

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Sep 2015–Present

Lawyer - Legal Officer

European Commission - DG MARE - Legal Unit, Brussels (Belgium)

- Lead Counsel in International negotiations representing the Commission at the United Nations in NY for the BBNJ Treaty
- Team leader on matters pertaining to international law
- Case Handler for infringement cases
- Court Cases at the European Court of Justice
- Case Handler for State Aid
- Legal Advice on International Law
- Legal Advice on EU External Action
- Legal Advice on Commission Internal Procedures

Jun 2014–Sep 2015

Adjunct Professor

Handong International Law School (South Korea (Republic of Korea))

Lecturing EU Law courses, student consultations

Oct 2012–Sep 2014

Adjunct Professor

Griffiths School of Management (Romania)

Modular courses in EU law and European Integration

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Sep 2010–Sep 2013

Doctoral Studies (PhD) - Diplomacy and Security Studies

University of Matej Bel (Slovakia)

Research Thesis: External Action of the EU and EU Diplomacy. From Irrelevance to Effectiveness

Sep 2009–Jun 2010

LL.M. in European Union Law and International Commercial Law, cum laude

Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium)

Nov 2009

Humanitarian Law

College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium)

Sep 2007–Jun 2008

Erasmus diploma - International Public Law

Université de Reims Champagne - Ardenne, Faculté de Droit et Science Politique (France)

Oct 2005–Jun 2009

Bachelor in law

University of Oradea, Faculty of Law

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
French	C2	C2	C2	C2	C1
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
Italian	C1	C1	B2	B2	B2
Slovak	C1	B2	B2	B2	B1
Spanish	B2	B1	B1	B1	B1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user - B1 and B2: Independent user - C1 and C2: Proficient user
 Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Communication skills

- good public speaking skills gained as a guest speaker in several international conferences
- teaching and rhetorical skills
- team spirit

Organisational / managerial skills

- coordination and administration of resources
- leadership skills - team building is imperative
- planning: organised events and conferences
- ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines
- critical thinking and analytical mind
- creative problem solving

Job-related skills

- excellent knowledge of EU policies
- excellent knowledge of Commission Internal Procedures
- excellent diplomatic and negotiation skills
- knowledge of protocol: organised several high-level conferences
- legal experience in the preparation of several legislative proposals and other Commission acts
- knowledge of the EU External Action: research thesis and practice

Digital skills

SELF-ASSESSMENT				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem-solving
Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user

Digital skills - Self-assessment grid

- tech savvy

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Important Achievements at the European Commission

- Accredited Commission negotiator for UN negotiations in New York regarding BBNJ Treaty
- Appointed DG representative by the at the Commission level in the Interservice Group on External Competences (GICE)

- Case handler for infringement cases and Court Cases follow-up
- Coordinated a team lawyers for matters pertaining to international law.
- Legal Advice on International Law
- Legal Advice on External Action
- Legal Advice on Commission Internal Procedures
- State aid Case handler - handled and prepared for adoption a series of state aid Commission decisions