

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Female | Date of birth 28/02/1986 | Nationality Republic of Moldova

WORK EXPERIENCE

2009 – till present

Main specialist in international relations and academic mobility

Department of external relations and academic mobility
Cahul State University "Bogdan Petriceicu Hasdeu"
Piata Independentei 1, MD-3909, Cahul, Republic of Moldova
Projects coordination, maintenance relations between partners, student and staff mobilities coordination, etc.

Business or sector: Higher education sector

2011- till present

University assistant

Department of Political and Administrative Sciences
Faculty of Law and Public Administration
Cahul State University "Bogdan Petriceicu Hasdeu"
Piata Independentei 1, MD-3909, Cahul, Republic of Moldova
Didactic activities and research

Business or sector: Higher education sector

September 2015- June 2017

English Language Teacher

Theoretical Lyceum "P. Rumeanthev"
Str. 31 August, no. 7, MD-3909, Cahul municipality, Republic of Moldova
Didactic activities

Business or sector: General education

September 2015- June 2017

English Language Teacher

Industrial – Pedagogical College from Cahul
Str. Dunarii 36, MD-3909, Cahul municipality, Republic of Moldova

Didactic activities

Business or sector: Specialized secondary education

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

November 2021 – till present

PhD Studies in Political Sciences

Speciality: Theory, methodology of political science, political institutions and processes

PhD Thesis: "The political and institutional context of the integration of the Republic of Moldova in the EHEA"

Moldova State University, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

October 2021 – July 2024

Master studies in Law.
Specialization: International Relations and Cross-border cooperation
“Dunarea de Jos” University of Galati, Romania

September 2009 – June 2011

Master studies in Political Sciences
Specialization: European Integration and Neighbourhood Policy
Cahul State University “Bogdan Petriceicu Hasdeu”
Piata Independentei 1, MD-3909, Cahul, Republic of Moldova

September 2004 – June 2008

Bachelor studies in Political Sciences
Specialization: International Relations
Institute of International Relations of Moldova
Str. A. Puschin 54, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) Russian

Other language(s)

| | UNDERSTANDING | | SPEAKING | | WRITING |
|-----------|---------------|---------|--------------------|-------------------|---------|
| | Listening | Reading | Spoken interaction | Spoken production | |
| Romanian | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 | C2 |
| English | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 | C1 |
| German | B2 | B2 | B2 | B2 | B2 |
| Bulgarian | B2 | B2 | B2 | B2 | B2 |

Communication skills

- The ability to communicate in different cultural environments
- Interconnection capacity
- Mediation capacity
- Responsibility
- Organizational capacities
- Receptivity
- Team work

Computer skills

- good command of Microsoft Office™ tools

Driving licence

- B

leadership and managerial skills, acquired being as:

Organisational / managerial skills

- Contact person of the Cross regional project “Interactive online map to promoting sustainable tourism in Galați County and Southern Development Region of Republic of Moldova”, CROSS2MAP, code ROMD 00389, financed by INTERREG Next Program, Romania – Republic of Moldova.
- Management Committee Member at the COST action project CA24169: Science in Diplomacy Network: implementing multilateral policymaking in intersectoral, cross-disciplinary & strategic domains (SiDnet)

- Institutional Coordinator of the Erasmus+ project “Reforming Undergraduate Education for Green and Sustainable Development in Armenia and Moldova”, 101128817- RE-GRAD – ERASMUS - EDU-2023-CBHE-STRAND-3.
- Contact person of the Jean Monnet Project “Strengthen and sharing knowledge about European Union”, nr.101126909 — JMCoe-USC
- Management Committee member at the COST action project CA22121 "Rising nationalism, shifting geopolitics and the future of European higher education \ research openness"
- Erasmus+ Institutional coordinator
- Communication manager of the project: “Promotion of the Cyber Hygiene E-Learning course at the Cahul State University “Bogdan Petriceicu Hasdeu”, nr. G-202210-69405
- Institutional coordinator of the Erasmus+ project „Enhancement of Quality Assurance in Higher Education System in Moldova” (618742-EPP-1-2020-1-MD-EPPKA2-CBHE-SP)
- Contact person of the Cross regional project „Proactive Health Without Borders” (2SOFT/4.1/104), financed by Joint Operational program Romania – Republic of Moldova 2014 – 2020.
- Institutional coordinator of the Erasmus+ project “Elevating the Internationalisation of Higher Education in Moldova” (573921-EPP-1-2016-1-MD-EPPKA2-CBHE-SP)
- Contact person of the TEMPUS project “Innovating Teaching and Learning of European Studies” (543955-2013-NL-JPCR)
- Contact person of the TEMPUS project “Higher Education System Development for Social Partnership Improvement and Humanity Sciences Competitiveness” (159338 – TEMPUS – 1 – 2009 – LV – TEMPUS – SMHES)

June 2025

Staff training mobility at “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iasi, Romania, within the Erasmus+ project

May 2025

Staff training mobility at “Vasile Goldis” West University of Arad, Romania, within the Erasmus+ project

September 4, 2024 – November 30, 2024

Continuing Education programme: European Union Studies – Foreign Affairs (128 hours: 18 ECTS credits)

Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Latvia

September 4, 2024 – November 30, 2024

Continuing Education programme: European Union Studies – Domestic Affairs (128 hours: 18 ECTS credits)

Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, University of Latvia

June 2023

Staff training mobility at Middle East Technical University, Turkey, within the Erasmus+ project

May 2023

Staff training mobility at Dicle University, Turkey, within the Erasmus+ project

May 2022

Staff training mobility at Dicle University, Turkey, within the Erasmus+ project

April – May 2018

Continuing education courses: Interactive pedagogical techniques in learner-centred education

Training courses

March – April 2018

Continuing education courses: Using ICT in learner-centred education

May 2017

Staff training mobility at Middle East Technical University, Turkey, within the Erasmus + project

April 2017

Staff training internship at Deusto University, Spain, within the Erasmus + project

September – December 2014

"E-learning / Blended Learning" training course within the project "Innovating Teaching and Learning of European Studies" (543955-2013-NL-JPCR)

November – December 2009

Documentation internship at Babeş - Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca, Romania

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications

- MANDAJI, ELENA. Shaping Higher Education through Policy: The Moldovan Case between Domestic Governance and International Commitments. Danubius International Conferences, 15th International Conference The Danube - Axis of European Identity, Vol. 15, no. 2 / 2025, June 29, 2025, ISSN: 2284-5224, pp.. 34 - 43
- CORNEA SERGIU, MANDAJI ELENA. *The Problems of the Development of the Educational System Reflected in the Electoral Platforms of the Candidates for the Position of President of the Republic of Moldova (the Ballot from October-November 2024)*. In: Грани, 2025, Том 28, № 2, pp. 204-211. (ISSN 2077-1800, e-ISSN 2413-8738), DOI: <https://doi.org/172560> (DOAJ, ERIH PLUS) (1,1 c.a.)
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- FILIPOV, INA, MANDAJI, ELENA. *Caracterul voluntar al amalgamării unităților administrative-teritoriale: proceduri și competențe*. In: Buletinul științific al Universității de Stat "Bogdan Petriceicu Hasdeu" din Cahul, Seria "Științe Sociale", 2024, nr. 2(18), pp. 69-84. ISSN 2345-1858. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14714107>
https://ibn.idsi.md/ro/vizualizare_articol/221811
- CORNEA SERGIU, CORNEA VALENTINA, FILIPOV INA, MANDAJI ELENA „AMALGAMAREA COLECTIVITĂȚILOR TERITORIALE SUBNAȚIONALE. REPERE CONCEPTUALE”. Editura Istros a Muzeului Brăilei „Carol I”, Brăila. Cahul, 2024, ISBN 978-606-654-543-3
- MANDAJI, ELENA. Integration of sustainability and promotion of the green agenda in higher education in the Republic of Moldova. In: Rolul științei în reformarea sistemului juridic și politico-administrativ, Ed. 10, 10 decembrie 2024, Cahul. Cahul: Tipografia „CentroGrafic” SRL, Cahul, 2024, Ediția 10, pp. 15-17. ISBN 978-9975-88-127-2.
https://ibn.idsi.md/ro/vizualizare_articol/225194
- Mandaji Elena. *Moldova in the era of internationalization: challenges and reform strategies*. JOURNAL PANGEEA, Universitatea "1 Decembrie 1918" Alba Iulia, Editura Aeternitas, no. 2, 2024, p. 66-71. DOI: 10.29302/Pangeea 24.28
- Mandaji Elena. *The power of knowledge: how politics influences universities, but education influences politics*. The Scientific Journal of Cahul State University "B. P. Hasdeu": Social Sciences, no. 17 (1), 2023. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.821570
- Mandaji Elena. *The traditional university model in the face of new global challenges*, The Scientific Journal of Cahul State University "B. P. Hasdeu": Social Sciences, no. 16 (22) 2022, DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.777569

- Mandaji Elena, Cornea Sergiu, *The perspectives for higher education development reflected in the work programs of the Governments of the Republic of Moldova (2009-2022)*. The 12th International Conference The Danube Axes of European Identity, June 29th, 2022. Published in: Journal of Danubian Studies and Research, Vol.12, No. 2 (2022).
- Mandaji Elena, *The impact of public authorities on quality evaluation policies in higher education*. Published in: „Perspectivele si Probleme Integrării în Spațiul European al Cercetării și Educației”, Vol. IX, part 1, June 3, 2022, Cahul: USC, p. 47-53
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- Mandaji Elena, Cornea Sergiu, *Particularities of the internationalization process of higher education in regional universities: the case of Cahul State University “B. P. Hasdeu”*. Published in: The Scientific Journal of Cahul State University “B. P. Hasdeu”: Social Sciences, no. 2 (14), 2021, p. 22-30
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- Mandaji Elena, *The Influence of the Bologna Process on Higher Education of the Republic of Moldova*, The 10th International Conference The Danube – Axes of European Identity, June 29, 2020, Published in: Journal of Danubian Studies and Research, Vol 10, No 1 (2020)
- Cornea Sergiu, Mandaji Elena, *The Parliamentary Elections of 24th February, 2019 in the Republic of Moldova: Particularities and Consequences of the Mixed Electoral System*, The 9th International Conference The Danube – Axes of European Identity, June 29th, 2019. Published in: Journal of Danubian Studies and Research, Vol 9, No 1 (2019)
- Mandaji Elena, *Internationalization of Higher Education in the Republic of Moldova: Challenges and Realities*, Особливості інтеграції країн у світовий економічний та політико-правовий простір. Матеріали V Міжнародної науково-практичної конференції 07 грудня 2018 р. Маріуполь, 2018, p. 17-18
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- Cornea Sergiu, Mandaji Elena, *Взаимоотношения между университетами и рынком труда в Республике Молдова*, Особливості інтеграції країн в світовий економічний та політико-правовий простір: Матеріали II Міжнародної науково-практичної конференції, 04 грудня 2015 р. Маріуполь 2015, p. 111-113
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