management, and Project management. I have been course team leader for Logistics and Operations Management, for Project Management and Personal Finance. As CTL I have enriched my experience in PO, GO, CLO design and in assessment strategy validation (CSA), accordingly to HCT rules and regulations. I have participated in students work placement management alongside UAE companies. I had achieved a wide experience teaching LBD framework ("LEARNING BY DOING"), being expert in on-line learning environment under both MOODLE environment or BB Learning Platform. As ADMC faculty member I had broaden my experience working with Quality Management System ISO 9001/2008, being accredited by British International Standards as internal auditor. I had been involved in accrediting processes with Accreditation Council of Business Schools and Programs (AACSB), enlarging my knowledge in Quality Management System (ISO9001/2008) in higher education. I had been also member of HCT Scientific Research Committee, Member of HCT Logistics Committee, Member of HCT MBA Committee.</p>
<p>Name and address of employer</p> <p>Type of business or sector</p>	<p>Higher Colleges of Technology, Abu Dhabi Men's College, Business Department, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (www.hct.ac.ae)</p> <p>University, higher education, training, applied research</p>
<p>Dates</p> <p>Occupation or position held</p>	<p>April 2005 – March 2014</p> <p>Associate Professor (2013-present),</p> <p>Senior Lecturer (2007-2013), Professor Assistant (2002-2007)</p>
<p>Main activities and responsibilities</p>	<p>From March 2014 – part time MBA - Professor – International Affairs, Logistic Systems</p> <p>from 2010-March 2014: Associate Dean for Research in Romanian Naval Academy, Faculty for Engineering and Management; Full time Associate Professor</p> <p>from 2009 – 2010: Deputy Director for Distance Learning Department;</p> <p>from 2007–2008: Chair of EU Project Development Board – application/implementation of research and development programs on EU structural Funds and Erasmus exchanges program;</p> <p>from 2008-2012: Member of NAC Scientific Council;</p> <p>from 2016-2024: Member of RNA University Senate</p> <p>2009-present: National expert for <i>Engineering and Management</i> BAS program;</p> <p>2009-2014: Member in Academic Quality Assurance Council.</p> <p>Didactic positions: Associate Professor (starting on October 2013), Senior Lecturer (2007-2013), Lecturer (2005-2007), Professor Assistant (2002-2005).</p> <p>Associate Professor of the following courses undergraduate and postgraduate levels: <i>Maritime Economics, Military Logistics, Port management, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Operations Management, Project management, International Logistics, Port Strategic Management.</i></p> <p>Trainer in Lifelong Learning Department for the next courses: <i>Agency and Forwarding Operations, Port Management, Crisis Management and Multimodal Logistics.</i></p> <p>In the position as academic staff I have carried out scientific studies and researches, valorizing my professional expertise in transport/logistics field on national/ international level. As Associate Professor and Senior lecturer I have coordinated undergraduate and postgraduate graduation thesis (as scientific coordinator) and I have coordinated the Students Carrier Counseling Center. I had been full member of <i>Scientific Council of Naval Academy</i> (October 2008- March 2014), member of <i>Academic Council for Project Management</i> (March 2007-March 2014) and member of <i>Master Studies Committee</i> (March 2007-February 2014).</p> <p>In 2009-2011 I had been appointed as Deputy Director for Distance Learning Department – in this position I had dealt with curricula design and educational processes management and administration, according to internal and external qualitative standards and key performance indicators (ISO9001/2008). Later, as Associate Dean for Part Time Education I had implemented and developed</p>

	<p>the institutional e-learning platform on MOODLE environment (adl.anmb.ro), where actually are loaded more than 200 functional distance learning courses on engineering, management, logistics or other fundamental sciences.</p> <p>I had been involved as chair or board member in different successful accreditation processes, dealing with National Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS), Bureau Veritas (BVQI), EUA (<i>European University Association – Institutional Evaluation Programme</i>), EMSA (<i>European Maritime Safety Agency</i>), IMO (<i>International Maritime Organization</i>) and BSUN (<i>Black Sea University Network</i>), contributing for high ranks awarding (www.anmb.ro/eng/).</p> <p>My international academic teaching experience is proved by personal involvement in different international projects, partnership developments or participating in multiple teaching/training mobilities in international universities.</p>
Name and address of employer	
Type of business or sector	Romanian Naval Academy, 1 st Fulgerului Street, Constantza, Romania (www.anmb.ro/eng/) University, higher education, training, scientific research
Dates	
Occupation or position held	April 2004 – March 2005
Main activities and responsibilities	<p>OSCE Border Monitoring Mission in Georgia/ Senior Logistic Officer</p> <p>Mission in Georgia - the specific OSCE delegations' responsibilities were the monitoring and surveillance of Georgian internal security and local political, social and environmental stability. As CFA Logistic Officer of this mission, I was responsible with all logistic aspects implied by the current activity of OSCE's camp bases. The main tasks were regarding: the cash-flow management, payroll, budgeting, transportation planning, inventory management, procurement, supplies & stocks management, according to Common Regulatory Management System (C.M.R.S.), Budget Regulatory Framework (B.R.F.), U.N. Staff Regulations and I.A.S. I have been entire period part of all commissions responsible with monthly inventory, monthly financial balances, reported directly to the Chief of Administration. In this position I had worked based on SAP log/inventory modules as informatics frame of this job.</p>
Name and address of employer	
Type of business or sector	Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Vienna, Austria (www.osce.org) International organization - international public affairs
Dates	
Occupation or position held	September 2002 – March 2004
Main activities and responsibilities	<p>Professor Assistant</p> <p>Lecturer for the following courses/seminaries on undergraduate level: <i>Maritime Economics, Maritime Transports and Seaborne Trade, Corporate Finance in Shipping, Economics for Managers, International Economics, Corporate Accounting in Shipping, Logistics, Transportation Management.</i></p> <p>Beside the didactic activities related to these courses, I had been involved in different student research programs and in research contracts or projects implementation. I had coordinated undergraduate integrated projects and different student research activities.</p>
Name and address of employer	
Type of business or sector	Romanian Naval Academy („Mircea cel Batran”), 1 st Fulgerului Street, Constantza, Romania (www.anmb.ro/eng/) Higher education, training, scientific research
Dates	
Occupation or position held	April 2001 – September 2001 and April 2003 – September 2003
Main activities and responsibilities	<p>Onboard CFA – Project Chief of Finance and Administration</p> <p>In this position I had been responsible with the ship administration during the voyage in all its logistics aspects financial management of the projects, cash-flow management, budgeting, accountancy, procurement procedures (sourcing) and inventory management in the framework of Odyssey 2001 and Odyssey 2003 project management.</p>
Name and address of employer	
Type of business or sector	International Institute of Mediterranean Theatre, Marseille, France, (www.institutodelmediterraneo.es) International cultural project
Dates	
Occupation or position held	June 1996 – September 2002
Main activities and responsibilities	<p>Chief of Financial Department</p> <p>Financial/Accounting management (according with IAS), cash management, budget management, contracts management, procurement, financial/accountancy book keeping and statements, ship management and costs management. I had managed the departments of accounting, payroll, finance and logistics. Also, in this position I have managed from logistic point of view, the N/S Albatros ship</p>

Name and address of employer	fixture (1997-2001) and the Mircea TS yearly training voyages (costs management, payroll, procurement, agency deals, maintenance programs, contract management, cargo consignment, etc).
Type of business or sector	Romanian Naval Academy, 1 st Fulgerului Street, Constantza, Romania
Dates	Education, training, research
Occupation or position held	
Main activities and responsibilities	<p><i>July 1995 – June 1996</i></p> <p>Communication Officer – Trainer for Navy IT/COM Service</p> <p>In this position I had managed the training programs dedicated for Navy IT/COM service, organized in the Naval Academy. Also, involved in integrated communication system implementation.</p>
Name and address of employer	
Type of business or sector	Romanian Naval Academy, 1 st Fulgerului Street, Constantza, Romania
	Training, Engineering support
Education and training	<p><i>October 2002 – September 2009</i></p> <p>Ph.D. / Distinction „CUM LAUDE”, Domain: Economics, Area of researches: <i>International Economics</i>. Thesis Title: „<i>The International Institutions Policies and Strategies for Crisis Prevention in Globalization and Integration Framework</i>”</p> <p>Romanian Academy of Sciences, National Institute of Research in Economics, Bucharest, Romania</p> <p><i>September 2017 – December 2017</i></p> <p>Postgraduate studies in Educational Sciences, Educational Management</p> <p>National University of Defense "Carol I", Bucharest, Romania</p> <p><i>September 2001 – September 2002</i></p> <p>Master in Science, M.Sc. in Management of Transports</p> <p>Transportation management, logistics chain, EU policies in transport</p> <p><i>September 1996 – September 2001</i></p> <p>Bachelor in Applied Sciences (BAS), B.Sc. in International Business Affairs</p> <p>Specialization - <i>Management of International Business Affairs</i></p> <p>"Constantin Brancoveanu" University, Brăila, Romania</p> <p><i>August 1997 – December 1997</i></p> <p>Diploma – postgraduation course in Finance and Logistics</p> <p>Staff College, Finance and Logistics College, Bucharest, Romania</p> <p><i>October 1991 – August 1995</i></p> <p>B.Sc. in Military Communications (IT/COM Engineering degree)</p> <p>Specialization - Military Communications – Military IT-COM Service</p>
Training modules/ Certifications	<p>-June 1997, <i>Port Security</i>, US Coast Guard, Constanța, Romania</p> <p>-February 1998, <i>SICOB Higher Education Informatics Management</i>, Bucharest, Romania</p> <p>-May 2008, <i>Project Management</i>, University of Bucharest, Romania</p> <p>-April 2010, <i>Curricula Development in Higher Education</i>, (under DOCIS EU project) Bucharest, Romania</p> <p>-September 2010, <i>Quality Management in Higher Education</i>, by Bureau Veritas, Romania</p> <p>-February 2011, <i>Crisis Management</i>, (under Ro-No-Mar EU project) Aalesund College, Norway</p> <p>-October 2011, <i>Risk Management</i>, University of Russe, Bulgaria</p> <p>-June 2013, <i>Didactic Techniques Applied in Teaching of Economic Sciences</i>, Constanta, Romania</p> <p>-December 2013, <i>Distance Learning Programs Management</i>, Cluj Napoca, Romania, organized by ARACIS – Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance In Higher Education</p> <p>-April 2014, <i>Internal Auditor Course on Quality Management Systems (ISO 9001:2008)</i> – British International Standards, BSI, on Higher Colleges on Technology, Abu Dabi, UAE</p> <p>-November 2014, <i>Internal Auditor Course on Risk Management Systems (ISO 20013)</i> – British International Standards, BSI, on Higher Colleges on Technology, Abu Dabi, UAE</p> <p>-Mai 2017, <i>Project management (certificate Project Manager)</i> – Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Trade</p>

Personal skills and competences

- June 2017, Trainer (certificate as Trainer for Adult Education) – Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Trade
- October 2017, „*Maritime Security Challenges for the European Union*” strategic level course developed by European Security and Defence College (ESDC), Spanish Centre for Strategic Studies (CESEDEN), National Defence College and National College of Internal Affairs (Romania).
- September-December 2017, Certificate in Educational Management – National University of Defense, Bucharest, Romania
- December 2020, Certificate of Training EU Funding for the Security and Defence Sector, European Security and Defence College, by Ernst&Young BAS, Brussels, Belgium
- April 2024, Certificate for small boat manoeuvring, C&D class of boats, Romanian Naval Academy

PROGRAMMING/ MODELLING SKILLS

- Software developer: Databasis programming (Visual FoxPro, Visual Basic, Access), C++, Python
- March 2012, **Renewable Energy - RetScreen**, (under RES EU project) Constanta, Romania
- March 2012, **GNOME & ADIOS2 modelling**, (under RES EU project) Constanta, Romania
- March 2020, **Certificate in Business Process and Decision Modelling**, Hasso Platner Institute, Potsdam, Germany
- November 2020, **Certificate in AnyLogic Multimethod Modelling Software**, DSE Consulting, UK <https://the.anylogic.company/certs/?hash=n76T4cCJ>
- June 2025, Certificate **ASAP -Atomistic Simulation Advanced Platform Advanced tools** for ab initio materials modeling Developed by SIMUNE Atomistics
- **Personal development courses** in Higher Colleges of Technology, Abu Dhabi, UAE, Business Faculty: ePortfolios in BBLearn (April 2014); iBooks Authorship (April 2014); QMS 9001-2008 in Higher Education; Quantitative Research methods (January 2015)

Romanian

Certificated in English Language under STANAG standard as 3-3-3-3 level

	Understanding		Speaking		Writing	
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production		
English	C2 High experience	C2 High experience	C2 High experience	C2 High experience	C2 High experience	C2 High experience
Russian	A2 Intermediate	A2 Intermediate	A2 Intermediate	A2 Intermediate	A2 Intermediate	A2 Intermediate
Social skills and competences	Maximum adaptability and flexibility, full availability and full commitment in all personal overtaken actions, tasks and engagements, as responsible decision maker; capacity to work efficiently under stress, pressure and tough environment, on sustainable effort, physically demanding, cross cultural understanding, flexibility and adjustment.					
Organizational skills and competences	Decision taking skills, team leadership, managerial abilities in multicultural and cross-cultural environment, conflict moderation skills, communication skills within international environment, interdisciplinary approach, social bias and team player attitude.					
Technical skills and competences	Quality management knowledge (QMS), Production analysis and Logistics, NATO Logistics skills, Electronics, Mechanics, Automation knowledge, Environment matters knowledge.					
Computer skills and competences	Programmer of databases in Access and FoxPro languages, operator for different other databases programs, hardware knowledge, Microsoft Office package, Microsoft Project Management, skills in computer and network maintenance (hard and soft), php and web pages developer, strong knowledge regarding Accounting –Peachtree software or databases programs (including ERP - SAP and CRM, EDI or other modules used in Administration, Operations Management and Logistics.					
Driving licence(s)	Driving license B and C categories					

Main Academic Achievements

1. **Project management and research** - director for 3 national grant /6 international grants and member in other 17 international /national projects, financed from European Union funds/PNCDI/PSCD - expert in project implementation according to PMBOK rules, standards and regulations;
2. **Institutional accreditation management** - member in accreditation boards on institutional level (ARACIS, EMSA, EUA, Bureau Veritas);
3. **Quality management in education** - member in Naval Academy Quality Assurance Committee - QMS implementing expert (ISO9001/2015, Risk Management, Business Continuity, internal quality auditor);
4. **Distance Learning Education** - the implementation of Advanced Distributed Learning environment for part time education and for distance learning (on MOODLE platform adl.anmb.ro/marplat.eu);
5. **Academic International Cooperation and Academic Marketing** - promoter for institutional partnerships across Europe/China/US/Canada and coordinator for EU Erasmus+ program students and staff exchanges (Provost for International Programs of the Romanian Naval Academy);
6. **Student services - counseling and carrier adviser** - developing a job platform in port area for students, on EU projects (<http://practicainovativa.ro>, <https://www.anmb.ro/practica-cybersecurity>);
7. **Curriculum development** - responsible with 4 academic programs curriculum initiation and development and with an international master program degree (in partnership with Lille University).
8. **Expert in teaching strategies and methods: project based learning, LBD techniques**, blended learning, distance learning, high skills in BB Learning environment, MOODLE/other educational technologies.
9. **Scientific Research and publishing work**: 20 books, more than 100 publications, 25 projects as team member or project director, more than 50 conferences attended as presenter or guest lecturer.
10. **Course director** – „*Maritime Security Challenges for the European Union*” strategic level course developed by European Security and Defence College (ESDC), Spanish Centre for Strategic Studies (CESEDEN), National Defence College and National College of Internal Affairs (Romania), 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2024 Editions.

Medals, Awards

- **Medal of Honor for Military Sciences 1st class, for contributions in scientific research in Military Sciences, Ministry of Defence, Decision M.P. 1296/29.11.2021;**
- Medal of Honour for Service, Organization for Security and Cooperation, Medal #323/2004;
- Honoric Sign for Officers in Military Service, M105/20.09.2017, for 25 years of service;
- Navy Badge of Honour, E.O.F.N. 241/08.08.2017 for valuable contributions in Naval Academy national and international academic recognition;
- Military Service Badge of Honour, F.N.D. 09/02.08.2018 for valuable contributions in education;
- Defence Staff Badge of Honour 3rd Class, S.P.D. 42/17.07.2020 for valuable contributions in education;
- Defence Staff Badge of Honour 2nd Class, S.P.D. 82/05.10.2022 for valuable contributions in education;
- Veteran in Military Operations, Ministry of Defence, Decision M.V.O. nr.1/2021;
- Armed Forces Badge of Honor, Ministry of Defence, Decision M.P. nr. 787/04.11.2024.

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