PERSONAL INFORMATION **Mihai Țurcanu**

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Date of birth 17/03/1989 | Nationality Romanian

11/2018 – Present **Institute for Development and Social Initiatives "Viitorul"**

Program Coordinator

Working in various capacities in projects implemented by IDIS „Viitorul"", such as:

- „Reconfiguring EU Democracy Support. Towards a Sustained Demos in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood (REDEMOS)", impemented by within the Horizon Program a consortium of 11 organizations from Eu and EaP region (2022-2025)
- „Increasing the Integrity of Public Procurement in Moldova", implemented in partnership with the Partnership for Transpparency (PTF), funded by the US State Department (2020-2025)
- Calling out disinformation and misinformation in the Republic of Moldova" project, implemented by IDIS "Viitorul", financially supported by the NATO's Public Diplomacy Division (2025)
- "Encouraging women and ethnic minorities from the South of the Republic of Moldova to participate in the 2023 local elections", financially supported by the East Europe Foundation from resources provided by Sweden (2023-2024)
- Supporting critical thinking and resisting disinformation in the Republic of Moldova Brief description, financially supported by the Embassy of Finland in Moldova (2023-2024)
- „Civil society support provided to the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova to promote economic reforms and assess the independent regulating agencies" implemented by IDIS Viitorul in 2020 with the financial support of the Soros Foundation.
- „Transparent public authorities for active citizens" within the "Development of local civil society in the Republic of Moldova", financed by the European Union and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (2020-2021)
- "Development and promotion of green tourism in the Danube sector of the Black Sea basin (Cahul district, Republic of Moldova; Reni territorial community, Ukraine and Galați county, Romania)", BSB-817, part of the Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Program 2014-2020 and is co-financed by the European Union through the European Neighborhood Instrument (2020-2023)
- "Promoting youth participation in electoral processes in the Republic of Moldova", financed by the Ministry of Education and Research (2020)
- Capacity building of youth non-governmental organizations in the North, Centre and South regions, financed by the Ministry of Education and Research (2019)
- «Cutting edge improvements in the public procurement system in Moldova through inclusiveness, creativity and law-abiding practices», funded by the EU through the Civil Society Strengthening Program in monitoring budget support operations and co-funded by the Hanns Seidel (2018-2019)

Other activities carried out at IDIS Viitorul:

- Delivering training activities for local public administration in the field of poblic policiy and transparency in the decision making proceses.
- Evaluation studies related to governmental programs for the mobilization of diaspora support.
- Evaluation of the deconcentrated public services in the Republic of Moldova.

Contribution to or coordination of the following studies published by IDIS „Viitorul":

- Development of the youth associative sector in the regions of the Republic of Moldova: realities and perspectives (2019)
- The problems of youth election turnout (2020)
- Study on good neighborliness along the Danube sector of the Black Sea basin (2021)
- Report on practical aspects of ensuring transparency in the decision-making processes of central and local public authorities (2024)

10/2013 - Present **Moldova State University**

Researcher at the Institute of History

- Conducting detailed research on the History of International Relations.
- Writing academic articles and studies on Contemporary History topics.
- Participating in conferences, TV and radio shows on various topics.

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10/2017 – 6/2018 **European Security Journal**

Head Editor

- Writing analyses on security related topics, with a special focus on Eastern Europe
- Writing news updates on security related topics, with a special focus on Eastern Europe
- Selecting topics for news updates and guiding contributors in accordance with the ESJ policy
- Maintaining an up-to-date English and Romanian version of the www.esjnews.com website

1/2014–6/2015 **Information and Documentation Centre on NATO, Chisinau, Moldova**

Program Coordinator

- Drafting and implementation of projects funded by the NATO Public Diplomacy Division
- Organization, management and monitoring of the activities of the Centre: conferences, seminars, workshops with foreign and national officials, representatives of the academia and other professionals
- Running official communication with Ministries, Embassies and various entities at home and abroad
- Providing expertise on security topics for national and local Moldovan and Romanian media.
- Managing the Centre's website http://infocenter.md in three languages: Romanian, Russian and English.

Author of the following projects in 2014 and 2015:

- Capacity building training for journalists: Reflecting security related issues and practical cooperation between NATO and Moldova;
- IDCs on NATO Social Media Project

1/2012–2/2013 **Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center, Bucharest, Romania**

Internship / Junior Researcher

- Writing foreign policy analysis articles for the Center's weekly journal

Main field of research - Russia and Central Asia

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

09/2020 - PRESENT **History Institute of Moldova**

Postdoctoral Research Program – Political and security relations between Romania and Britain (1938-1941)

10/2014 – 12/2017 **„Alexandru Ioan Cuza" University Iași, Romania**

PhD – *United States and the Bessarabian Question (1917-1941)*

PhD Program

10/2011–6/2013 **National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest, Romania, International Relations and European Integration Department**

Master's Degree in Political Science, final score 9.53/10

Academic specialization on Conflict Analysis and Conflict Resolution, Graduation thesis: *The decision-making process of the Russian leadership in crisis situations*

10/2008–6/2011 **Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Iasi, Romania**

Bachelor's Degree in Contemporary History, final score 9.72/10

Undergraduate Thesis: *Soviet-Romanian Relations (1918-1940)*

PERSONAL SKILLS

Languages	Level
Romanian	Mother tongue
Russian	Fluent
English	Fluent
French	Intermediate
German	Beginner

PUBLISHED ACADEMIC RESEACRH

Available for online reading or download on the Academia.edu profile:
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