

BELGIU N. CĂTĂLINA-GABRIELA (CUREA)



Professional Experience

2020 – Present

Senior Adviser, Directorate for Protocol and International Relations

Government of Romania – Prime Minister's Chancellery

Central Public Administration – Diplomatic Protocol & International Relations

- Diplomatic protocol, preparation and management of diplomatic activities within the Government.
- Planning and organizing official meetings and visits at Prime Minister level.
- Coordinating institutional protocol activities for both domestic and international visits.

2019 – 2020

Head of Cabinet, Deputy Secretary General of the Government

Government of Romania – General Secretariat of the Government

Central Public Administration

- Coordinated the cabinet's activity, provided political advice and guidance on specific areas under the Deputy Secretary General's remit.
- Managed planning, organization, and coordination tasks.

2015 – 2019

Principal Adviser, International Relations Office, Directorate for International Relations and Protocol

Government of Romania – Prime Minister's Chancellery

- Managed organizational aspects and files related to the Prime Minister's foreign policy actions.
- Prepared operational and background files based on MFA documents and disseminated them to involved institutions.
- Organized diplomatic events, participated as note-taker in high-level meetings, and managed current diplomatic correspondence.

2015 – 2016

National Policy Advocacy Adviser – “Improving Energy Efficiency in Low Income Areas and Households of Romania”

- Provided consultancy for integrating project outputs into national and local policies.
 - Issued recommendations on energy efficiency matters.
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Romania
International Organization

2014 – 2015

Evaluation/Examination Adviser, Anti-Corruption Service, Directorate for Integrity and Good Governance

Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration of Romania

- Identified and mitigated corruption risks within MDRAP.
- Enhanced anti-corruption education and strengthened control mechanisms.
- Supported local public authorities in promoting integrity and preventing corruption.

2013 – 2014

European Affairs Adviser, Directorate for European Affairs, General Directorate for Regional Development

Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration of Romania

- Drafted analyses, mandates, and instructions for working groups, committees, and councils at national and EU level.
- Managed bilateral relations in European affairs, including EU relations with third countries and the European Neighbourhood Policy.
- Coordinated Romania's positions in international organizations.

2011 – 2013

Adviser, Directorate for Protocol and International Relations

Government of Romania – General Secretariat of the Government

Central Public Administration – Diplomatic Protocol & International Relations

- Handled diplomatic protocol, prepared official meetings and visits at Prime Minister level, managed domestic and foreign protocol activities.

2010 – 2011

Head of Cabinet, Prefect's Office – Argeş County

Ministry of Administration and Interior – Argeş County Prefect's Institution

Local Public Administration

- Represented the Prefect in designated activities and structures.

- Monitored and reported major issues to the Government and central authorities.
- Managed the Prefect's agenda, events, and institutional activities.

2008 – 2010

Project Coordinator

European Institute for Participatory Democracy

Non-Governmental Organization

- Gathered and analyzed information to define strategic positioning for parliamentary, European parliamentary, and presidential elections.
- Conducted research and monitoring activities, advised partners on the national and EU political environment, and facilitated communication between Romanian representatives in Brussels and domestic stakeholders.

Academic Activity

Lecturer – Faculty of Security and Defence

Romania National University of Defence “Carol I” | 2021–Present

- Courses taught:
 - Defence Diplomacy
 - History of International Relations
 - Communications and public relations
 - Strategic communication
 - Romania's Foreign Policy
- Engaged in university outreach activities and interdisciplinary seminars.

Education

- PhD Candidate in Political Science and Communication, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA) – ongoing
- Doctoral Summer School in strategic communication, National Intelligence Academy “Mihai Viteazul”
- European Security & Defence College, Doctoral Summer School, SEAE
- MA in Security and Defence, National University of Defence “Carol I”
- Postgraduate Studies in International Relations, Diplomatic Institute of Romania
- Postgraduate Studies in Defence & Security, National College of Defence, University of Defence “Carol I”
- BA in International Business & Economics, Bucharest University of Economic Studies
- BA in Communication & Public Relations, University of Bucharest

2022 – Present

PhD Candidate in Political Science

Political Science, International Relations, Security Studies

National University of Political Studies and Public Administration – Doctoral School of Political Science

2023

European Security & Defence College, Doctoral Summer School, SEAE

2023

Doctoral Summer School in strategic communication, National Intelligence Academy “Mihai Viteazul”

2008 – 2010

Master’s Degree in Security and Defence

National and Euro-Atlantic Security, Geopolitics and International Relations, Crisis Management, Security Policies and Institutions, Political-Military Doctrines, EU Policies, Security and Globalization, Joint Operations

National University of Defence “Carol I” – Faculty of Command and Staff

2010

Postgraduate Diploma in National Security and Defence

Defence and Security Strategy, Leadership and Performance in National Defence, Security Information Management, Geopolitics and Geostrategy, Critical Infrastructure, Globalization

National Defence College – Ministry of National Defence

2009 – 2010

Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations

International Relations Theory and Practice, Security Studies, European Integration, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy, Regional Studies, Diplomatic and Consular Law, Functional Diplomacy, Euro-Atlantic Studies

Romanian Diplomatic Institute – Ministry of Foreign Affairs

2009

Postgraduate Diploma in Internal Affairs Management

Common Foreign and Security Policy, Customs Cooperation and Schengen Area, EU Criminal Policies, Border Control, Combating Cross-Border Crime

National College of Internal Affairs – “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” Police Academy

2006 – 2009

Bachelor’s Degree in Economics and International Business

International Business Negotiation, Management, International Trade Policy, Econometrics, International Marketing, Statistics, Economics, Economic Informatics

Bucharest University of Economic Studies – Faculty of International Business and Economics

2005 – 2008

Bachelor's Degree in Communication and Public Relations

Public Relations, Crisis Management, Political Marketing, Press Communication, CSR, Persuasion, Argumentation Techniques, Success in Communication Techniques

University of Bucharest – Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences

2001 – 2005

High School Diploma, Mathematics–Informatics profile

National College “George Coșbuc” – Motru, Gorj

Additional Training & Certifications

- Certificate in Strategic Communication (2025)
- Certificate in Communication and Governance (2023)
- Public Integrity and Good Governance (2014)
- Trainer Certificate (2014)
- EU & NATO Policy Seminars – Brussels and Ankara (2010)
- Communication in English & French – Certified

IT & Digital Skills

- Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Outlook)
- Web-based communication tools
- Content creation (infographics, print materials)
- Social media familiarity in institutional contexts

Additional Courses, Certificates and Activities

- Communication manager certificate, 2024
- Project Monitoring and Implementation Officer – Human Resources Management System for Public Administration (SIPOCA136), in collaboration with the World Bank (2020–2021)
- Participant in international scientific conferences
- Integrity and Good Governance Course (2014)
- Certified Trainer Course (2014)
- Research internships on security, defence, anti-terrorism, border management, and NATO/EU best practices (2009–2010, Turkey, Belgium, Romania)
- Multiple specialized seminars on homeland security, cross-border crime prevention, and operational planning (2009–2010)
- French Language Certificate – University of Bucharest (2008)
- English Communication Certificate – CEPECA Consulting Center (2008)
- IT Operational Competence Certificate (2005)

Languages

- Romanian – Native
- English
- French
- Spanish

Skills

Social Skills: Strong communication, sociability, proactivity, teamwork, adaptability

Organizational Skills: Leadership, monitoring, coordination, ability to work in diverse teams

Driving License: Category B (since 18 July 2004)

Scientific Activities and Publications

Published Articles and Conference Papers

- The EU's Role in Ensuring Global Security and EU–NATO Relations – Annual International Doctoral Conference in International Relations and European Studies, Babeş-Bolyai University, May 2023.
- Military Diplomacy and the Development of the Military Potential of the Islamic Republic of Iran – National Conference on International Relations and Diplomacy in the Middle East and North Africa, Babeş-Bolyai University, May 2023.
- Online Information Collection and Its Role in Ensuring Security – International Scientific Conference on Public Order and Safety Strategies, Bucharest, May 2023. ISBN: 978-606-28-1614-8.
- The Influence of Asymmetric Threats on Cybersecurity – Intelligence and Security Culture Conference, National Intelligence Academy Mihai Viteazul, Bucharest, June 2023. ISSN: 2971-8139.
- Public Diplomacy – Hybrid Security Threats – AFASES Conference, Henri Coandă Air Force Academy, Braşov, May 2023.
- Political-Military Doctrine – Italian Fascist Doctrine – AFASES Conference, Henri Coandă Air Force Academy, Braşov, May 2023.
- The Ex-Yugoslav Space: Geopolitical and Geo-Economic Perspectives – National Conference “Reflecting on Eastern Europe”, Suceava, June 2023.
- National Security under the Impact of Globalisation – Strategies XXI International Scientific Conference, National Defence University “Carol I”, Bucharest, June 2023.
- The Impact of Online Marketing Campaigns Conducted Through Blogs – LUMEN MEPDEV Conference, 2016. ISSN 2357-1330.
- The Promotion of Management Consulting Services Among Romanian SMEs in 2007–2015 – IBIMA Conference, Madrid, 2015. ISBN: 978-0-9860419-5-2.

- Promotion Strategies in Online Marketing – LUMEN MEPDEV Conference, 2016.
- Political Marketing Campaign – LUMEN NASHS Conference, 2017. ID2114. Published in Revista Românească pentru Educație Multidimensională.
- The Effect of Promoting Brands Through the Facebook Network – LUMEN NASHS Conference, 2017. ID2112. Published in Revista Românească pentru Educație Multidimensională.
- Political Marketing and the Significance of Political Communication – ASE International Symposium, Bucharest, 2015.

Conference Presentations

- The EU's Role in Ensuring Global Security and EU–NATO Relations – Annual Doctoral Conference, Babeş-Bolyai University, May 2023.
- Military Diplomacy and the Development of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Military Potential – National Conference, Babeş-Bolyai University, May 2023.
- Online Intelligence Collection and Its Role in Security Assurance – International Conference on Public Order and Safety, Bucharest, May 2023.
- The Influence of Asymmetric Threats on Cybersecurity – Intelligence and Security Culture Conference, National Intelligence Academy, June 2023.
- Public Diplomacy – Hybrid Security Threats – AFASES Conference, Braşov, May 2023.
- Political-Military Doctrine – Italian Fascist Doctrine – AFASES Conference, Braşov, May 2023.
- The Ex-Yugoslav Space – Geopolitical and Geo-Economic Perspectives – National Conference “Reflecting on Eastern Europe”, Suceava, June 2023.
- National Security under the Impact of Globalisation – Strategies XXI International Conference, National Defence University, June 2023.
- Political Marketing and the Significance of Political Communication – International Symposium, ASE Bucharest, November 2015.
- The Promotion of Management Consulting Services Among Romanian SMEs in 2007–2015 – IBIMA Conference, Madrid, November 2015.
- Studying Political Behavior to Improve Political Communication – ASE Interdisciplinary Research Conference, December 2015.
- The Effect of Promoting Brands Through the Facebook Network – LUMEN MEPDEV Conference, 2016.
- Political Marketing Campaign – LUMEN NASHS Conference, 2017.

Doctoral Summer School Participation

- Jean Monnet Summer School – Strategic Communication, Governance and Security in the European Union, National Intelligence Academy Mihai Viteazul, 26–30 June 2023.
- European Security and Defence College – Doctoral School Summer University, Bucharest, 3–7 July 2023.

