

# ELENA CĂTĂLINA ȘTEFĂNESCU

ACCREDITED PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT



## CONTACTS

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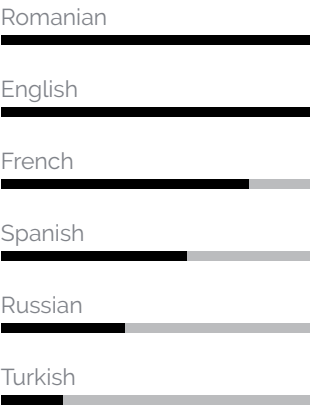
## ABOUT ME

I have professional experience within European institutions, actively engaging in the drafting of legislative amendments and reports, as well as in negotiations held in the AFET Committee and at interinstitutional level. I have represented institutional interests in diplomatic meetings and in dialogue with diplomatic missions and permanent representations to the EU.

## SKILLS

- Communication skills
- Stress resilience
- Negotiation skills
- Teamwork
- Drafting resolutions and reports
- Developing and maintaining diplomatic relations
- Managing institutional and international relations
- Intercultural communication and diplomacy
- External relations management and strategic cooperation

## LANGUAGES



## DRIVING LICENSE

Driving license category B

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**ACCREDITED PARLIAMENTARY ASSISTANT, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, Brussels**  
Mar 2018 - Present

Following AFET, SEDE, CONT, LIBE, PETI, EUDS committees. Drafting amendments: preparing proposals for changes to legislative texts or documents. Drafting INI reports. Participating in negotiations at technical and trialogue level: engaging in discussions and dialogues to reach agreements or compromises. Managing relations with permanent representations: maintaining communication and cooperation with national government offices in Brussels, representing Member States' interests in the EU. Managing relations with diplomatic missions: coordinating interactions and communications with diplomatic representatives of non-EU countries and international organisations. Drafting plenary resolutions on issues related to the AFET Committee. Organising conferences.

**VICE-PRESIDENT, Bucharest/Brussels, YOUNG EUROPEAN SOCIALISTS (YES, Bucharest/Brussels)**  
2017 - 2021

Elected at the Duisburg Congress in 2017 and re-elected in Helsinki in 2019.

- Managed the Education portfolio for two years, followed by two years in the Foreign Affairs portfolio.
- Monitoring EU and Member States' foreign policies.
- Tracking global developments, with a focus on Eastern Europe and Latin America.
- Understanding political, economic and social dynamics internationally.

International experience:

- Exchange at the invitation of the Young Democrats of America for the US presidential campaign (2016) – activities in Washington DC, Cleveland and Columbus Ohio, West Virginia.
- Exchange at the invitation of the Young Democrats of America for the 2018 Congressional elections – activities in Los Angeles, California and Nevada.
- Participation as Vice-President in YES and IUSY meetings on the Black Sea area: Bucharest (2016), Chisinau (2017), Tbilisi (2017), Kyiv (2018).
- Participation as Vice-President in Bureau and Presidium meetings in Sarajevo (2017), Valletta (2017), Stockholm (2017), Warsaw (2017), Skopje (2018), Tirana (2019), Paris (2019), London (2019), IUSY Council – Buenos Aires and Rosario (2017).

**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, ROMANIAN PARLIAMENT, Bucharest**  
Dec 2012 - Jun 2016

Legislative activity: drafting and proposing new laws. Representing Romania at international conferences. Diplomatic activity.

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., SNSPA, Bucharest**  
2025

Political Science

**Master of Science, Free University of Brussels**  
2021

European Integration, Foreign Relations and Security  
Graduation mention: With great distinction

**Master's Degree, SNSPA, Bucharest**  
2012

Public policies and European integration.

**Bachelor, Bucharest University, Bucharest**  
2010

Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures  
Modern Applied Languages: English and Russian

**Certificate, Romanian Diplomatic Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bucharest**  
2013

Foreign policies and diplomacy.

**Certificate, The Council of Europe and the "Ovidiu Șincai" European School, Bucharest and Strasbourg**  
2014

Functioning of EU institutions.

**Certificate, Pushkin Institute, Moscow**  
2012

Scholarship  
Russian Language and Literature.

**Certificate, European Parliament, Bruxelles**  
2022

External action and the European Parliament

**Certificate, European Parliament, Bruxelles**  
2022

Introduction to protocol

## PUBLICATIONS

- Experiencing the European Union in the South Caucasus and Eastern Europe**  
Identity Studies in the Caucasus and the Black Sea Region |Nov 2022
- The war in Ukraine and the 'anti-hegemon' media networks broadcasting in Spanish**  
Research and Science Today |Oct 2023