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**Qualifications Summary:**

*Expertise in the field of central public administration, strategy elaboration, monitoring and evaluation; expertise in poverty programs implementation and measurement; expertise on the assessment of various programs, transfers and performances of organizations; experience in working jointly with a wide network of collaborators and stakeholders; experience in establishing participative designs for strategy preparation and research; experience in coordinating and carrying out researches and studies and in setting up monitoring systems; experience as a consultant for international organizations, public institutions and NGOs*

**Professional Experience – Employment:**

**Research Institute for Quality of Life (RIQL), Romanian Academy, September 2005 – present**

Scientific Researcher

Social Development, Social Policy, Poverty, Vulnerable Groups, Evaluation

2014

- *Researcher*, Desk-study on Child Poverty and Social Exclusion
- *Researcher*, Technical Secretariat for the RIQL contribution to the Romanian Academy project for the elaboration of the Social, Economic and Human Durable Development Strategy (2016-2035)

Contribution to drafting the proposal of the RIQL section of the strategy; communication with RIQL research team

2013

- *Research Coordinator*, analysis of the researchers' perceptions towards their careers and the development of the institute.

2012

- *Researcher*, RIQL in partnership with the Association for Development and Socio-economic Promotion CATALACTICA (SOP HRD project)

Coordinated the qualitative research and co-authored the report on the impact of socio-economic entities on vulnerable social groups within the project INTEGRAT Resources for Resources for Women and Socially Excluded Romas

2011

- *Short-time expert*, RIQL in partnership with Fundatia Dezvoltarea Popoarelor - County Council Dâmbovita - AJOFM Arad – Aslam (Associazione Scuole Lavoro Alto Milanese) (SOP HRD project)

Coordinated the survey on employment needs and job offers in the target areas of Arad and Dambovița counties within the project "Partnership for employment in the rural areas", co-authored the report

2010

- *Researcher*, RIQL in partnership with the Association for Development and Socio-economic Promotion CATALACTICA (SOP HRD project)

Elaborated the instruments for the quantitative research, coordinated the field work, co-authored the report Social Economy in Romania

2009

- *Researcher*, RIQL in partnership with Instituto per la Ricerca Sociale (Lead Partner), the Tavistock Institute, and The Rehabilitation Foundation

Carried on desk research on Poland, conducted field case study on a Czech Republic project, co-author of the RIQL report on Ex post evaluation of the 2000-2006 ESF support to the Open Method of Coordination in Social Protection and Social Inclusion

2008

- *Researcher*, RIQL,

Carried on desk-research, elaborated the study Evaluation of the Social Inclusion Policies and Recommendations for the Post-integration Period

2007

- *Co-author*, Academic consortium: University of Bucharest, RIQL and other research entities

Participated to the preparation of the toolkit Planning Social Development – A methodological guide, Manuela Stanculescu (ed.)

**Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest, October 2006 – June 2008**

Assistant Professor

- College courses: Applied Sociology, Paradigms of Sociological Thinking, and
- Masters courses: Social Problems and Social Development.

**Poverty Alleviation and Social Inclusion Promotion Commission (Comisia Anti-Sărăcie și Promovare a Incluziunii Sociale, CASPIS), October 2002 – August 2005**

Expert

- Coordinated the poverty and social exclusion monitoring system

Participated to poverty measurement and reporting, elaborated the social inclusion monitoring system

- Participated to strategy elaboration: Millenium Development Goals Report, Joint Inclusion Memorandum, National Action Plan on Social Inclusion

### **Project Based Professional Experience:**

2014

- *Short-term consultant*, World Bank, Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Protection and the Elderly for the elaboration of the Anti-Poverty and Social Inclusion Strategy

Qualitative field-work, research input for several chapters of the Strategy, participation to the elaboration of the Strategy

2013

- *Short-term consultant*, UNICEF Romania, Technical Assistance to the Ministry of Youth and Sports for the consolidation of the Youth Strategy 2013-2020  
Qualitative field work, Participation to drafting the strategy and the implementation plans
- *Researcher*, Ministry of Labor, Family, Social Protection and the Elderly  
Co-author of the Romanian Paper for the international Peer Review on 'Dignity first – priorities in reform of care services'

2012-2013

- *Social Economy Expert*, United Nations Development Programme  
Field research, documentation, co-author of the report on social economy institutions for the vulnerable Roma population

2011-2012

- *Research Coordinator*, Association for the Development of Women Antrepreneurship  
Elaboration of the research design, coordination of the survey, author of the report on Women Entrepreneurship and Gender Obstacles.

2011

- *Research Coordinator*, Romanian Centre for Health Policies SASTIPEN  
Conducted and coordinated the research on the impact of health mediator programs (surveys and interviews), prepared the evaluation report;
- *Consultant*, WSP Group for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
Assessment of the social impact of the street rehabilitation project in the city of Chisinau, Moldova, Elaboration of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan
- *Consultant*, WSP Group for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
Fieldwork, social assessment within the Supplementary Environmental Analysis and Assistance with Public Consultation and Disclosure in Accordance with EBRD and IFC Environmental and Social Policy requirements for the Renovation of Alum Tulcea SA (ALRO) power plant, elaboration of the section of the report regarding the social impact

2010

- *Short-time expert*, BBI Consulting (SOP HRD funded project)  
Coordination of the survey on the needs for kindergartens in Bucharest, elaboration of the report on relevance of opening 5 new kindergartens in Bucharest
- *Consultant*, KPMG, Pluriconsult SRL - for the Romanian Authority for the Coordination of the Structural Instruments (SI)  
Coordinated the survey and carried on interviews with SI beneficiaries for the ad-hoc evaluation, co-author of the report The challenges in the Capacity of Public and Private Beneficiaries of Structural Instruments Projects to Implement Projects
- *Consultant*, WSP Group for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
Carried on field work, social assessment within the Supplementary Environmental Analysis and Assistance with Public Consultation and Disclosure in Accordance with EBRD and IFC Environmental and Social Policy requirements for Pestera and Cernavoda wind farms, elaborated the section of the assesdment report regarding the social impact

- *Consultant*, Romanian-American Foundation  
Carried on interviews, elaborated the report mapping and reviewing the main donors and implementing organizations active in Romania in the area of education

2009

- *Consultant*, The World Bank Office, Romania  
Collected data, elaborated the report on Rapid Monitoring Vulnerability under the Global Economic Crises: Trends in Applications for Social Benefits in the ECA Region - Romania
- *Consultant*, Council of Europe Development Bank, Pluriconsult SRL  
Ex post evaluation of the 1st phase (2001-2006) of the National Agency for Housing program (public housing for rent for the employed youth, in Romanian *Agenția Națională pentru Locuințe*) in Romania
- *Project Coordinator*, BBI Consulting, Social Alternatives Foundation (PHARE project)  
Coordinated the survey and prepared the report on the needs and abilities of the personnel of the judiciary social workers and probation system' professionals in Romania.
- *Consultant*, WSP Group for the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development  
Carried on field work, interviews, social assesment within Environmental and Social Due Diligence for Sfantu Gheorghe Municipality Loan, elaborated the section of the assesment report regarding the social impact

2008

- *Consultant*, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)  
Performed analysis of the results of the survey „Generation and Gender” and elaborated the research report
- *National evaluator*, International Labour Organisation ILO – IPEC Romania  
Coordinated the field research, conducted interviews, prepared the national evaluation report on the outcomes of the ILO-IPEC activity in Romania

2007

- *Consultant*, ILO – IPEC Romania  
Prepared the research design (sampling, questionnaire), data analysis, elaborated research report “*Mapping of public and private social services for working street children*” in IPEC target areas.
- *Consultant*, World Bank  
Elaborated a desk-study of the new developments of the social inclusion measurement at the EU level, trainer for MoLFEO staff
- *Consultant*, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)  
Coordinated the survey, research design (sampling, questionnaire), data analysis, elaborated the research report A Variant of the Binomial Tariff for District Heating system
- *Consultant*, Succes Consulting  
Elaborated the social strategy for the Arges County Council

2006

- *Researcher*, ILO – IPEC Romania

Prepared the design of the research, collected qualitative field data (interviews with local and central authorities), statistical data analysis, author of the final evaluation report Conditional Cash Transfers and Child Labour In Central and Eastern Europe

- *Consultant*, UNICEF

Performed secondary data analysis, evaluation of children poverty and the impact of the public transfers on children poverty, co-author of the research report Understanding the dynamics of poverty and development risks on children in Romania

- *Researcher*, Open Society Foundation (Bucharest, Romania)

Performed a community study in a Roma community based on qualitative research methods, data analysis, co-author of the research report. Integrated Community Development, Assessing the needs and resources in 15 Roma communities

2004

- *Researcher*, World Bank

Collecting data, test the instruments, co-author of the phase report on Petrosani as part of the project coordinated by prof. D. Sandu Moving Out of Poverty

#### **Publications:**

- Briciu, C., 'Homelessness in Romania – Challenges for Research and Policy', Mediterranean Journal of Social Sciences, MCSER Publishing, Vol.5 No.22 201, <http://www.mcser.org/journal/index.php/mjss>, (accessed 16 December 2010).
- Briciu, C., 'Tipologia entităților furnizoare de economie socială' (The Typology of the Social Economy Entities), in Stanescu, S., S. Cace and F. Alexandrescu (Ed.), *Oferta de economie socială – raspunsuri si rezultate (Social Economy market – answers and results)*, Bucharest, Editura Expert, 2011, pp.241-261
- Briciu, C., 'Profiluri judetene ale economiei sociale' (County Profiles of Social Economy), in Stanescu, S., S. Cace and F. Alexandrescu (Ed.), *Oferta de economie socială – raspunsuri si rezultate (Social Economy market – answers and results)*, Bucharest, Editura Expert, 2011, pp.262-326
- Briciu, C., 'Studii de caz' (Case Studies), in Stanescu, S., S.Cace and F. Alexandrescu (Ed.), *Oferta de economie socială – raspunsuri si rezultate (Social Economy market – answers and results)*, Bucharest, Editura Expert, 2011, pp.327-356
- Briciu, C., co-author in Cace S. and D. Arpinte (ed.), *Economia socială in Romania (Social economy in Romania)*, Bucharest, Editura Expert, 2010
- Zamfir, C., S. Stanescu and C. Briciu (ed.), *Politici de incluziune socială in perioada de criza economica (Social inclusion policies in the economic crises period)*, Bucharest, Editura Expert, 2010
- Briciu, C., 'Orientari valorice cu privire la familie in Romania', in Pescaru-Urse D. and R. Popescu (ed.), *Politici familiale si de gen în România (Family and Gender Policies in Romania)*, Buzau, Alpha MDN, 2009, pp. 11-15
- Briciu, C., Măsurarea sărăciei si incluziunii sociale – un caz de asimilare selectivă a inovatiei (*The system of poverty and social inclusion measurement – a case of selectiv asimilation of innovation*), Quality of Life review no. 1-2 /2009

- Briciu, C., 'Cartierul Dodeni – Biczaz', in Malina Voicu (ed.), *Needs and resources in Roma communities*, Open Society Foundation, Bucharest, 2007, pp. 46-67
- Briciu, C., co-author in C. Zamfir and S. Stanescu (ed.), *Enciclopedia dezvoltarii sociale (Social development Encyclopedia)*, Bucharest, Polirom, 2007
- Briciu, C., R. Popescu and A. Virdol, 'Măsurarea dezvoltării sociale' (Measuring social development) in Catalin Zamfir (ed.), *Dezvoltarea sociala: o noua provocare (Social Development. A new challenge)*, Bucharest, Polirom, 2006, pp. 313 – 330
- Briciu, C., co-author in Zamfir, C., L. Stoica, and M. Stanculescu (ed.), *Proiectarea dezvoltarii sociale: un ghid metodologic (Designing social development: A Methodological guide)*, Bucharest, Marketing highest option Publishing House, 2006.
- Briciu, C., co-author in Zamfir, C. (ed.), *Understanding the Dynamics of Poverty and Development Risks on Children in Romania*, Bucharest, RIQL, 2005.
- Briciu, C., R. Popescu and A. Virdol, 'Urbanization in Romania – Patterns and dilemmas' in Vucinic-Neskovic, V. and U. Brunnbauer, *Urban Life and Culture in Southeastern Europe. Abstracts*, Belgrade, Cigoja stampa, 2005
- Briciu, C. and R. Popescu, 2003, 'Saracie și excluziune sociala in familiile cu mulți copii' (Poverty and Social Exclusion in Families with Many Children), Iasi, *Review of Research and Social Intervention*, vol. 3/2003, pp. 257-272.
- Briciu, C., 'O noua metodologie de masurare a saraciei' (A new methodology of measuring poverty), Bucharest, *Social Work Review*, no. 1

### **Education and Other Experience:**

#### **2014**

- Attended the first semester of the 2014/2015 postdoctoral program of the Quality of Life Research Institute within the project *Pluri and interdisciplinarity in doctoral and postdoctoral programmes*

Enrolled with the thesis *An Evaluation of the anti-poverty policies in Romania in the last two decades – elements for a theory on the evaluation of social policies*, carried on postdoctoral research on homelessness, anti-poverty programmes and other topics

#### **2011**

- Graduated with *PhD* with the thesis on the thesis *Social Problems and Social Intervention – the Role of Evaluation*

Attended at the University of Bucharest, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work Romania between 2003–2009 and West University of Timisoara, Faculty of Sociology and Psychology, 2009-2011

#### **2005**

- Attended a course in *Livelihoods: Perspectives and Approaches*  
University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK, the Overseas Development Group

#### **2004**

- Attended a course on *Choosing and Comparing Poverty Lines*  
World Bank Office, Romania

**2003**

- Attended a course on Intermediate Topics in Monitoring and Evaluation: Outcome Measurement

World Bank Office, Romania

**2002**

- Graduated with Master's Degree in Social Policies and Social Development

University of Bucharest, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work Romania

- Attended an Introductory Course in Monitoring and Evaluation

World Bank Office, Romania

- Attended the National School for Social Statistics

Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

**2001**

- Graduated with a BA in Philosophy "Spiru Haret" University Bucharest, Faculty of Philosophy and Journalism

**Language skills:**

- Beside Romanian, fluent in English. Intermediate conversational and reading skills in French.