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EDUCATION

Central European University
PhD in Environmental Sciences and Policy

Vienna, Austria
September 2021 - present

- Concentration: The politics of community energy

Central European University
Master of Environmental Sciences and Policy

Budapest, Hungary
June 2020

- Concentration: Energy transition and environmental justice
- Thesis on just energy transition in coal regions
- Selected Coursework: Energy and Society, Environmental Arts and Humanities

University of Bucharest
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Communications Sciences

Bucharest, Romania
July 2007

- Semester at the Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium

EXPERIENCE

2Celsius, environmental NGO
Vicepresident

Bucharest, Romania and Brussels, Belgium
September 2019 – present

- Overseeing the activities within the various projects rolled out by 2Celsius, the Romanian member of multiple European networks: European Environmental Bureau, Climate Action Network, and Transport&Environment
- Active roles in some of 2Celsius' projects: communications, policy analysis, grant applications
- Building collaborations in the environmental nonprofit sector in Romania in order to grow the national environmental advocacy efforts

Scena9, online publication
Contributor

Bucharest, Romania
September 2019– present

- Contributing journalistic articles focused on environmental issues like: air pollution, energy transition, waste management, climate policy, etc.
- Researching and documenting environmental stories that are relevant to the climate action in Romania and in the region as well as interviewing key people
- Coordinating the journalistic series "Surrounding Bucharest", funded by the European Union, rolled out by a team of five journalists and photographers; consisting of six articles about the environmental and social issues at the periphery of the Romanian capital

Libertatea, newspaper
Contributor

Bucharest, Romania
December 2021 – July 2022

- Contributing op-eds on the main environmental stories in Romania and in the region
- Conducting analysis of environmental projects, discourses, and strategies that shaped Romania's political scene
- Working with the newspaper's editors to identify the most pressing topics about the Romanian environmental politics

Ministry for the Environment, Romania
Advisor to the Secretary of State

Bucharest, Romania
January 2021 – September 2021

- Providing advice to the Secretary of State on circular economy related policy making
- Coordinated the working group for the circular economy chapter in the Romanian National Recovery and Resilience Plan
- Facilitating the relationship between the institution and the civil society

Ashoka Foundation
Community Manager (4 months pre-determined contract)

Bucharest, Romania
September 2020 – December 2020

- Coordinated the implementation of the Climate Community Lab project on behalf of Ashoka Romania, part of the consortium of Central and Eastern Europe organizations involved in the EIT Climate-KIC funded project
- Grew a community of climate-active individuals in Central and Eastern Europe, starting from over 500 experts in different environmental-related fields, with the goal of creating more climate impact in the region
- Planned and moderated events that contributed to better networking, but also to deepening relevant topics like the European Green Deal and its impact in the region

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- Continuously working with different global Ashoka offices and partner organizations from Poland, Czech Republic, and Estonia in order to facilitate collaborations in CEE

Seneca Publishing House *Communications Specialist (remote)*

Bucharest, Romania
September 2019 – May 2020

- Created and implemented the communications strategy for the first “green” publishing house in Romania, as well as ramifications of the organization like the Seneca Anticafé bookstore and Ecologos environmental workshops
- Edited and coordinated the Romanian publication and launch of the “No one is too small to make a difference” by Greta Thunberg, among other books in the environmental collection of the publishing house
- Grew the media exposure of the publishing house’s environmental collection of books by organizing events, pitching the books to specialized publications for review, writing press releases and op-eds

Romanian Parliament *Parliamentary advisor*

Bucharest, Romania
October 2017 – September 2019

- Built and maintained the communications platform dedicated to environmental policy debated in the Parliament, as parliamentary advisor for two Union Save Romania MPs, members of the Committees for the Environment in the Senate and the Chamber of Representatives
- Followed the environmental laws on the legislative path from filed legislative projects to passed laws and communicated the process and the updates to the media and general public
- Documented parliamentary debates within the Committees for the Environment in the Senate and the Chamber of Representatives
- Proposed a bill for free tap water in public places in Romania, that was passed by the Parliament in 2024

Pelican International Environmental Film Festival *Communications Manager*

Tulcea, Romania
February 2014 – February 2019

- Coordinated the communications for five annual editions of the festival, starting with creating the communications strategy and implementing activities that improved the relevance of the festival and grew the attendance from a few hundreds to over 5,000 participants
- Contributed to selecting the environmental documentaries screened during the festival out of over 300 films annually
- Initiated, organized and partially moderated Pelican Talks, a series of discussions focused on environmental topics tackled in the selected documentaries together with filmmakers and environmental specialists
- Selected and invited international jurors and guests for the festival

Think Outside the Box, online publication *Project manager*

Bucharest, Romania
April 2016 – September 2017

- Coordinated two editorial projects: Think Green – a 12 articles series on renewable energy, and Discover Eco-Romania – a journalistic exploration of six eco-destinations in Romania
- Built and coordinated two teams of journalists, photographers, graphic designer, web developers and accountants, while also working as a journalist and editor within the teams
- Managing the relation with funder Romanian American Association and partner Friends for Friends Foundation in order to fulfill the objectives of the project on time

Journalist, environmental focus

Bucharest, Romania

- Documenting environmental stories like land grabbing, waste management, environmental and social justice, renewable energy and just transition, energy communities, and other for the online independent media platform Think Outside the Box (2010-2017)
- Reporting and conducting interviews on environmental topics for the Green Report online magazine, first environmental publication in Romania (2007-2010)
- Working as a fixer for international teams of journalists documenting environmental stories in Romania, like land grabbing in the south-eastern part of the country, foreign investments in organic agriculture in the western part of the country, or waste management in the capital
- Working as a freelance environmental journalist for Romanian publications like Vice Romania, Mindcraft Stories, Press One, and for regional and European media like Balkan Insights, The Beam, and Euractiv

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Romanian (native), English (fluent), French (fluent), German (beginner)

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Academic Publication: LaBelle, M., Bucată, R., Stojilovska, A. 2020. "Radical Energy Justice. A Green Deal for Coal Miners?"

Selected Articles:

- *Ailing Romanian coal region sees new hope in EU Green Deal* for The Balkan Insights, 29th of May 2020
- *The changing fortunes of Romania's "wind power academy"* for EURACTIV, 29th of September 2020
- *Austria, Germany, the Netherlands: an enlightening roadtrip from a Romanian perspective* for The Beam, November 2018

Academic fellowships:

- *London Critical Theory Summer School* fellow at University of Birkbeck, summer 2023

Teaching:

- Teaching Assistant for the "Communities, States, Societies" course for BA students at Central European University – fall term 2023, instructor prof. Dorit Geva, Sociology Department
- Teaching Assistant for the "Current Topics in Energy Policy" course for MS students at Central European University – fall term 2021, instructor prof. Michael LaBelle, Environmental Sciences and Policy Department

Professional Engagements:

- Guest speaker for Sociology and Anthropology BA and MA students at the School of Sociology and Social Work at University of Bucharest, within the "There is no away" project, funded by the Administration of the National Cultural Fund – 2023
- Speaker for the "Jiu Valley: the lab of transitions" international seminar organized by University of Liège and the University of Petroșani for students and the local community of the coal region of Jiu Valley, Romania - 2022
- Author of a report on local implementation of circular economy legislation commissioned by the environmental organization Mai Mult Verde, based in Bucharest, Romania – 2022
- Juror of the "Animal Welfare" category of the *Superscrieri* Awards for journalistic excellence, organized by the Foundation Friends for Friends - 2022
- Trainer for community leaders from Romanian cities along the Danube involved in an environmental regeneration project conducted by the environmental organization Mai Mult Verde, based in Bucharest, Romania – 2020
- Moderator of a webinar on decarbonization in Romania in the context of the European Green Deal, organized by environmental organization Bankwatch and the Embassy of Sweden in Romania - 2020
- Moderator of a webinar on textile waste and fast fashion organized by World Vision Romania – 2020
- Contributed a text on air pollution for the "AER" fanzine published within the Art Encounters biennale, Timișoara - 2019
- Author of a report on Romania's policy on energy efficiency, air pollution, reindustrialization, and climate-positive agriculture commissioned by Ashoka Romania – 2019
- Information visit for Romanian energy journalists at the European Commission, organized by the Energy Policy Group and the European Commission in Romania - 2018
- Journalistic fellowship for the 4th Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue organized by the German Federal Government - 2018
- Participant to media study tours on energy transition in Poland organized by the Clean Energy Wire, global network of energy and climate journalists, based in Berlin, Germany - 2018
- Contributor to the communications campaign of Greenpeace Romania on renewable energy by creating a series of video interviews with Romanian prosumers - 2018