

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

Name **Denis Cenusa**
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Nationality Republic of Moldova
Date and place of birth 18.11.1983, Falesti, Republic of Moldova
Sex Male

Work experience

Period **July 2013 – present**
Name and address of employer **Think-Tank “Expert-Grup”**
Chisinau, Moldova, www.expert-grup.org
Type of activity or sector Research, political economy, European economic integration, energy sector
Occupation or function held Associated expert / political researcher
Main activities and responsibilities

- Team leader (senior researcher) and coordinator of the project “Understanding the Association Agreements (AA) & Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas (DCFTA) between the European Union and Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova” Project, in partnership with Center for European Policy Studies (CEPS) based in Brussels, Swedish Agency for International Development (July 2015-present).
- Part of the Task Force for Economic Development, Coordinator for the energy sector reforms (August 2016-present).
- Contribution to the writing of expertise products: State of the Nation Report (2013--present), MEGA biannual publication (occasionally), economic commentaries, policy papers.
- Expertise, Euromonitor – quarterly issued publication on monitoring the EU-Moldova Action Plan (2013-2016).
- Developing indicators for DCFTA monitoring, UKAID, Department for International Development (December 2015-March 2016).
- Part of the monitoring team: Implementation by the government of the ‘Road Map’ March-July 2016, Energy sector, USAID.
- Areas of research: EU-Moldova dialogue, economy of European integration, EU foreign policy, European Neighborhood Policy, migration and visa policy, energy security
- Taking part in public events (round tables, press-conferences, presentation at the international and local levels etc.) in order to present the expertise products.

Period **September 2015-present**
Name and address of employer **“Info-Prim Neo” News Agency**
Type of activity or sector Journalism, mass-media
Occupation or function held External editorialist
Main activities and responsibilities Writing weekly political and economic analysis and commentaries (op-ed) on European Integration of Moldova, EU-Russia affairs, Eastern partnership countries, visa policy, energy sector

Period **2014 – present**
Name and address of employer **Open Government Institute**
Chisinau, Moldova, www.opengov.si.md
Type of activity or sector Open government, citizen-engagement and participatory democracy at national, regional and international level
Occupation or function held Board member
Main activities and responsibilities

- Strategic planning of the organization, projects running.

Period **July 2013 – 2014**
Name and address of employer **National Participatory Council, Working Group on E-Government/Open Government**
Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

Type of activity or sector	NGO, public policy
Occupation or function held	Participant on behalf of the think-tank “Expert-Group”
Main activities and responsibilities	▪ To monitor the implementation by the Ministries of the National Action Plan for Open Government 2012 – 2013 ▪ To facilitate the exchange of experiences and skills training in the field open government / open data, E-Governance; ▪ To participate in working meetings and events in the field of Open Government / Open Data / E-governance (Open Education Workshop, GPSA Camp).
Period	January – September 2012
Name and address of employer	Soros Foundation-Moldova, East East Beyond Borders Program, Foreign Association from Moldova, GPoT Global Political Trends Center of the Istanbul Kultur University, Turkey 32 Bulgara Street, Chisinau, Moldova, www.soros.md
Type of activity or sector	NGO, project financing and management
Occupation or function held	Project Director for Moldova
Main activities and responsibilities	▪ Project proposal development. ▪ Discussing with Turkish partners about the project concept, proposal development and coordination of activities in the project implementation. ▪ Selecting Moldovan experts to be involved in the project ▪ Identifying the issues to be addressed by Moldova experts during the project. ▪ Organization of the trip to Turkey and Cyprus. ▪ Supervising discussions during panels. ▪ Collecting Moldovan and foreign experts' feedback. ▪ Reporting to donors on the project outcomes and findings.
Period	March 2009 – January 2012
Name and address of employer	Soros Foundation – Moldova, European Initiatives Program
Type of activity or sector	NGO, project financing and management, online journalism
Occupation or function held	Project coordinator, editor chief of www.europa.md
Main activities and responsibilities	▪ Editing, writing, developing editorial policy of www.europa.md. ▪ Writing and publishing information on the portal related to EU-Moldova relations and European integration – political dialogue, trade, people-to-people contacts, energy policy.
Period	November – December 2009
Name and address of employer	Soros Foundation-Moldova, East East Beyond Borders Program, International Renaissance Foundation from Ukraine
Type of activity or sector	NGO, project financing and management
Occupation or function held	Project director for Moldova
Main activities and responsibilities	▪ Organization of the roundtable “Moving Toward EU integration: Uniting the efforts of Moldovan and Ukrainian Civil Societies”, Kyiv, Ukraine, December 15-16, 2009. ▪ Developing the project proposal and to discuss with Ukrainian partners about the project concept proposal development and coordination of activities during the project implementation. ▪ Selecting Moldovan experts to attend the event in Kyiv. ▪ Identifying issues to be brought on the table by Moldovan experts during the event. ▪ Organizing the trip to Ukraine, supervising discussions during panels, collecting feedback of Moldova and Ukrainian experts. ▪ Reporting to donors on the project outcomes, developing final project report and submitting it to donors.
Period	July 2006 – May 2008
Name and address of employer	Think-Tank “Expert-Grup” Chisinau, Moldova, www.expert-grup.org
Type of activity or sector	Research, economy

Occupation or function held	Research assistant
Main activities or responsibilities	▪ Providing research and projects assistance; ▪ Participation in projects: Monitoring the implementation of the “EU-Moldova Actions Plan”, “Local Network of Global Compact”.
Period	2008 - 2010
Name and address of employer	Center for Information and Documentation NATO Moldova Chisinau, Moldova, www.nato.md
Type of activity or sector	Research, security
Occupation or function held	Affiliated expert
Main activities or responsibilities	▪ Providing research assistance, writing analysis for the Academic Journal, an electronic publication issued by Center for Information and Documentation NATO

Education and training

Period	September – December 2014
Name and type of educational institution	Riga Graduate School of Law, Advanced Program in Law and Economics
Qualification / diploma	Diploma of attending the Program
Principal subject / occupational skills	European Law and Economics
Period	September 2012 – June 2013
Name and type of educational institution	College of Europe
Qualification / diploma	MA in European Interdisciplinary Studies, the EU as a Regional Actor
Principal subject / occupational skills	European studies: Energy Security, Economic transition in Eastern Europe, EU Neighborhood Policy, Justice and Home Affairs of the EU, Visa liberalization Policy
Period	October 2006 – July 2007
Name and type of educational institution	State University of Moldova
Qualification / diploma	Master degree in Political Sciences
Principal subject / occupational skills	Political sciences; research thesis elaborated on European integration models versus Eurasian patterns
Period	September 2002 – July 2004
Name and type of educational institution	State University of Moldova
Qualification / diploma	BA in Political Sciences
Principal subject / occupational skills	Research thesis elaborated on the Impact of the “colored revolution” on the Foreign Policy of Moldova

Other trainings and workshops:

- Delivering Presentation on Economic connectivity in European conflict regions, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies, Vienna, 1 July 2016
- Delivering presentation on Gender and Trade (DCFTA), delivered at the "Gender Mainstreaming in the Joint Programming exercise between the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova and EU Member States", Chisinau, 25 May, 2016.
- Tbilisi Transformational Leadership Forum 2016, Tbilisi (14-16 March 2016) and Stockholm (18-20 April 2016).
- Follow-up WEASA research on Energy Community and DCFTA provisions related to energy, selected by the WEASA Founding Partners (College of Europe, The Polish American Freedom Foundation, The German Marshall Fund), Warsaw, November 2015.
- Warsaw Euro-Atlantic Summer Academy (WEASA), Edition 2015, dedicated to "Energy security", June 29 – July 10 2015.
- Workshop: "Policy Development and Confidence Building Workshop for Civil Society Leaders and Policy Makers from Black Sea Region", School of Public Policy (Central European University), Council of Europe, Budapest, 6-10 October 2014.
- International Workshop: "Shaping the Future in Moldova", Southeast Europe Association, in cooperation with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and German-Moldovan Forum, expert and speaker from Moldova, Berlin, July 3, 2014.
- International Workshop: "A new strategic context for Europe's East: What policy response by the EU?" Open Society Institute, expert and speaker representing Moldova, 19-20 June, 2014.
- "European Day for Border Guards", European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the EU (FRONTEX), Panelist within discussions on "Border control priorities: Freedom or Security" on behalf of the College of Europe (NatoLin), Warsaw, May 23, 2013.
- Index of Media Sustainability, IREX Moldova and Center for Independent Journalism, elaborating on prospects for media, December, 2011.
- "Moving towards EU Integration: Uniting the Efforts of Moldovan and Ukrainian Civil Societies, Round table, Kyiv, December, 2009.
- Participant of the Civil Society Leadership Networking, 2009.

Personal skills and competence

Mother language Romanian

Known languages Russian, English, French, Spanish

Self-evaluation	Understanding		Verbal		Writing
European level (*)	Listening	Reading	Participation at the conversations	Spoken	Writing
Russian	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	B1	B1	B2	B2	B1
Spanish	B2	B2	B2	B2	B1

Organizational skills and competence Able to work in a team and independently, good communications skills, responsibility and punctuality, ability of working in stressful conditions.

PC skills and competence Windows, MS Word, Excel, Power Point, Internet

List of publications

Publication related to Think tank "Expert-Group":

Articles:

- *Future of Moldova in CIS: pros and cons!*, March 2014.
- *Differences between the EU Association Agreement and "Russia-Belarus-Kazakhstan" Customs Union*, February 2014.

Articles in "Governance and Democracy" Nr. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, publication produced by Moldova think tanks ADEPT and Expert-Group :

- *"Energy impact" of the Association Agreement on Russia's monopoly on energy market of Moldova*, 2015.
- *Riga Summit: between the principle of "differentiation", agenda of reforms and the economic integration in the EU*, 2015.
- *Risks of denunciation of the Association Agreement and the Eurasian factor*, 2014.
- *Visa liberalization: advantages, risks and scenarios post-liberalization*, 2014.

Reports:

- *The Bridge over Prut, version 2.0: the electricity interconnection between Romania and Moldova* (co-author), January 2017
- *Iasi-Ungheni Pipeline's extension to Chisinau: Challenges and Opportunities, Report*, (co-author), July 2016.
- *Pipeline Ungheni-Chisinau: an important step towards energy security, Policy Brief*, (co-author), January 2016.
- *Euromonitor - first results and difficulties in implementing Moldova-EU Association Agreement, Report of September 2015 and Report of January 2016*, (co-author).
- *Progress report "Moldova in the Eastern Neighbourhood Policy 2005-2014, Report* (co-author), June 2015.
- *Euromonitor 2014: an outlook on Moldova's evolution in implementing EU reforms in 2014, Report* (co-author), March, 2015.
- *Implementation of Moldova's Economic reforms commitments as part of the ENP, Independent Progress Report to the European Commission*, (co-author), October 2013.
- *Euromonitor: Report on monitoring the implementation of EU-Moldova Action Plan for periods: July-September 2014; May-July 2014; January-April 2014; October-December 2013; July-September 2013, April-June 2013*, (co-author).
- *Quo vadis Moldova: European integration, Eurasian integration or status quo*, (co-author), September 2013.
- *State of Country Report 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016* (co-author), Chapters on Domestic and Foreign Policy, July 2013, October 2014, and July 2015, September 2016.
- *Assessing Romania's joining the Schengen Area on Moldovan citizens*, (co-author), 2011.
- *State of Country Report 2007, Chapter on Romania-Moldova relations*, 2007.

Other publications:

Articles:

- *Eastern Partnership becomes more 'practical'. What does Moldova gain?*, Analysis (author), Info-Prim News Agency, January 2017
- *Defects of EU assistance in Ukraine and Moldova: problems and solutions*, Analysis (author), Info-Prim News Agency, December 2016
- *EU assistance for Moldova: local realities vs. operational efficiencies of EU*, Analysis (author), Info-Prim News Agency, September 2016
- *Global Strategy of the EU: The focus on Eastern Partnership and Moldova*, Analysis (author), Info-Prim News Agency, July 2016.
- *Moldova, Between Protests and "State Capture"*, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), March 2016.
- *Energy interconnection with EU: Recipe for diminishing dependence on Transnistria and Russia*, Analysis (author), Info-Prim News Agency, March 28, 2016.
- *European integration of Moldova in 2015: Top five failures and five hopes*, Analysis (author), Info-Prim News Agency, December 28, 2015
- *New agreement between Armenia and EU, Russia's muteness and possible implications for Moldova*, Analysis (author), Info-Prim News Agency, December 14, 2015
- *Review of European Neighborhood Policy, implications for Moldova and Russia's place*, Analysis, Info-Prim News Agency, November 23, 2015
- *"Sick" Eastern Partnership needs a comprehensive treatment*, Political Analysis (author), European Leadership Network, May 20, 2015
- *The EU risks alienating the Moldovan population if it fails to take a tougher line with the country's pro-European parties*, Commentary (author), The London School of Economics and Political Science's blog, May 2015.

Papers:

- *EU-Moldova Energy Relations: Similarities and Distinctions between the Energy Community Treaty and the Association Agreement*, Policy brief (author), Warsaw Euro-Atlantic Summer Academy (WEASA), January 2016.
- *Russia's Punitive Trade Policy Measures towards Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia*, Policy Paper (co-author), Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), September 25, 2014.
- *"VisegrAid 4 Moldova: Effectiveness by Collaboration"*, Policy paper (co-author), Central European Policy Institute, February 24, 2014.

Reports:

- *Deepening EU-Moldova Relations: What, why and how?*, Report by CEPS (Brussels) and Expert-Group (Chisinau), editor together with Michael Emerson, and co-author, September 2016.
- *Moldova: A case of derailed Europeanisation*, Collection of Political Analysis (author), Dilemma of Europeanisation: Political choices and economic transformations in the Eastern Partnership Countries, Latvian Institute for International Affairs and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, August 2016.
- *Post-Vilnius Moldova: Between Reform Shortcomings and Geopolitical Dilemmas*, Collection of Political Analysis (author), Special Edition for Latvian EU Presidency, "Eastern Partnership on the way to the Riga Summit", May 2015.
- *The challenges facing Moldova on its path to Europe*, Collection of Political Analysis (author), the Foreign Policy Center (UK), February 2015.
- *Managing Intractable Conflicts: Lessons from Moldova and Cyprus, Report* (co-author), GPOT (Turkey), APE (Moldova), April 2013.