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Current position: I am President of the "CMB" Training Center, national NGO which focuses on promoting innovations in communication, management and business. I have been leading this organization since 2002, and in this capacity was responsible for the overall management of the organization, fundraising, strategy elaboration, communication with stakeholders, human resource management, etc. As part of "CMB" Training Center I have also managed national scale educational projects and initiatives.

Recent national related experiences related to the ICTs and Internet*:* I am currently a member of the National Council for Participation, established at the initiative of the Government of the Republic of Moldova, as a consultative body. As part of this structure, I am coordinating a Working Group on Open Government/E-Government, and thus, promoting ICTs as key enablers for development and change amongst Government and civil society. I have facilitated the consultation process on Open Government Action Plan 2012-2013 with civil society, today I am working on establishing a monitoring and evaluation mechanism for the adopted Action Plan.

Back in February 2012, I joined the World Bank team on the implementation of Open Government initiatives, particularly focusing on mobilization and involvement of civil society and other key stakeholders in the consultations on OGP Action Plan, as well as on creating an Open Government/Open Data Community of Practice in Moldova (www.codd.md).

I am currently a member of the working group on Digital Moldova 2020 National Strategy, set up through an order of the Minister of ICT of Moldova. Additionally, during 2010- and up to today, I have been supporting the Ministry of ICT of Moldova with facilitation of Internet Governance related events and workshops.

Back in July 2012, I completed work on a Study together with an international World Bank team, on "ICT innovation for competitiveness in Moldova", in which I was responsible for identification of key sectors, stakeholders, data collection and interpretation.

International Experience in ICT and Internet:

- *Diplo Foundation and Post-graduate studies in Diplomacy:* My interest and involvement with the Internet and ICT sector in general goes back to the year 2004, when I was doing my post-graduate studies in Diplomacy with DiploFoundation accredited by the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies of Malta back in 2004. In 2005, I joined the Internet Governance Capacity Building Program of DiploFoundation as program Tutor and Research supervisor, and I continued this work till the end of 2007.
- *At-Large Advisory Committee and ICANN:* During 2007-2008, I acted as At Large Advisory Committee Member for ICANN. In 2010, I was part of a Board Candidate Evaluation Committee with ALAC, ICANN (USA).
- *IGF and MAG:* I am currently a Multi-stakeholder advisory board member to the Internet Governance Forum. I was actively involved in the Internet Governance Forum, took part in the first and second IGF, in the latest one being an ISOC Ambassador to the IGF (Rio).
- *EuroDIG:* I acted as the main organizer of the remote participation of Moldova in EuroDIG 2010 and 2011. During 2012 edition of EuroDIG, I facilitated a Session on **"**Open access to public sector information, transparency and open source in public sector procurement, open government data" as well as of the flash-session on Moldova's Open Government initiatives.

Other relevant international experiences: During the years 2007-2010 I worked as international expert/consultant in education, particularly in Critical Thinking Methodology, for the Education Support

Initiative of the Open Society Institute, New York, USA in countries such Nepal, Liberia (West Africa) and Turkey.

My key areas of expertise include: ICT4D, Internet Governance, Communities of Practice, Open Government, Critical Thinking Methodology, Curriculum Development, Trainer of Trainers, Monitoring and Evaluation, Organizational Development.