

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Male | Nationality Moldova / Romania

JOB APPLIED FOR

WORK EXPERIENCE [full time]

May 2015 – present

Founder and monitor

EuroPass Center for European Initiatives; Chisinau, Moldova; <https://europasscenter.wordpress.com/>

- *Managing strategic development; editorial activities. Writing project proposals.*

Business or sector NONPROFITS FOR TRANSPARENCY: Combating propaganda and manipulation.

March 2013 – present

Founder, Marketing Manager & Program Coordinator

Business News Service S.R.L.; Chisinau, Moldova; www.mold-street.com / www.press-release.md

- *Managing strategic development; marketing and communication activities; administrative and editorial policies. Writing business news and project proposals.*

Business or sector ONLINE MEDIA & INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING: Business news, economic analysis, and investigations on corruption.

October 2011 – January 2016

Communication Specialist

Agricultural Competitiveness and Enterprise Development Project / Development Alternatives, Inc.; Chisinau, Moldova; www.aced.md / www.dai.com

- *Managing communication and editorial activities, public relations and support for events.*

Business or sector AGRICULTURE & RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT: Technical assistance from USAID.

May 2008 – April 2013

Founder, Director & Editor-in-Chief

SensMedia S.R.L.; Chisinau, Moldova; www.agenda.md

- *Managing the company and producing website content.*

Business or sector ONLINE MEDIA & ADVERTISING: Events agenda, advertising.

October 2004 – December 2012

Founder, Chairman & Executive Director

BasaMediaNet A.O.; Chisinau, Moldova

- *Managing the organization.*

Business or sector NON-PROFIT & CIVIL SOCIETY: Transparency in public life.

August 2006 – June 2007

Deputy Editor-in-Chief & Writer

Capital Market; Chisinau, Moldova; www.capital.market.md

- *Managing content production for website and print edition.*

Business or sector PRINT MEDIA: A financial market weekly monitor.

September 2005 – April 2006

Editor-in-Chief & Reporter

Info-Prim-Neo S.R.L.; Chisinau, Moldova; www.ipn.md

- *Managing the newsroom, marketing activities, and website content.*

Business or sector ONLINE MEDIA: Political, economic, and social news.

September 1995 – August 2005

Translator, Reporter & News Editor

Basa-Press S.R.L.; Chisinau, Moldova; www.basa.md

- *Translating news into English; reporting on social and economic issues; editing news in Romanian and English.*

Business or sector ONLINE MEDIA: Political, economic, and social news.

June – October 1995

Translator & Broadcaster of News in English

Radio Moldova International / TeleRadio Moldova Corporation; Chisinau, Moldova; www.trm.md

- *Translating news into English; broadcasting news in English.*

Business or sector BROADCAST MEDIA: Political, cultural, and social news.

August – October 1995

Public Relations Specialist & Interpreter

MoldExpo Center; Chisinau, Moldova; www.moldexpo.md

- *Organizing expo events and dealing with participants.*

Business or sector FAIRS & EXHIBITIONS: Holding international and local expo events.

October 1994 – May 1995

Teacher of English

Vocational School of the Trade and Industry Ministry; Chisinau, Moldova

- *Teaching English language to 9th grade students.*

Business or sector EDUCATION: Training hotel & restaurant staff.

WORK EXPERIENCE [part time & freelancing]

April 2008 – present

Freelance Translator

Free Europe Radio; Chişinău, Moldova; www.europalibera.org

- *Translating features and news stories.*

Business or sector ONLINE MEDIA: News and analysis portal.

 February – March 2011
August – September 2008
September – October 2007

Lead Reporter (freelance); Peer Reader

Global Integrity; Washington, USA; www.globalintegrity.org

- *Writing lead story on corruption in Moldova; checking out the facts ([HERE](#)).*

Business or sector Replace with type of business or sector

April – May 2009

Freelance Reporter

Media Helping Media; London, UK; www.mediahelpingmedia.org

- *Writing news stories on media freedom.*

Business or sector ONLINE MEDIA: International news and analysis magazine.

April 2009

Freelance Reporter

Al Jazeera English; Doha, Qatar; www.aljazeera.com

- *Writing feature stories on popular revolts ([HERE](#)).*

Business or sector ONLINE MEDIA: International news and analysis magazine.

February – March 2005

Freelance Reporter

Transitions Online; Prague, Czech Republic; www.tol.org

- *Writing feature stories on Moldovan political developments ([HERE](#) & [HERE](#)).*

Business or sector ONLINE MEDIA: Reporting on changes in post-communist countries.

March 2005 – August 2006

Freelance Reporter

Economist, a weekly magazine of Jurnal Trust Media; Chisinau, Moldova; www.eco.md

- *Reporting on energy, communication, transport, and technology issues.*

Business or sector PRINT MEDIA: Business & economic reporting.

November 2004 – June 2005

Freelance Reporter

Reporter.md; Chisinau, Moldova.

- *Reporting on political and social issues.*

Business or sector ONLINE MEDIA: Political, social, and economic reporting.

April 1999 – February 2002

Staff Reporter

Observer Economic; Chisinau, Moldova.

- *Reporting on banks, insurance, trade, and services.*

Business or sector PRINT MEDIA: Social and economic reporting.

September 1999 – August 2000

Staff Reporter

eXclusive, Chisinau, Moldova.

- *Reporting on cultural and business issues.*

Business or sector PRINT MEDIA & ADVERTISING: Leisure & travel magazine.

GENERAL EDUCATION

2000-2001

Academy of Public Administration

Post-graduate courses in international relations and diplomatic arts; in Chisinau, Moldova.

1992-1998

State University of Moldova

Department of Foreign Languages [English as basic] and Universal Literature; in Chisinau, Moldova.

1988-1992

Pedagogical College of Calarasi

Department of Primary Class Teaching; in Calarasi, Moldova.

1980-1988

Secondary School of Tuzora

General education; Tuzora, Moldova.

1984-1987

Fine Arts School of Calarasi

Painting, drawing, sculpture, history of arts; in Calarasi, Moldova.

JOURNALISM TRAINING

June 2014

International Conference “Supporting Civil Society: A Democracy Dialogue”

By Atlantic Council and European Endowment for Democracy; in Wroclaw, Poland.

February – March 2010	<p>Seminar “Strengthening Parliamentary Oversight in Moldova: Lessons Learned in Estonia”</p> <p>By Geneva Center for Democratic Control of Armed Forces; in Tallinn, Estonia</p>
April – May 2009	<p>Training Course “Investigative Journalism and Corruption Prevention”</p> <p>By USAID via Community Connections; in San Diego, USA</p>
November 2006	<p>Training Course “Writing Business News”</p> <p>By Reuters Foundation; in London, UK</p>
September 2006	<p>Training Course “Investigative Business Reporting”</p> <p>By Financial Times, InWEnt, and Sofia Media Development Center; in Sofia, Bulgaria</p>
May – June 2006	<p>Workshop “Journalism Standards for English-Language Editors in Moldova” (as trainer)</p> <p>By Moldpres and Info-Prim News Agencies; in Chisinau, Moldova</p>
April 2006	<p>Training Course “Editorial Ethics for Online Journalists”</p> <p>By Sarajevo Media Center; in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina</p>
May – July 2005	<p>Training Course “Multimedia and Online Journalism”</p> <p>By International Institute for Journalism and InWEnt; in Berlin, Hamburg, and Cologne, Germany</p>
November – December 2003	<p>Seminar “Health and Social Reporting”</p> <p>By Institute for Further Education of Journalists and SIDA; in Kalmar and Gothenburg, Sweden</p>
October 2001	<p>Conference “United Nations Journalist Forum on Environmental Reporting”</p> <p>By United Nations Information Service and Vienna International Center; Vienna, Austria</p>
February 2001	<p>Workshop “Analysis of Opinion Survey”</p> <p>By Belgrade Media Center; Belgrade, Serbia</p>
February 2000	<p>Workshop “Investigative Journalism in Central Asia” (as trainer)</p> <p>By Soros Kazakhstan Foundation; Almaty, Kazakhstan</p>
October 1999	<p>Workshop “Investigative Journalism in South-East and Central Europe”</p> <p>By Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and World Bank; in Istanbul, Turkey</p>

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue Romanian

Other languages

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English, Russian	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
Moldova State University Diploma in Foreign Languages (English, French and German)					
French / German	A2 / A1	A2 / A1	A2 / A1	A2 / A1	A2 / A1

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Communication skills Excellent communication skills gained as communication specialist at ACED Project, which was implemented by U.S. company Development Alternatives, Inc., and as CEO at BasaMediaNet and SensMedia.

Organisational / managerial skills Excellent managerial and organizational skills thanks to leadership in BasaMediaNet, SensMedia, and Business News Service – companies which I founded and administered; the number of employees varied between 3 and 6.

Job-related skills Excellent control of editorial and reporting skills gained as reporter for various print and online media outlets, both in Moldova and international. Rich experience as translator and trainer. Good understanding of economic phenomena and business events; good handling of investigative journalism. Excellent organizing and planning abilities; hard-worker and discipline lover.

Digital competence

SELF-ASSESSMENT

Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient	Proficient

Levels: Basic user - Independent user - Proficient user
[Digital competences - Self-assessment grid](#)

- good command of office suite (word processor, spread sheet, power point, etc.).
- good command of photo editing software gained as an amateur photographer.
- good command of web content management systems.

Other skills Diploma in Fine Arts. Extensive experience in Web and Print Design.

Driving licence A and B

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Projects**
- ✓ **Development of Business Investigative Reporting in Moldova**, a grant from the European Endowment for Democracy, 2014;
 - ✓ **Investigative Business Reporting for Transparency and European Integration of Moldova**, a grant from the National Endowment for Democracy, 2015-2016;
 - ✓ **Investigative Reporting for Transparency in Public Finance Management and Government Integrity**, a grant from the U.S. Embassy to Moldova, 2016-2017.
 - ✓ **Combating Economic Manipulation during the Decision-Making Process in the Media**; a grant from the Soros Foundation, 2016-2017.

Honours and awards **Award for Best Online Reporting in Moldova, 2014**; shared with team members.
Award for Best Media Startup, 2014; shared with team members.

- References**
- Roger Jeal**, Reuters Foundation international trainer (e-mail: rogerjeal@hotmail.com); UK.
- David Brewer**, Media Ideas International, former BBC and CNN trainer (e-mail: breweruk@gmail.com); UK.
- Vasile Botnaru**, director of Free Europe Radio Moldova (e-mail: botnaruv@gmail.com); Moldova.
- Valeriu Vasilica**, director of Info-Prim Neo Agency (e-mail: v.vasilica@info-prim.md); Moldova.
- Cornelia Cozonac**, director of the Investigative Journalism Center (email: cornelia.cozonac@gmail.com); Moldova.
- Alexandru Cantir**, editor-in-chief of iMedia and founder of the Moldovan Committee for the Press Freedom (e-mail: alexandru.cantir@gmail.com); Moldova.