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• WORK EXPERIENCE

01/05/2021 – CURRENT

REGIONAL EXPERT FOR THE BLACK SEA – European Maritime Spatial Planning

Assistance Mechanism (2021-2026)

- Reporting on MSP process status in the Black Sea countries

01/07/2023 – 30.06.2026 – Bucharest, Romania

PROJECT RESPONSIBLE - JUST4MPA project from Romania/Senior Researcher – University of Bucharest - Interdisciplinary Center for Advanced Research on Territorial Dynamics

01/10/2015 – CURRENT – Constanta, Romania

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR – Ovidius University of Constanta

- Teaching and Research: Maritime Spatial Planning; Maritime Policy, Blue Economy, Ocean, Coastal and Deltaic Governance & Management, Environmental Geography, Urban Geography, Ecotourism
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06/05/2014 – CURRENT – Bucharest, Romania

RESEARCHER – University Of Bucharest - Interdisciplinary Center for Advanced

Research on Territorial Dynamics

- Elaboration of scientific research and projects: maritime policy, marine spatial planning, sustainable development, ocean governance, integrated coastal zone management, blue economy, sustainable wetland management, environmental policies, marine protected areas; fieldwork campaigns on Romanian Black Sea coast; preparation of scientific articles and participation in symposia/conferences

15/04/2021 – 31/12/2021 – Constanta, Romania

PROJECT MANAGER FOR ROMANIAN PARTNER – Ovidius University of Constanta

- Project: Tourism 4.0 for the Black Sea (T4BS), European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF) – Blue Economy call 2018 – blue economy in the Black Sea basin
- I led an interdisciplinary team of 12 persons.
- My main tasks: preparation of proposal, project management, communication, research activities management, overseeing project delivery, quality control of delivered service, budget management

02/05/2018 – 30/11/2020 – Romania

PROJECT LEADER – University of Bucharest

- Project: TEAM4SEAS: Bridging the gaps: An innovative and operational participatory platform to connect science, stakeholders and policy for successful maritime spatial planning in Romania
- I led an interdisciplinary team of 8 people.
- My main tasks: preparation of proposal, project management, communication, research activities management, overseeing project delivery, quality control of delivered service, budget management

15/10/2015 – 15/12/2017 – Bucharest, Romania

PROJECT LEADER – University of Bucharest

- Project MARSEA: Development of an integrated framework for marine spatial planning in Romania – funded by the Ministry of Research and Innovation Romania

- I led an interdisciplinary team of 7 people.
- My main tasks: preparation of proposal, project management, communication, research activities management, overseeing project delivery, quality control of delivered service, budget management

01/10/2010 – 05/05/2014 – Bucharest, Romania

JUNIOR RESEARCHER – University of Bucharest - Interdisciplinary Center for Advanced Research on Territorial Dynamics

- Elaboration of scientific research and projects: ocean governance, integrated coastal zone management, Blue Growth, sustainable wetland management, environmental policies, marine protected areas; fieldwork campaigns on Romanian Black Sea coast; preparation of scientific articles and participation in symposia/conferences

01/10/2008 – 30/09/2010 – Bucharest, Romania

RESEARCH ASSISTANT – University of Bucharest

- Elaboration of scientific research and projects; preparation of scientific articles on the following topics: ocean governance, integrated coastal zone management, Blue Growth, sustainable wetland management, environmental policies, marine protected areas; fieldwork campaigns on Romanian Black Sea coast; preparation of scientific articles and participation in symposia/conferences

01/10/2007 – 01/05/2008 – Bucharest, Romania

TOURISM CONSULTANT – EST CONCEPT SRL

- Promoting ecotourism packages in the Danube Delta, Field trips to determine tourist sites

● **EDUCATION AND TRAININGS**

06/06/2022 – 10/06/2022 – Piran, Slovenia

CERTIFICATE – Euro-Mediterranean University Sea-Unicorn COST Action

- Marine spatial planning with marine functional connectivity

04/10/2021 – 04/11/2021 – Canada

CERTIFICATE – International Ocean Institute

- New Developments and Emerging Issues in Ocean Governance
- Field(s) of study Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics : Environmental sciences

20/10/2021 – 21/10/2021

CERTIFICATE – Tallinn University and Land-Sea-Act Project

- Transnational Training on Land-sea Interactions in Spatial Planning

17/06/2018 – 20/06/2018 – Veli Losinj, Croatia

CERTIFICATE – Blue Solutions

- Building the capacity of EU early career marine researchers to operate effectively at the science-policy/society interface

17/03/2018 – 26/03/2018 – Belfast, United Kingdom

CERTIFICATE – Queen University Belfast

- Short Term Scientific Mission OceanGov COST Action – Maritime Spatial Planning

12/03/2018 – 16/03/2018 – Bremen, Germany

CERTIFICATE – Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT)

- Short Term Scientific Mission OceanGov COST action - Evolutionary Governance Theory and Land-Sea Interaction

14/07/2017 – 21/07/2017 – Krems, Austria

CERTIFICATE – Future Danube Summer School

- Cultural and Social Implications Of Global Change On The Danube River Basin

06/05/2014 – 07/12/2015 – 90 Soseaua Panduri, Bucharest, Romania

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW – University of Bucharest

- Integrated coastal zone management, Blue Growth, sustainable wetland management, environmental policies, marine protected areas; fieldwork campaigns on Romanian Black Sea coast; preparation of scientific articles and participation in symposia/conferences.
- Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics : Environmental sciences
- Thesis: Participatory development, governance and adaptive management on the Black Sea coast Romania
- EQF level 8

06/07/2015 – 05/08/2015 – Liverpool, United Kingdom

CERTIFICATE – University of Liverpool

- Marine spatial planning, environmental policies, ocean governance, marine protected areas, land-use Conflicts

25/08/2014 – 18/09/2014 – Dalyan, Turkey

CERTIFICATE – MEDCOAST Institute

- Integrated coastal zone management, marine spatial planning, environmental policies, ocean governance, marine protected areas, land-use conflicts

11/11/2012 – 16/12/2012 – Malta

CERTIFICATE – International Ocean Institute

- Blue Growth principle, integrated coastal zone management, marine spatial planning, environmental policies, ocean governance, marine protected areas, land-use conflicts

01/04/2012 – 30/09/2012 – Split, Croatia

CERTIFICATE – United Nations Environment Programme

- Integrated coastal zone management in Mediterranean area

01/10/2008 – 30/09/2011 – 90 Soseaua Panduri, Bucharest, Romania

PHD IN GEOGRAPHY – University of Bucharest

- Protected areas, sustainable wetland management, environmental policies, integrated coastal zone management, land-use conflicts in a fragile ecosystem, fieldwork campaigns in Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve and Romanian Black Sea coast
- Field(s) of study: Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics : Environmental sciences
- Thesis: DANUBE DELTA BIOSPHERE RESERVE. Partnership between people and nature for sustainable development
- Magna cum Laude
- EQF level 8

15/06/2010 – 15/07/2010 – Brest, France

MOBILITY STAGE – Institut Universitaire Européen de la Mer (IUEM), University of Brest

- Maritime policy, Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), marine protected areas, land-use conflicts in a fragile ecosystem

15/02/2010 – 15/06/2010 – Angers, France

MOBILITY STAGE – ESO-CARTA Laboratory, University of Angers

- Land-use conflicts, urban and rural systems, territorial dynamics, economic modelling

01/10/2007 – 30/06/2008

MASTER DEGREE – University of Bucharest

- Models of urban and rural systems, Governance, Hypertrophy and hypotrophy of human settlements, Sustainable development, Geographical continuity and discontinuity, land-use conflicts in a fragile ecosystem
- Field(s) of study: Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics : Environmental sciences
- EQF level 7

01/10/2003 – 30/07/2007 – Bucharest, Romania

BA IN GEOGRAPHY – University of Bucharest - Faculty of Geography

- Economic Geography, Human Geography, Ecology, Urban Geography, Geography of Tourism, English, History of British/American Literature, Contemporary English Language, Computer skills (GIS)
- Field(s) of study: Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics : Environmental sciences
- EQF level 6

● LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Romanian

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
FRENCH	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1
ITALIAN	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2
GERMAN	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office, Google Drive, Social Media, ArcGIS Desktop (ArcView) 9.3.1, NVivo, QGIS – Quantum GIS, SPSS SOFTWARE.

● DRIVING LICENCE

Driving licence: B+

● ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

Editor Special Issue Frontiers in Marine Sciences on MSP and MPAs 2025-2026

Co-editor for 'Land Sea Interaction and Evolutionary Governance' Special Issue in Marine Policy Journal;

Co-editor Special Issue Frontiers in Marine Sciences IMECaN network – organising committee member;

Organisation of the Training School Land-Sea Interactions, 27 February – 1 March 2019, Constanta, Romania.

● MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Coordinator of Ports and coastal communities Working Group within Rethink Blue Cost Action 2023-2027;

Coordinator of Land-Sea Interaction Working Group within OceanGov Cost Action 2016-2020;

Leadership: 8 projects (6 national and 2 international)

● COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Good communication skills gained through my experience as lecturer in seminars and conferences, communication manager in the ESPON project and during field campaigns (interviews and questionnaires)

● CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

World Small Scale Fisheries 2026, 27 April – 1 May 2026, Thailand

Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Conference 2026, February, Bucharest, Romania

RethinkBlue Annual Conference, Tallinn, Estonia, 26-29 January 2026

Black Sea Stakeholder Conference 2025, October, Constanta, Romania

REMAP Final Conference, October 2025, Helsinki, Finland

MPA in MSP International Conference, July 2025, Bodo, Norway

European Maritime Days, May 2025, Cork, Ireland

European Ocean Days, March 2025, Brussels, Belgium

European Maritime Spatial Planning Week, October 2024, Marseille, France

MSP Forum, October 2024, Bali, Indonesia

Littoral 24, September 2024, Constanta, Romania

Blue Justice and Just Transformation: far-fetched concepts for Romania's marine protected sites?, Natasa Vaidianu, Priscila Lopes, Florin Tatui, MSEAS, June 2024

Opportunities and barriers to the development of an equitable sustainable tourism in the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve, Romania, ERSA, Terceira, Portugal, August 2024

Autori: Natașa Vaidianu, Priscila Lopes, Petruta Teampau, Florin Tatui, Andrei Schvab
1st RethinkBlue Conference, 23-25 April 2024, Zadar, Croatia

EMSEA Conference, 16-17 October 2023, Batumi, Georgia

Black Sea Annual Stakeholder Conference, 22-23 November 2023, Bucharest, Romania

VĂIDIANU N., TĂTUI Florin, SÎRODOEV Igor, SCHVAB Andrei, PARASCHIV Mirela, SAGHIN Irina, Socio-cultural values into maritime spatial planning process in Romania, GEOUNIBUC, November 2022, Bucharest

N. Văidianu, F. Tătui, M. Ristea, A. Stănică, MANAGING COASTAL PROTECTION THROUGH MULTI-SCALE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES IN ROMANIA, MARBLUE 2022, 25-27 October 2022, Constanța

N. Văidianu, Florin Tătui, Igor Sîrodoev, Andrei Schvab, Mirela Paraschiv, Irina Florea-Saghin, INSIGHTS ON HOW TO INCORPORATE SOCIO-CULTURAL ALUES INTO MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING PROCESS IN THE BLACK SEA, MARBLUE 2022, 25-27 October 2022, Constanța

A. Schvab, N. Văidianu, Igor Sîrodoev, Marius Skolka, Marian Tudor, George Cracu, Mirela Paraschiv, Daciana Sava, Irina Florea-Saghin, TOURISM IMPACT MODEL AS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TOOL FOR AUTHORITIES. CONSTANȚA AND SF. GHEORGHE CASE STUDIES, MARBLUE 2022, 25-27 October 2022, Constanța

23/06/2022 – Online
Climate-ADAPT Training Session for Romania

22/06/2022 – Online
MSProadmap Webinar: "Monitoring, evaluation and revision of Marine/Maritime Spatial Planning

14/06/2022 – 15/06/2022 – Brest
MSP Stakeholder Conference - Planning for the future of Europe's Marine Space
Organiser

18/05/2022 – Online
The BLUEING THE BLACK SEA PROGRAM (BBSEA), Regional Marine Pollution Report, Turning the Tide of Pollution in the Black Sea, in support of THE COMMON MARITIME AGENDA FOR THE BLACK SEA

17/03/2022 – Online - University of Southampton
More than Maps: Introduction to Stakeholder Analysis

22/02/2022 – Online
Opening Conference eMSP NBSR (Emerging ecosystem-based Maritime Spatial Planning topics in the North and Baltic Seas Region)

02/02/2022 – Online
Black Sea CONNECT Innovation Workshop

26/01/2022 – Online
UNITED training workshop "Offshore Platform Operation, Safety and Logistics within the context of multi-use

26/01/2022 – Online
1st Living Lab Workshop in Romania, organised within the project „Advancing Black Sea Research and Innovation to Co-Develop Blue Growth within Resilient Ecosystems – BRIDGE-BS

25/11/2021 – Online
Final Conference MARSPLAN BS II

22/11/2021 – Online
Black Sea Annual Stakeholders Conference

18/11/2021 – Online
Black Sea Common Maritime Agenda, Unlocking the Development Potential for the Black Sea

18/11/2021 – Online
Tourism for the Black Sea High Level Forum

12/11/2021 – University of Bucharest - Faculty of Geography
The 2nd International Conference Geographical Sciences and Future of Earth
TEAM4SEAS Geo-platform - a decision support tool for maritime spatial planning

13/10/2021 – Online
MSP contribution to the Blue Economy – Experience from East Asia (Japan)

05/10/2021 – Online
MSP Global project – Final Conference

20/09/2021 – Online
Participation in LiftWEC research project interview about renewable energy in the Black Sea

16/09/2021 – 17/09/2021 – Raseborg, Finland
CoastGIS 2021, Sustainable Coastal Management in a Changing World

15/09/2021 – 17/09/2021 – Online
Participation to Second Ocean Decade Laboratory – A Predicted Ocean

15/09/2021 – Online
SimAtlantic Final Conference “Lessons from the European Atlantic for implementation of maritime spatial planning in transboundary contexts”

15/09/2021 – Online
MSP Study Ramboll-Deloitte-WUR | Meeting of the Focus Group Black Sea

12/07/2021 – Online
Kick-off Meeting for the Horizon 2020-funded BRIDGE-BS (Advancing Black Sea Research and Innovation to Co-Develop Blue Growth within Resilient Ecosystems) Research and Innovation Action

28/06/2021 – 02/07/2021 – Delft, The Netherlands
Coastal Dynamics Conference
First Insights into Rip Currents Problematics on the Romanian Black Sea Coast

22/06/2021 – Varna/Online
Workshop Perspectives for development of aquacultures in the context of MSP, within MARSPLAN BS-II project

19/11/2020 – 20/11/2020 – Online
Virtual Conference Ocean Governance: Action Insights and Foreshadowing Challenges

08/05/2019 – 11/05/2019 – Bucharest, Romania
SUST-BLACK Conference

07/04/2019 – 12/04/2019 – Wien, Austria
European Geographical Union Conference

11/06/2018 – 12/06/2018 – Aveiro, Portugal
Ocean Governance Conference

15/11/2017 – 17/11/2017 – Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain
Ocean Governance Conference

01/10/2017 – 05/10/2017 – Woods Hole, USA
IMBIZO 5: Marine biosphere research for a sustainable ocean: Linking ecosystems, future states and resource management

03/05/2017 – 04/05/2017 – Constanta, Romania
MARSPLAN International Conference Maritime Spatial Planning in the Black Sea

24/04/2017 – 28/04/2017 – Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain
MaPSIS - Maritime Spatial Planning, Ecosystem Approach and Supporting Information Systems

15/03/2017 – 17/03/2017 – Paris, France
2nd International Conference on Marine/Maritime Spatial Planning

06/03/2017 – 08/03/2017 – Bremen, Germany
Ocean Governance Conference

06/03/2016 – 11/03/2016 – Sydney, Australia
International Coastal Symposium

06/10/2015 – 11/10/2015 – Golden Sands, Bulgaria
Future Management of the Romanian Black Sea Coast, Twelfth International Conference on the Mediterranean Coastal Environment (MEDCOAST 2015)

04/03/2015 – 06/03/2015 – Kiel, Germany
Ocean Sustainability Science Symposium

14/10/2014 – 17/10/2014 – Belek, Turkey
3rd International Symposium on Integrated Coastal Zone Management

22/09/2014 – 26/09/2014 – Klaipeda, Lithuania
Littoral 2014 - Facing Present and Future Coast Challenges

18/09/2014 – 21/09/2014 – Veliko Gradiste, Serbia
The Third Romanian-Bulgarian-Hungarian-Serbian Conference - Geographical Research and Cross-Border Cooperation within the Lower Basin of the Danube

24/08/2014 – 03/09/2014 – Sibiu, Romania
22nd Annual Colloquium Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems, International Geographical Union

28/10/2013 – 31/10/2013 – Constanta, Romania
4th Bi-annual Black Sea Scientific Conference, Black Sea - Challenges Towards Good Environmental Status

18/09/2013 – 19/09/2013 – Tulcea, Romania
Deltas and Wetlands Conference

● NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

01/01/2026 – CURRENT

POLLEN – Political Ecology Network

01/09/2016 – CURRENT

IMBER (organising committee member of Early Career Researchers network - IMECaN)

01/07/2015 – CURRENT

Marine Spatial Planning Research Network, United Kingdom

15/08/2014 – CURRENT

MEDCOAST Foundation Turkey

01/01/2014 – CURRENT

Professional Association of Romanian Urbanists, Romania

01/06/2012 – CURRENT

Professional Association of Romanian Geographers, Romania

15/02/2010 – CURRENT

The Interdisciplinary Network 2H2S “Entrepreneurship and Regional Development. European Comparisons”, France

● HONOURS AND AWARDS

05/03/2015

Towards a sustainable Romanian Black Sea Coast. Pressures, conflicts and adaptation measures – GEOMAR

Award for the best poster. Title: “Towards a sustainable Romanian Black Sea Coast. Pressures, conflicts and adaptation measures”, Ocean Sustainability Science Symposium, Kiel, Germany

01/09/2014

Integrated Coastal Management in the Mediterranean & the Black Sea – MEDCOAST

Sponsorship for participation to the Tenth International Training Workshop, 26 August - 11 September 2014, Dalyan, the Aegean coast, Turkey: Integrated Coastal Management in the Mediterranean & the Black Sea

01/07/2014

Summer School in Sustainable Blue Growth – OGS Trieste

Sponsorship for participation to the Summer School in Sustainable Blue Growth, Trieste, Italy, 2014

01/12/2012

International Ocean Institute Course – IOI/University of Malta

Sponsorship for participation to the International Ocean Institute Course, Malta, 2012

01/09/2011

Implications of accessibility degree in Danube Delta Human Community, Romania – VLIZ

Award for the best PhD student paper and presentation, courtesy of ESRI. Title: Implications of accessibility degree in Danube Delta Human Community, Romania, 10th International Symposium on GIS and Computer Mapping for Coastal Zone Management, Subtitle: Marine and Coastal Spatial Planning - Oostende, Belgium, September 2011

● HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Travelling; sailing; hiking; dancing; working with people for sustainability.

ANNEX - RELEVANT EXPERIENCE (PROJECTS / PUBLICATIONS / ARTICLES):

Projects

Project Title: Blue Justice and Just Transformation: far-fetched concepts for Romania's marine protected sites? Romania's National Recovery and Resilience Plan, Pillar III. Smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, including economic cohesion, jobs, productivity, competitiveness, research, development, and innovation, and a well-functioning internal market with strong small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), Component C9. SUPPORT FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION, "18. Development of a program to attract highly specialised human resources from abroad in research, development and innovation activities", member

Project Title: Integrated research and sustainable solutions to protect and restore Lower Danube Basin and coastal Black Sea ecosystems Project specific 3: Community development through sustainable blue tourism entrepreneurship and ecological restoration of coastal and marine areas; Romania's National Recovery and Resilience Plan, Pillar III. Smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, including economic cohesion, jobs, productivity, competitiveness, research, development, and innovation, and a well-functioning internal market with strong small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), Component C9. SUPPORT FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION, I5 „ Establishment and operationalization of Competence Centers" Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters", January 2023 - December 2025, member

Project Title: Rethinking the Blue Economy: Socio-Ecological Impacts and Opportunities (RethinkBlue), COST Action CA22122, Start Date: 30 October 2023, End Date: 29 October 2027

Project Title: Enhancing Small-Medium Islands resilience by securing the sustainability of Ecosystem Services (SMILES) COST Action CA21158, Start Date: 22 September 2022, End Date: 21 September 2026

Project Title: Adaptation to Climate Change, Romania's National Recovery and Resilience Plan, Pillar III. Smart, sustainable and inclusive growth, including economic cohesion, jobs, productivity, competitiveness, research, development, and innovation, and a well-functioning internal market with strong small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), Component C9. SUPPORT FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION, I5 „ Establishment and operationalization of Competence Centers", decembrie 2022 - decembrie 2025, member

Project Title: National Strategy for integrated coastal zone management and management plan, Ministry of Environment, director UOC Andreea Trandafir, November 2022 - December 2023, member

Project Title: Smart and sustainable land use: solutions for a resilient agriculture, PN-III-P4-PCE-2021-1450, director Sirodoev Igor, 600 000 Eur, member

Project Title: Rip currents hazard on the Romanian Black Sea beaches: Need for action!

Client: Ministry of Research, Romania

Dates: 2020-2022

Description: first results about rip currents distribution, characteristics, and dynamics along the Romanian coast, which is, to our knowledge, also a first run for the entire Black Sea basin.

Budget: 100.000 Eur

Role in the Project: key expert on maritime policy and blue economy in the Black Sea basin

Project Title: WAVE - Water Areas Vision for Europe

Client: ERASMUS PLUS project

Dates: 2020-2022

Description: The project addresses the pressing issue of sustainable development of water areas and floodplains in the urban and peri-urban environment.

Budget: 325,991 Eur

Role in the project: key expert on land-sea interaction and maritime policy/ preparation of proposal/workshops organisation and preparations

Project Title: Tourism 4.0 for the Black Sea (T4BS)

Client: European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

Dates: 2019-2021

Description: Tourism 4.0 for the Black Sea project strives to enable local stakeholders from public and private sector in tourism to increase their understanding of current trends, patterns of tourist flows and impact of visitors as well as predict the tourist impact for taking strategic data driven decisions to foster more sustainable tourism in the future.

Budget: 720.000 Eur

Role in the project: project manager on blue economy in the Black Sea basin

Project Title: Smart and sustainable land use: solutions for a resilient agriculture

Client: Ministry of Research, Romania

Dates: 2022-2025

Description: to define a rural (agricultural as well as non-agricultural) land use pattern optimally and resiliently adapted to the changing regional climate and the changes in the organization of geographical space in one of the breadbaskets of the European Union

Budget: 250.000 Eur

Role in the project: project leader: preparation of proposal, project management, communication, overseeing project delivery, quality control of delivered service

Project Title: Bridging the gaps: An innovative and operational participatory platform to connect science, stakeholders and policy for successful maritime spatial planning in Romania TEAM4SEAS

Client: Ministry of Research, Romania

Dates: 2018-2019

Description: stakeholder engagement and creating an interactive geoportal for MSP in Romania

Budget: 100.000 Eur

Role in the project: project leader: preparation of proposal, project management, communication, overseeing project delivery, quality control of delivered service

Project Title: CO-LAND: Inclusive COastal landscapes: activating green and blue infrastructure for sustainable development of the urban-LAND interface

Client: ERASMUS PLUS project

Dates: 2016-2020

Description: The consortium developed and test an open online course during which learners will collaborate in interdisciplinary and virtual teams on local case studies.

Budget: 300.000 Eur

Role in the project: key expert on land-sea interaction and maritime policy/ preparation of proposal/workshops organisation and preparations

Project Title: COST Action Ocean Governance for Sustainability - Challenges, Options and the Role of Science

Client: COST Association

Dates: 2016-2020

Description: Ocean-Gov comprised a unique, transdisciplinary network of 58 proposers with regional and international outreach. The network aimed to establish an integrative vision, and a series of approaches that informed research and future policy directions on crosscutting sustainability-driven issues related to the fragmented governance framework of oceans, seas and coastlines within regional waters, and the open ocean in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

Budget: 500.000 Eur

Role in the project: key expert on maritime policy and ocean governance, preparation of proposal/workshops organisation and preparations

Project Title: Changes in storminess and coastal erosion induced by climate variability along the Black Sea Coast. Management and adaptation

Client: FP7 Initiative ERA.Net RUS Plus

Dates: 2016 – 2018

Description: This research project aimed to obtain a comprehensive understanding of the Black Sea coast dynamics and associated storm related environmental issues. The collaborative scientific endeavour of the three partners focused on determining the storm patterns in the Black Sea basin and storminess evolution, the multi-decadal coastal evolution, the imprints of storminess variability and of major storms on coastline dynamics in order to build specific coastal erosion management schemes and to project future adaptation strategies to climate change impacts.

Budget: 300.000 Eur

Role in the project: key expert on blue economy and Blue Growth, preparation of proposal/workshops organisation and preparations

Project Title: Development of an integrated framework for marine spatial planning in Romania MARSEA

Client: Ministry of Research, Romania

Dates: 2015-2017

Description: We provided guidelines on how to join and use spatial information in all steps of marine spatial planning.
Budget: 100.000 Eur
Role in the project: project manager: preparation of proposal, project management, research activities leader, workshops organisation and preparations, communication.

Project Title: Vulnerable and Resilient Structures In Romania: 25 Years of Transformations and Lessons for the Future

Client: Ministry of Research, Romania

Dates: 2015-2017

Description: The final goal of the project was to assess dynamic and stable components of Romania's socio-economic and mixed natural-anthropogenic systems over the past 25 years using vulnerability-resilience approach.

Budget: 100.000 Eur

Role in the project: preparation of proposal, research activities, workshops organisation

Project Title: EU scoping mission to assess the feasibility of a project on Integrated Maritime policy in the Black Sea

Client: DG MARE

Dates: 2014-2016

Description: This scoping mission was called to evaluate the feasibility of a cross-sectorial cooperation project on Integrated Maritime Policy in the Black Sea.

Budget: 297.805 Eur

Role in the project: national expert for Romania on maritime policy

Project Title: Effects of urban heat island for improving urban comfort and energy consumption in Bucharest

Client: Ministry of Research, Romania

Dates: 2014-2017

Description: The project REDBHI aimed at developing innovative and original products, with direct applicability, which could be used in any urban settlement and have market potential with regards to energy design and consulting.

Budget: 400.000 Eur

Role in the project: preparation of proposal, workshops organisation and preparations

Project Title: Ecological reconstruction of the areas owned by Mahmudia Council in the frame of agricultural arrangements Carasuhat from Danube Delta

Client: European Regional Development Fund

Dates: 2014-2016

Description: The purpose of the project was to create conditions for maintaining biodiversity in the area and increasing the connectivity of habitats, by reducing the fragmentation resulting from the damming and drainage carried out in the past.

Budget: 2,5 mil Eur

Role in the project: GIS expert

Project Title: ESPON GROSEE „Growth Poles in South-East Europe”

Client: ESPON 2013

Dates: 2012-2014

Description: The project studied the three main growth poles in South-Eastern Europe - Athens, Sofia and Bucharest - their relation to the European core development areas, their competitiveness and the role that the three capitals could have individually as well as together in the European polycentric network as economic drivers of South-Eastern Europe.

Budget: 360.000 Eur

Role in the project: Communication manager for the project, implementation of communication strategies, including social media management.

Project Title: ESPON SIESTA “Spatial indicators for an ‘Europe 2020 Strategy’ territorial analysis”

Client: ESPON 2013

Dates: 2011-2013

Description: The aim of this project was to provide evidence on the territorial dimension of the EU2020 Strategy by identifying opportunities for different types of regions in relation to the targets and flagship initiatives set out in the Strategy.

Budget: 400.000 Eur

Role in the project: Project Manager for the Romanian Partner: preparation of proposal, management, quality control

Project Title: „Rewilding Europe” – Danube Delta

Client: Rewilding Europe NGO, Netherlands

Dates: 2012-2014

Description: The project evaluates the benefits of various land management models involving domesticated and wild/semi-wild herbivores. Also, Rewilding Europe is working to create new opportunities for delta communities by supporting the development of nature-based business. We establish best practice models, provide business development support, and, where possible, financial support through Rewilding Europe Capital.

Role in the project: External consultant for WWF Romania.

PUBLICATIONS

Research articles:

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