

Editorial board

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Alexandra is a communication professional, having professional experience in the private sector as well as with civil society organisations working in fields such as international and community development, education and citizenship. She holds a MA in International Development in addition to one in Intercultural Management from the University of Bucharest, having previously graduated International Economic Relations at the Academy of Economic Studies. She particularly enjoys building networks and fostering community engagement, by strengthening communication and collaboration between different stakeholders and seeking for opportunities to drive a positive change.

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Built up by a hybrid background of STEM, humanities and business, Cosmin is driven towards understanding the world through different lenses. This reveals, on one hand, his long-

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Cosmin has a *Bachelor of Science in Automotive Engineering* (Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Transylvania, Braşov), currently pursuing a *Master of Arts in International Public Affairs* (Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest) and preparing his Dissertation titled *The Romanian Creative and Cultural sector: Too poor to sell itself cheap*. He worked with organisations and entities such as ARC (Asociația pentru Relații Comunitare), Gen Revistă, INSPIRE Community Foundations, ISCOADA, FRI (Făgăraş Research Institute). Currently he is a *journalist* and *Art Director* of the culture & politics magazine *Revista Golan*, and *graphic communicator* at Expert Forum (EFOR).

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Maria has always been driven and curious when it came to research. Holding a degree in Law and one in Political Science, both from University of Bucharest, her focus is in combining the two of them, trying to understand the diversity of international relations. She is always available to help out, highly determined and open-minded. Maria is currently enrolled in a master's degree in International Public Affairs, Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest.

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After benefiting from an Erasmus+ mobility at the University of Tübingen in Germany (2019-2020), where he focused mainly on international cooperation for development courses within the Institute of Political Science, Roland is currently preparing to defend his Master Thesis in International Development and Management of Global Affairs at the West University of Timișoara. He holds a BA in Communication Sciences (Journalism – English Language and Literature) from the same university (2005), but he also studied Public Relations at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania in the United States while an exchange student in the Undergraduate Exchange Programme of the Open Society Institute (2003-2004). His first graduate degree is an MA in Public Policy (Media, Information and Telecommunications Policy concentration) attained as a full scholarship recipient from the Central European University in Budapest (2006). Roland has extensive expertise in communication and knowledge management, public policy, international relations, development cooperation, sustainability, information society, media and telecom industries, and the ICT sector. His professional activity spans over 15 years and five countries, in various institutional settings, from the private and governmental sectors to civil society and international organisations: British Council (2005), Magyar Telekom (2006), European

Commission (2006-2007), Swiss Federal Office of Communications (2007), International Labour Organization (2008-2015), Romania 100 Platform (2017-2021), Helpline (2018-2019), Regional Council of Tübingen (2021). Volunteering has been part of his societal engagement for almost two decades now – Roland is currently also a volunteer firefighter in his adoptive city of Tübingen.

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With a background in political science and international relations studies, Sebastian's focus has always been to analyse and challenge world events through the perspectives of academic theories and comparative approaches. He always tries to bring together economics, law and political arguments into a cohesive and coherent perspective and has found that he adds value to those teams that celebrate knowledge and the understanding of it. Sebastian is currently pursuing a master's Degree in International Economy and European Affairs, Faculty of International Business and Economics, Bucharest University of Economic Studies; and another one in International Public Affairs, Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest.

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