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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014-present **FREELANCER** Bucharest/Romania
Science and Technology Journalist
- Written mostly long-form pieces for **Ars Technica, Nature, WIRED, Vice Motherboard, The Economist, BBC Radio 4, The Outline, CSO, tech.eu, Computer Weekly, Romanian media** (DoR – Decât o Revistă, Dilema veche).
 - Regular contributor to ZDNet's [Central European Processing](#) blog. ZDNet is CBS Interactive's business technology website and one of the oldest websites still online.
 - Covered cybersecurity, medical technologies, emerging technologies, science in developing countries, women in STEM, health, history of technology in Eastern Europe.
- 2006-present **PROFM RADIO (DIGI GROUP)** Bucharest/Romania
Chief Editor and Breakfast Show News Anchor (November 2014 – present)
News Editor and Anchor • Science and Technology Writer (March 2006 – October 2014)
- *Leadership:* Coordinated a team of up to eight news editors who worked around the clock and covered current events in Romania and abroad.
 - *Local news project:* Hired, trained and coordinated a team of 5 news editors and 1 sound editor to create daily news content for 30 towns, working together with local newsrooms.
 - Anchored the news on the breakfast show.
 - Trained and mentored more than 50 young journalists and journalism students.
 - ProFM Radio (Contemporary Hit Radio format) reached a daily audience of 955,000 listeners across Romania in the autumn of 2018. It is part of the Digi Group, one of the largest media groups in Romania, owned by RCS&RDS, a local telecom company.
- 2016-present **DIGIFM RADIO (DIGI GROUP)** Bucharest/Romania
Science & Technology Show Host
- Hosted a weekly one-hour show on the latest discoveries in science and technology. It includes audio interviews with researchers and technology professionals who explain concepts and offer tips.
 - DigiFM Radio (Adult Contemporary) reached 779,000 listeners in the autumn of 2018.
- 2011-2015 **PROTV ONLINE (PROTV GROUP)** Bucharest/Romania
Science and Technology Online Journalist
- Covered current science and technology events happening in Romania and abroad.
 - Created and implemented educational campaigns on topics such as Romanian inventions, Romanian researchers, the LHC and the Higgs boson discovery, cybersecurity, the history of tech.
 - ProTV Group is the largest media organization in Romania. It is part of Central European Media Enterprises, which is 75% owned by WarnerMedia.
- 2006-2010 **PROTV** Bucharest/Romania
News Voice-Over
- Voice-over for ProTV's primetime news and health segment.
 - ProTV News is the most watched TV news program in Romania. In 2008, it won the International Emmy Awards for News and Current Affairs, the first News Emmy ever received by an Eastern European program.
- 2008-2010 **DESCOPERA.RO** Bucharest/Romania
Science and Travel Writer
- Researched and wrote long-form stories on astronomy, nanotechnology, chemistry, biology, and physics.
 - Descopera.ro was the most relevant science and technology website at that time in Romania. It is still part of the Mediafax Group.
- 1998-2006 **SON RADIO NETWORK** Mures County/Romania
News Editor and Anchor (2004-2006)
Children's Show Host (1998-2004)
- Wrote and reported the news on Sunday (2004-2006).
 - Hosted two children's shows: 'The 60-minute recess' (1998-2002), and 'Son Junior' (2002-2004).
 - Son Radio was the only radio network in Mures County, having 6 stations during its peak.

EDUCATION

- 2008-2010 **NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF POLITICAL STUDIES AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION** Bucharest, Romania
M.A. in Communication and Public Relations, Grade 10 out of 10
Thesis: The Online Rumor. The Internet as a medium for spreading rumors
- 2004-2008 **PETRU MAIOR UNIVERSITY | SPIRU HARET UNIVERSITY** Tg. Mures | Bucharest, Romania
B.Sc. in Mathematics and Computer Science
Study Abroad: Intensive course on statistics and computer algebra, University of Miskolc, Hungary (2005)
- Courses**
- 2018: **Entrepreneurial Journalism**, Ukraine (organized by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation)
2012: **Communicating Bioeconomy**, Brussels, Belgium (organized by the European Commission)
2010: **RELATE [Research Lab for Teaching Journalists] Science Journalism Course**, Institute of Photonic Sciences, Barcelona, Spain (awarded by the European Journalism Centre, Netherlands)
2010: **Journalist to Journalist. HIV/AIDS Training**, Atlanta, Georgia, USA (organized by the National Press Foundation and the International AIDS Society)
2009: **EICOS [European Initiative for Communicators of Science] Fellowship** – Spent three weeks in labs at the Max Planck Biophysical Chemistry Institute in Gottingen, Germany, the Max Planck Neurobiology Institute in Munich, Germany, and the Pasteur Institute in Paris, France (organized by the Max Planck Institutes and the European Union)
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Awards**
- 2018: Nominated for the **European Science Writer of the Year 2018** (organized by the Association of British Science Writers)
- 2017: Winner of two **SuperScrieri [SuperWritings] Prizes** (the most prestigious awards for journalism in Romania): **Best Feature Story** and **People's Choice Award** for [Ciori versus porumbei \(Crows vs pigeons\)](#), a long-form feature story written for Romanian magazine DoR with Sorina Vasile, MD. It shows how one of the country's most prominent cities, Timisoara, struggles with an increased population of pigeons and crows that have taken over the city's main square due to deforestation. The mayor operates on the edge of the law, tourists and locals act on preconceptions, and nobody takes advice from scientists. The *Crows vs pigeons* story was also included in the **SuperScrieri 2.0**, an anthology of the best Romanian feature stories published between 2015 and 2017. (awarded by Friends for Friends Foundation, Romania)
- 2012: **Technology Journalist of the Year 2011** in Romania (Freedom House)
- Grants**
- 2016: **SuperScrieri Grant for Education** for a long-form piece on how the educational system deals with children's mental health problems, including depression. (Friends for Friends Foundation, Romania)
- 2016: **Changing the Future Grant** for a long-form piece on the future of housing and the emergence of gated communities in Romania. (DoR Magazine, Romania)
- Conferences**
- 2018: Keynote speaker
PyData Berlin (one of the largest data science conferences in Europe, with over 500 attendees in 2018, mainly software developers and data scientists): *Hacking the Iron Curtain. From smuggling computer parts to owning the world*
BSides Bucharest: The adventures of Lab ED011
- Volunteering**
- Taught math to 20+ underprivileged students in foster homes.
Narrated the documentary *The Danube – From the Black Forest to the Black Sea* for the NGO *Let's Do It Romania*.
- Membership**
- [Balkan Network of Science Journalists](#) (board member) • [European Investigative Collaborations](#)
- Languages**
- English (Fluent) • Romanian (Native) • French (Working knowledge) • Spanish (basic) • Italian (basic)
- Hobbies**
- Collector of retro computers made in the Eastern Bloc • Pianist • Amateur photographer • Sci-Fi enthusiast