

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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**Sex** Female | **Date of birth** 30 Jan 1972 | **Nationality** Romanian

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2009–Present

**Professor Phd, habil.**

Department of Educational Sciences, Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, University of the West from Timisoara  
Bvd. V. Parvan, nr. 4, 300223 Timisoara (Romania)

Teaching subjects for students at the undergraduate level: Adult education, Pedagogy of Higher education, Educational Management, Educational Policies, Social Pedagogy. Teaching also at Master level (coordinator in my University of the “European Master in Adult Education”; 2013-2020 – coordinator of the Master Program “Educational Management and Curriculum Development”), “Trends in Researching Lifelong Learning” – Ph.D. level. Research activities and Ph.D. supervision. 15.12.2015-2019 Head of Department

**Business or sector** Education

05/2013–05/2015

**Scientific Director**

Romanian Institute for Adult Education  
Calea Bogdanestilor, nr.32 A, cam.206, 300389 Timisoara (Romania)

Research and project management.

**Business or sector** Research in Educational Sciences

2000–2013

**Director**

Romanian Institute for Adult Education  
Calea Bogdanestilor, nr.32 A, cam.206, 300389 Timisoara (Romania)

Research and project management.

**Business or sector** Research in Educational Sciences

1997–2009

**Teacher in Higher education (Assistant: 1997-2000, Lecturer: 2000-2006, Reader PhD: 2006-2009)**

University of the West from Timisoara  
Bvd.Parvan, nr. 4, 300223 Timisoara (Romania)

Teaching subjects for students at the undergraduate level: Pedagogy of Higher education, Adult education, Educational Policy, Educational Management. Teaching at the master in educational management and at the master in adult education. At master levels teaching subjects like Needs analysis and program planning, Public relations and partnerships, Educational and learning needs and services for young people and adults, Educational Policy, etc.

**Business or sector** Education

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

06/2015

**Habilitation in Educational Sciences**

University of Bucharest, Bucharest (Romania)

Habilitation thesis: *Pathways towards the professional development of adult educators*

- 1996–2003 **Ph.D. in Educational Sciences**  
 University of Bucharest, Bucharest (Romania)  
 Ph.D. Thesis: *Theoretical and Practical Basis of Open and Distance Learning*

EQF level 8
- 1995–1996 **M.A. in Educational Sciences**  
 University of Bucharest, Bucharest (Romania)  
 Management and School Administration  
 M.A. Thesis: *Management of departments of continuing education in universities*

EQF level 7
- 1990–1995 **Bachelor in Pedagogy**  
 University of Bucharest, Bucharest (Romania)  
 BA paper: Trends and Issues in Adult Education

EQF level 6

**PERSONAL SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Foreign language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	B2	B2	B2	B1	B1
German	B1	B1	B1	B1	A2

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

- teamwork
- capacity to adapt to multicultural environments acquired through my work experience abroad

Organisational / managerial skills

- leadership (leader of a team of more than 10 employees)
- broad experience in project management

I acquired these skills and competencies in the professional context and education.

Digital skills

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

Digital skills - Self-assessment grid

Good competence in using Microsoft Office

Driving licence B

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Projects

Since 1999 I have been working in more than 35 European Projects, of all kind (Socrates- Erasmus,

Grundtvig, Leonardo DaVinci, Accompanying measures, FP5 and 6, LLP, Call for Tender), as project coordinator and/or a member. At [www.irea.uvt.ro](http://www.irea.uvt.ro) it can be found most of them. Some of them:

- **ProALPs - National system for the professionalization of adult educators: improvement, innovation, articulation;** 521448-LLP-1-2011-1-RO-KA1-KA1ECETA1, 2012, [project coordinator](#). Budget: 101806 Eur/ 31069eurIREA
- **Capival – Capitalizing of Validpack – Going European Wide, LLP– Transversal Programme, KA4 Dissemination and exploitation of results, 2010-2012, Project no: 511883-2010-LLP-RO-KA4-KA4MP, project coordinator** (2nd year). Budget: 398204 Eur/ 85329 eur IREA
- **Back to work- Counselling Returning Migrants and Unemployed**, 2011-2013, LLP- LdV/TOI/2010/RO/023, [project coordinator](#) (2<sup>nd</sup> year) and director. Budget: 337570 Eur/ 61532 eur IREA
- **Validation of Informal and Non-formal Psycho-Pedagogical Competencies of Adult Educators »** – VINEPAC, project Leonardo DaVinci, nr. RO/06/C/F/TH-84201, [project coordinator](#), coord. Romanian Institute for Adult Education. Budget IREA: 57800 Eur
- **The development of psycho-pedagogical and professional counselling services (DPPC) project Grundtvig 1;** [project coordinator](#), coordinator Romanian Institute for Adult Education, 2002-2004, 101488-CP-1-2002-1-RO-GRUNDTVIG-G1.
- **Postuniversity Training In Adult Education (PTAE), project Socrates- Erasmus,** [project coordinator](#), coord. West University of Timisoara, 2002-2003, Project No. 48901-IC-1-2001-1-RO-ERASMUS-PROG-1 – approx.27745 Eur. - UVT.
- **European Master in adult education – EMAE**, Coord. University of Duisburg-Essen (224-2007) nr. 220383-IC-1-2003-1-DE-ERASMUS-PROGUC-1. Budget: 306254 Eur/ 29294 eur UVT
- **Access to Lifelong Learning in Higher Education (ALLinHE)**, 517978-LLP-1-2011-1-NL-ERASMUS-ESIN, project coordinator de Hogeschool Inholland, 2011-2014; 449410 Eur/ 22577 eur UVT
- **Benefits of Lifelong learning – BeLL**, No.519319-LLP-1-2011-1-DE-KA1-Ka1SCR, Coord. German Institute for Adult Education, 2011-2014. Budget 543486 Eur/ 25000 eur IREA
- **WORKALO - The creation of new occupational patterns for cultural minorities: The Gypsy Case**, HPSE – ct 2001-00101, FP5, 2001-2004, Coord. University of Barcelona-CREA
- **INCLUD-ED, Strategies for inclusion and social cohesion in Europe from education**, FP6 – 2004 – CITIZENS – 4, nr.028603, Coord. University of Barcelona-CREA, 2004-2010
- **European Studies and Research in Adult and Learning Education - ESRALE**, project nr. 540117-LLP-1-2013-1-DE-ERASMUS-EQMC, coordinator University of Kaiserslautern, 2013-2016. Budget: 523990 Eur/ 31164 eur UVT.

#### Publications

- More than 80 articles focused on adult education, education management, higher education, youth employment, etc. - <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-2398-1801>:
  - *Trends in Adult and Continuing Education in Romania, a Country in Transformation*, in "Report" nr.2/2008, Bonn, Germany.
  - *Flexicurity policies as integrative approaches to facilitate better situation of young people on the labor market*, in "Revista română de comunicare și relații publice" (Romanian Review of Communication and Public Relations), nr. 14-2008, p.29-40;
  - *Coherency in strategies of lifelong learning - National Approaches in Scotland, Germany and Denmark*, S Sava, E Nuişl, R Lupou, D Ungureanu, în "Procedia Social and Behavioral Sciences", 1 (2010), [www.sciencedirect.com](http://www.sciencedirect.com);
  - *The role of nonexpert adult guidance in the dialogic construction of knowledge*, in „Revista de Psicodidáctica”, 2010, 15(2), 163-176, with Itxaso Tellado, [www.ehu.es/revista-psicodidactica](http://www.ehu.es/revista-psicodidactica), ISSN 1136-1034, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1387/RevPsicodidact.822>.
  - Sava S, Shah Y. (2015). Challenges In Implementing National Systems Of Competency Validation With Regard To Adult Learning Professionals: Perspectives From Romania And India. In International Review of Education. Hamburg: Springer; DOI:10.1007/s11159-015-9501-1
  - Nuişl, E., Sava, S., Luştrea, A. (2016). Internationalization of research and studies in adult education. In *Andragogical Studies- Journal for the Study of Adult Education and Learning*, 2/2016. Belgrade: Univ. of Belgrade
  - Sava S, AlGhazi, L. (2018), Social dimension of the Romanian universities – asymmetric developments (in Ro), *Revista de Asistență Socială*, anul XVII, nr. 1/2018, pp. 1-13.

- 2 books as a single author:
  - *The theoretical and practical basis of distance education* (2003) – the doctoral thesis, 300 pages, Ed. Didactica si Pedagogica, Bucuresti;
  - *Needs Analysis and Program Planning* (2012), Barbara Budrich Pbsch, Leverkusen Opladen, Berlin and Toronto, 163 pp; ISBN 978-3-86649-481-7
- 16 books as coordinator – main ones:
  - *Portret of adult education in Romania* (in Ro)– coord. together with Mariana Matache, Bucharest, 2003; translated into German and English;
  - *Resource Package on Counselling in Adult Education*, coordinator together with Amelia Marian, Mirton Printing, Timisoara, 2004;
  - *Adult education – theoretical basis and hints for practice (Educatia adultilor – baze teoretice și repere practice- in Ro)*, coordinator together with Dorel Ungureanu and R. Paloș, Ed. Polirom, Iași, 2007; the main author; second edition in 2019;
  - Sava. S, Lupou R. (2008), *Handbook for using Validpack, for validating the psycho-pedagogic competencies of adult educators*, Ed. Mirton, Timișoara – published in En, Ro, D, Fr; [www.vinepac.eu](http://www.vinepac.eu);
  - *10 years of European development in adult education. Achievements and challenges in reaching „Lisbon 2010” objectives*, The Volume of the 3rd national conference on adult education, held in Timișoara, 19-21 March 2010, Ed. Eurostampa, Timișoara.
  - Sava S., Crasovan M. (2012, eds.) *Validation of competencies as part of career counseling*. Thessaloniki: Grafima publications.
  - Sava S., Ulrich C., Iucu R. (2012, eds). *School and education in social space* (in Ro). Bucharest: Bucharest University Publishing house
  - Sava S, Ulrich C., Mironov C. (2013). *References for the development of the professionalization system for adult education practitioners*. Timisoara: Vest University Publishing House. Main author
  - S. Sava (2015, Ed.). *Perspective în cercetarea educațională* (Perspectives on educational research). Bucuresti: Ed. Universitara
  - Sava, S., Novotny, P. (2016, eds.). *Researches in Adult Learning and Education: The European Dimension*, Florence University Press, Florence.
  - Sava, S., Borca, C., Clitan, G. (2020, eds). *Collective Capacity Building – Shaping Education and Communication in Knowledge Society*. Brill-Sense. Leiden, Boston.
- Chapter contributions (selected list of publications):
  - *Continuing Education in Romania*, in Julian Auleytner (Coord., 1999), Lifelong Learning – Links between West and Central Europe, Warsaw: Elipsa;
  - *Adult education in Romania in the last ten years*, in F. Ploeger, B. Nemeth (2002), “History, ethics, and ideology in adult education”, Peter Lang, Frankfurt/Main;
  - *University Continuing Education in Romania*, în Mike Osborne și Ted Thomas (Coord., 2003) *Lifelong learning in a Changing Continent*, NIACE, London; together with R. Iucu, C. Halmagean
  - *A strategic integrative approach*, in *Enabling The Low Skilled to Take Their Qualifications "One Step Up" - Implementation of Action plan on adult learning - Key Factors Analysis and Final Recommendations*, published at Florence University Press, coord. P. Federighi, F. Tortone (2010), also available at <http://ec.europa.eu/education/more-information/doc/2010/lowskill.pdf>
  - *Validating the pedagogical competencies of adult learning professionals*, in Rolf Arnold (eds., 2012) “Entgrenzungen des Lernens Internationale Perspektiven fur die Erwachsenenbildung”, Verlag: W. Bertelsmann Verlag GmbH & Co. KG, Bielefeld, p. 162-178;
  - *From “innovation” to “quality”: The topic of professionalization for adult learning staff in selected European policy documents*, in George K. Zarifis & Maria N. Gravani (eds, 2014). *Challenging the ‘European Area of Lifelong Learning’: a critical response after a decade of ongoing adjustments*, Dordrecht: Springer.
  - Sava, S., Nuisst E, Lustrea A. (2016). *Adult Learning and Education: Current European Perspectives* (cap.1) in Sava. S., Novotny, P. (2016, eds.). *Researches in Adult Learning and Education: The European Dimension*, Florence University Press, Florence
  - Sava, S., Luștea, A. (2017). *Improving participation rate of adults in lifelong learning – why Romania is not so successful?. In Koulaouzides G.A., Popovic, K (eds.). Adult Education and Lifelong Learning in Southeastern Europe. A Critical View of Policy and Practice*. Rotterdam: Sense Publishing, p.101-114.

- Sava, S., Crasovan, M., Nuişl E. (2020). Masters in Adult Education: Competences and Career Development. In M. N. Gravani, G. K. Zarifis, L. Jögi. (Eds.), *The Role of Higher Education in the Professionalisation of Adult Educators*. Cambridge Scholar Publishing. p.91-106, Chapter 7.

#### Other achievements

- 2001, 2006, 2010, 2015 - Director of the cycle of national conferences on adult education, organized by IREA in Timișoara ([www.irea.ro](http://www.irea.ro));
- 2005-2012 Member of the Specialized Accreditation Commission of the National Council for the Training of Teachers in Pre-University Education - CNFP / MedC, through OMEC no. 4657/2005, OM 3074 / 20.01.2012; 2010-2011 - vice president;
- 2006-2020 - Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Education Sciences, West University of Timișoara Publishing House, [www.rse.uvt.ro](http://www.rse.uvt.ro) - BDI magazine indexed by EBSCO, DOAJ, ERIH +, CEEOL, ERIC, etc
- 2006-2009 - Member of the Sectoral Committee Education, Culture, Sports, of the National Council for Adult Vocational Training (currently National Authority for Qualifications), Bucharest;
- 2007 – Consultant for the Ministry of Education and Research, respectively for the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology regarding the elaboration of a national strategy for the use of ICT in the pre-university system;
- 2007 - Consultant for the Ministry of Education and Research - CNFP, regarding the elaboration of a methodology for continuous training of teachers (Phare Project);
- 2007 - Consultant from Romania for Call for Tender regarding the elaboration of a European strategy for facilitating the employability of young people, from the perspective of flexicurity (Isfol Coord, Italy);
- 2008 (Sept.) - 2009 (May) - Coordinator of the team that developed the Integrated Strategy for Human Resource Development, 2009-2020, from the perspective of lifelong learning; PHARE RO PROJECT 2006 / 018-147.04.05.01.07.02: "Technical assistance for Romania in order to support the Managing Authority for the Sectoral Operational Program Human Resources Development (AMPOSDRU) within MMFES in developing an integrated strategy for human resources development";
- 2008 - Coordinator of the Romanian partner, member of the scientific council of the project *Inventory of outreach strategies to enable people to go one step up* (i.e. to obtain a qualification at least one step above their present qualification level); Implementation of Action plan on adult learning; Public Open Tender EAC / 27/2008; coord. University of Florence;
- 2008 - 2010 - Expert from Romania in the group of experts established by the European Commission for the period 2008-2010 to advise on the implementation of the "Action Plan on Adult Learning" (2007), in terms of analyzing sectoral policies with an impact on adult education ;
- 2009 (Jan. - March) Visiting Professor at the University of Duisburg-Essen, within a DAAD teaching and research program;
- 2009- Vice President in the European Consortium for Research and Development Institutes for Adult Education (ERDI);
- 2010 (May-September) - Expert in the project coordinated by UEFISCSU "Romanian higher education in 2025", Knowledge Society panel;
- 2010-2011 Expert in "Analysis and exploitation of Grundtvig in-service training activities funded from 2001 - 2009", program developed by WoScop, evaluation study published by the European Commission;
- 2011 (May) - Appointed Professor Bologna at the proposal and evaluation of students, by the National Alliance of Student Organizations in Romania;
- 2011 - Included in the Encyclopedic Dictionary of Adult Education, developed by the University "A.I.Cuza", Iasi (coord. Laurentiu Soitu);
- 2012 (Jan.-Jun.) - Member of Panel 4 of the National Council for Attestation of University Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates from 2011, for Education Sciences;
- 2012-2016 - chair of the social sciences commission within the UVT Scientific Council, in 2015-2016 chair of the UVT scientific council;
- 2014 (June) - "Spiru Haret" Award of the Romanian Academy for Environment\_IT\_Education;
- 2014 (Oct.) - Coordinator of the first National Conference on educational research, "Quality in education" (July 2019 - coord. 6th ed.)
- 2016-2020 - Consultant expert in "Support for DG EMPL's country-specific expertise in the area of adult education / skills through independent national experts located in the 28 EU Member States" - Ecorys, UK
- 2017 (Oct.) - Inducted in the International Hall of Fame of Adult and Continuing Education;
- 2018 (Oct.-Nov.) - Visiting Professor at the University of Florence, Italy;
- 2019-2020 – external evaluator of the scientific publications of Charles University, Prague
- 2020 – guest editor of the "International Yearbook of Adult Education", edited by University of Koln;
- Member of other editorial boards (i.e., "JSSE - Journal of Social Science Education", edited by University of Bielefeld; "Acta Didactica Napocensia", edited by Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca; "Form @ re" review, edited by University of Florence, "Studies in Adult Education and Learning / Andragoška spoznanja", edited by University of Lubljana; "Repere" review, edited by the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, University of Bucharest), in organizing or scientific committees, moderators in international / national conferences
- Peer reviewer for different scientific journals like Studies in Higher Education, Oxford Review of Education, Sage Open, etc.

Timisoara, October 2020.