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Top Skills

Relații publice

Analytical Skills

Team Leadership

Languages

Spanish (Limited Working)

French (Professional Working)

Italian (Limited Working)

Romanian (Native or Bilingual)

English (Native or Bilingual)

Iulia Sbârcea

Advisor at Presidential Administration

Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania

Summary

Political analyst and independent consultant with a mission to strengthen democracy at central and local level, encourage civic participation and consolidate professional and ethical standards in public institutions. Teaching assistant with the Political Science Departments of the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration where I teach a Political Institutions academic course.

Researcher and contributor to national surveys and policy impact analysis in good-governance and social dialogue in Romania.

Experience

Save the Children Romania

Advocacy Expert

June 2025 - Present (3 months)

Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania

Policy & Strategy – Advocacy on Children's Rights

- Shaping national legislation by formulating recommendations to Members of Parliament on the transposition of the Digital Services Act, securing stronger protections for children from harmful online content.
- Engaging in structured dialogue major online platforms (VLOPs) to advocate for enhanced safeguards and improved mechanisms for protecting minors online.
- Petitioning national authorities to enforce child protection standards, ensuring stricter application of national law and EU regulations on children's rights, with a focus on reducing exposure to harmful televised content.

Presidential Administration of Romania - Department of Education and Research

Advisor

June 2021 - June 2025 (4 years 1 month)

Bucharest, Romania

- Research, forecasting and evaluation of the effects of public policies in the field of public education, especially by referring to the proposals included in the presidential program "Educated Romania"
- Drafting of newsletters, briefings, press releases, scores or public speeches for the presidential advisor coordinating the department (Mrs. Ligia Deca and, more recently, Mrs. Diana Păun) and the President of Romania, Klaus Iohannis.
- Drafting evaluations regarding the opportunity of promulgating legislative initiatives in the field of education.
- Answering petitions and requests for public information on matters concerning the educational field.

Starea Democrației

Advocacy Expert

March 2023 - December 2023 (10 months)

Bucharest, Bucharest, Romania

Coalition Advocacy – Starea Democrației Platform

- Advocated for democratic governance and civic participation as part of the Starea Democrației coalition, contributing expertise on the protection of civic liberties and good governance.
- Coordinated with civil society partners to develop joint advocacy positions, ensuring shared perspectives were integrated into broader democracy and rule-of-law debates.
- Supported public campaigns and policy dialogue to strengthen accountability, transparency, and citizen engagement in Romania's democratic processes.
- Drafted and contributed to policy briefs and coalition statements, amplifying the platform's impact in national and European-level discussions.

Presidential Administration of Romania - Department of Internal Political Affairs

Advisor

March 2015 - June 2021 (6 years 4 months)

Bucharest

- Researching, forecasting and evaluating the effects of public policies using public sources, political and personal contacts with political decision-makers and representatives of non-profit organizations.
- Drafting of newsletters, briefings, press releases, talking points or public speeches

for presidential advisor Laurentiu Ștefan and the President of Romania, Klaus Iohannis.

- Attending and reporting discussions on parliamentary committees, political party conferences or other events.
- Preparing strategies to respond to threats and opportunities for public policy initiatives and political actions.
- Monitoring procedures and providing analysis of activities in Parliament, Government and departments of the executive, political parties, think-tanks, pressure groups and non-governmental organizations.
- Providing strategic communication advice focused on raising the profile.
- Analysis of social trends and groups to anticipate political developments.
- Providing training, feedback and performance appraisals for trainees

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Romania

Researcher

November 2014 - December 2014 (2 months)

- authored FES's Annual Review 2014 on Labour Relations and Social Dialogue in South East Europe: Romania, which analyzes Romania's economic developments, labour market legislation, and industrial relations.

Median Research Center

Internship

September 2014 - November 2014 (3 months)

- coding candidates in the Presidential race political platforms' in a political compass/online survey meant to help the voters identify the most meaningful debate points and their political match to their preferences and values.

Agora Est Consulting

Consultant

August 2013 - June 2014 (11 months)

Bucharest

- Strengthened integrity and anti-corruption practices within local public administration.
- Enhanced institutional capacity through training on risk assessment tools and preventive legislation.
- Delivered on-site pilot demonstrations and remote consultations, improving authorities' ability to identify and mitigate vulnerabilities.

The National School of Political Studies and Public Administration
Project public relations expert

January 2012 - June 2014 (2 years 6 months)

- Coordinated communication with the Intermediary Office of the Sectoral Operational Programme (Ministry of Education).
- Prepared and submitted documentation for notices, addenda, and reimbursement requests.
- Monitored operational activities and ensured smooth project implementation with service providers.
- Developed funding applications (Soros, HRD, EuropeAid, Swiss Fund), expanding the university's project portfolio.

Constitutional Forum 2013

Expert coordinator

March 2013 - July 2013 (5 months)

- Organized public debates with local partners (municipalities, councils, NGOs, Pro Democracy Association)
- Led and coordinated teams of 5–10 volunteers for events and logistics
- Co-organized debates with the Venice Commission and the Council of Europe
- Managed event logistics and agendas, fostering social dialogue among Romanian stakeholders
- Contributed to the Constitutional Forum final report, drafting sections on: Rights and Freedoms (Articles 39, 40, 51) & Social Employment (Articles 9, 41–44, 141)

Transparency International Romania

Project Asistent

October 2010 - April 2012 (1 year 7 months)

- Organized stakeholder meetings with chambers of commerce, trade associations, embassies, and top management of international companies
- Developed concept papers on sector development, highlighting business opportunities and public administration challenges
- Conducted interviews with lawyers, entrepreneurs, and business leaders to support policy analysis
- Co-authored recommendations to improve the legal framework for private business
- Ensured communication with internal/external stakeholders and ESF donor program authorities
- Prepared technical reports, financial projections, and ensured compliance with grant requirements
- Monitored and coordinated project team performance to meet indicators

- Contributed to studies on business integrity and corporate ethics (e.g., Business in Romania 2011, 2nd edition)
- Edited Romania's chapter for Transparency International's European business integrity survey

Education

National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest (Romania)

Doctor of Philosophy - PhD Candidate, Political Science and Government · (2018 - 2021)

National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest (Romania)

Master's Degree, Theory and Political Analysis · (2010 - 2012)

National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest (Romania)

Bachelor's Degree, Political Science and Government · (2007 - 2010)