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Background

- ▶ Senior Manager, Government and Public Sector
- ▶ Joined Ernst & Young in 2007
- ▶ Prior work experience - Romanian Ministry of Public Finance, Authority for Coordination of Structural Instruments (2005-2007)
- ▶ Holds Bachelor's Degree in Audit from the Academy of Economic Studies Bucharest (Bucharest), Faculty of Accounting and Management Information Systems
- ▶ Holds Bachelor's Degree in Management from the Academy of Economic Studies (Bucharest), Faculty of Management
- ▶ CGAP certification
- ▶ CIA certification
- ▶ Prince II Practitioner

Professional experience

Evaluation / studies / strategies (selection)

- ▶ Economic impact assessment of a major oil&gas company in Romania (July 2016-present)
- ▶ Development of the Intelligent Transport Systems Strategy for Motorways and National Roads, Romanian National Company for Motorways and National Roads (May 2016-present)
- ▶ Preparation of the development strategy for Galati Port (September 2014 - September 2015)

Professional experience (ctd)

- ▶ Ex-ante evaluation of the Operational Programme Human Capital 2014-2020, Operational Programme Technical Assistance 2014-2020, Operational Programme Aid for the Most Deprived 2014-2020, Ministry of EU Funds (Nov. 2013-May 2015)
- ▶ Research study concerning the computation and utilization of reference unit costs for the 2014-2020 programming period, Ministry of EU Funds (Nov 2013- November 2014)
- ▶ Improvement of the use of evaluation in the policy-making and decision-making process in the field of Structural Instruments in Romania, Ministry of EU Funds (April 2012 - April 2014)
- ▶ Absorption forecast and evaluation of the options of funds reallocations within the National Strategic Reference Framework 2007-2013, Ministry of EU Funds (January 2012-July 2012)
- ▶ Interim Evaluation of the Romania-Republic of Serbia IPA CBC Programme 2007-2013, Ministry of Regional Development (December 2011-June 2012)

Strategy, organizational models, capacity building (selection)

- ▶ Assistance to the Certifying and Paying Authority (Ministry of Public Finance) to prepare for the 2014-2020 programming period and to close 2007-2013 programming period (May 2015-December 2015)
- ▶ Assistance to the National Agency for Fiscal Administration to develop its analytical capacity - Development of the Revenue Estimation Unit, as part of the RAMP (April 2014-April 2016)
- ▶ Design of high level operating model and implementation roadmap - major oil&gas company in Romania (August - December 2013)
- ▶ Training for the staff of Certifying and Paying Authority (Ministry of Public Finance) to efficiently manage Structural and Cohesion Funds, Ministry of Finance (July 2012, January 2014)
- ▶ Technical assistance regarding verification and on the spot controls of EU funded operations under SOP Transport (CF), Ministry of Transport (September 2011 - December 2013)
- ▶ 2 framework agreements for appraisal of project applications submitted for funding under Regional Operational Program (ERDF), Ministry of Regional Development (March 2010 - April 2012)

Grants and Incentives Advisory Services (selection)

- ▶ Support to implement Stat Aid project - Star Assembly (part of Daimler Group) - June 2015 - 2018
- ▶ Preparation of CEF Application for Multimodal platform - Galati Port - January - March 2015