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### **Short background information:**

The **National Institute for Research and Development in Urban and Spatial Planning – URBANPROIECT** – is functioning as an independent company, coordinated by the National Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation, under the technical guidance of the Ministry of Public Works and Territorial Planning.

Urbanproiect has two multi-disciplinary departments: Urban Planning and Spatial Planning and a staff of 70 researchers and 60 technical personnel.

### **Main objectives**

- substantiating the Government's long-term strategy and major public policies in urban and territorial planning;
- creating the theoretical, legal and regulatory framework for spatial and urban planning at different levels.

### **Scientific specialization**

- Applied research in urban and territorial planning;
- Studies for the major spatial planning issues at national level concerning:
  - national heritage conservation
  - water management,
  - management of natural risk areas,
  - tourism
- Urban regulations and methodological guidelines for urban planning
- Pilot and experimental urban development projects

### **Recent projects (indicative)**

- The Spatial Planning of the National Territory (SPNT)
- The Rural Development in Romania
- PHARE Cross Border Co-operation Programme Romania/Hungary – Regional Study
- Zonal Spatial Development Plans for the Riparian Area of the Danube, the Black Sea Coast Area, the Western Carpathians, etc.
- County Spatial Development Plans for several counties
- General Urban Plans for the Metropolitan Area of Bucharest and for other major cities

### **Main contribution to the ESTIA project**

- URBANPROIECT participates in the ESTIA Project as a core partner.
- At the first meeting Urbanproiect presented the Romanian planning system.
- Within the first phase (first delivery) of the ESTIA Project, URBANPROIECT has compiled a list of the Romanian spatial planning agencies.

## **GENERAL DESCRIPTION AND AIMS**

The **National Institute for Research and Development in Urban and Spatial Planning – URBANPROIECT** is operating as an independent unit since 1991, being coordinated by the National Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation and under the technical guidance of the Ministry of Public Works and Territorial Planning.

The activity of the institute is financed by public, private funds. The studies and projects accomplished within URBANPROIECT are related to the territory at national, regional or local level.

## **MAIN ACTIVITIES**

- Applied research in urban and territorial planning;
- Studies and projects for the **Spatial Planning of the National Territory**;
- Research and studies for specific legislation in urban and regional planning and housing;
- Urban regulations, methodological guidelines for urban planning;
- Pilot and experimental urban development projects;
- Other activities: technical and scientific assistance, consulting, master planning, publications, training for researchers in urban and territorial planning.

## **RECENT AND ONGOING RESEARCHES OR OTHER PROJECTS**

- **The Spatial Planning of the National Territory (SPNT)** is a set of synthetic studies and plans which formulate strategies, forecasts and measures, determining the dimensions, the directions and priorities of the spatial development occurring on Romania's territory, according to the regional and continental requirements. The SPNT has the following sections:
  - completed: Section no. 1 – Transport infrastructure  
Section no. 2 – Water management  
Section no. 3 – National heritage (natural and cultural)  
Section no. 4 – Settlement network
  - ongoing: Section no. 5 – Management of natural risk areas
  - preparing: Section no. 6 – Tourism
- **The Rural Development in Romania** is a study financed by PHARE sources which makes a diagnosis of the rural territory, its development strategy and sets an action plan for implementing the rural development policies. A GREEN PAPER OF THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN ROMANIA has been published with the main results of the study.
- **PHARE Cross Border Co-operation Programme Romania/Hungary – Regional Study**, ongoing project, aiming to improve the cross-border relations at the national, regional and local level and at the same time to develop and implement the specific EU goals and methods of co-operation.

- **The Zonal Spatial Development Plan** is prepared for territories with common geographical, economic or/and other types of characteristics, including completely or partially the administrative territory of several counties. URBANPROIECT has elaborated a series of such plans, e.g. *ZSDP Mun? ii Apuseni* which refers to one of the disadvantaged areas in Romania. The measures and actions proposed by the project are the framework for a strategy of revitalisation and sustainable development of the zone.
- **The Metropolitan Area of Bucharest** aims at the co-ordinated development of the capital-city with its surrounding area, in terms of infrastructure and the protection of the environment.
- **County Spatial Development Plans** (Structure Plan for County) are being carried out for all the 41 counties of Romania. Drawing on the main provisions of the Spatial Planning of the National Territory (SPNT), the plans offer an overall spatial development framework for the counties. They also constitute the guidelines for the development of towns and communes, e.g. *CSDP Hunedoara, Maramurec, Vaslui*.

URBANPROIECT carries out urban plans for the towns and communes of the country.

- **The General Urban Plan (GUP)** contains the strategy, priorities and urban regulations concerning the development of the settlements, e.g. *GUP Oradea, GUP Suceava, GUP Miercurea Ciuc*
- **The preliminary GUP of Bucharest**, an ongoing project, which makes a complex analysis of the present situation, problems and priorities.
- **The rehabilitation of housing in the residential district Drumul Taberei – Bucharest.** The project is included in the Programme INTERREG II and aims at a sustainable development of the housing conditions, by the improvement of living standards of the units and of the whole area.

### **URBANPROIECT – MAIN CONTRIBUTION TO THE ESTIA PROJECT**

URBANPROIECT participates in the ESTIA Project as a core partner.

Up to now the Romanian team attended a first meeting on 16-17<sup>th</sup> of October 1998 in Thessaloniki, where it presented the planning system in Romania, complying with Law 50/1991, the four completed sections of the Spatial Planning of the National Territory, the spatial development policies in Romania, other regional planning projects.

Within the first phase (first delivery) of the ESTIA Project, URBANPROIECT has compiled a list of the Romanian agencies, which participate in the process of regional planning.

## CURRICULUM VITAE

- Full name:** POPESCU TRAIAN
- Date and birth place:** 14.01.1936, commune URLATI, Prahova county, ROMANIA
- Nationality:** Romanian
- Family status:** Married, two children
- Studies:** Institute of Architecture *ION MINCU* - Bucharest, graduating year: 1959
- Occupation:** Town planning architect
- Training:** France, 1973, post-Academic graduation training
- Professional experience:**
- ⇒ Researches, studies and projects within town and regional planning field
  - ⇒ Pilot documentations on town planning
  - ⇒ Town planning projects for localities, residential areas and civic centres
  - ⇒ Elaboration of methodologies and framework contents documentations (technical regulations)
  - ⇒ Town and rural dwellings designing
  - ⇒ Urban planning for towns in Vietnam
  - ⇒ Participation in national town planning competitions, being awarded 13 prizes and mentions
  - ⇒ PNUD Mission in Senegal - 1987, for defining a town policy
  - ⇒ CEE-UNO reportor, on habitat matters
  - ⇒ Expert for town and regional planning matters, pending on the European Council
  - ⇒ Attending International Meetings
- Position held** General Director of the National Institute of Research-Development for Town and Territorial Planning - URBANPROIECT
- Foreign languages** French

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Full name:** NADEJDE MIHAI - SERBAN

**Date of Birth:** 1.01.1944

**Place of Birth:** BUCURESTI

**Nationality:** Romanian

**Permanent Address:** Str. I. L. Caragiale Nr. 22,  
Sector 2, BUCURESTI  
tel: 6388762

**Marital status:** Married, 1 child

### EDUCATION

**1961 - 1967.....** "ION MINCU INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE" BUCURESTI -  
GRADUATED ARCHITECT & PLANNER

**1990 - September.....** "Royal Town Planning Summer School" Swansea U.K.

**1991 - December .....** Institut National Polytechnique - Formation Continue "Pratique des Politiques  
Urbaines" Toulouse France

**1995 - July .....** "3<sup>rd</sup> Cambridge Summer School on European Land Policy"

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**From 1991 to present** Urbanproiect - Institute for Urban & Regional Planning - Str. N. Filipescu Nr.  
53 - 55, Sector 2

Head of the Regional Planning Section; chief of projects, studies and  
research for the national programme regarding settlements and regional  
planning.

Coordinator of the National Physical Planning Programme and other complex  
studies.

Studies concerning the reorganisation of the Romanian administrative units,  
protected areas, the network of the urban settlements, regional development  
in Romania, communication infrastructure, the strategy to developing The  
Metropolitan Area of the Capital City, studies concerning the rural space and  
rural deprived areas as well as agriculture and regional planning etc.

**From 1970 to 1991** Institute of Physical Planning, Housing and Municipal Engineering -  
I.S.L.G.C. - Bucharest,  
Str. Snagov Nr. 53 - 55, Sector 2

Senior architect, urban planner - Department of Urban & Regional Planning -  
Chief of urban planning projects: master plans, urban renewal projects,  
studies on the specific features of houses in different rural regions of  
Romania, structure plans for counties, regional development schemes, local  
plans for communes and villages etc.

**From 1967 to 1970** Institute of Physical Planning, Housing and Municipal Engineering -  
I.S.L.G.C. - Bucharest

Architect - Department of Building - project maker and chief of projects for  
housing and social building (Hotel, Shopping Centre, Swimming Pool).

- Additional professional activities:**
- since 1976 associate lecturer at the Institute of Architecture “ Ion Mincu” - Department of Urban & Regional Planning
  - since 1993 associate professor at the Postgraduate High School of Urban & Regional Planning - Bucharest
  - member of the Task Force for Regional Development PHARE Project for Romania
  - member of the Urban & Regional Planning Commission of Bucharest
  - since March 1997 member of Experts Commission of Rural and Mountains Charters - Council of Europe
- International experience:**
- 1981 - professional study tour to U.K., organised by the British Council & the Royal Town Planning Institute
  - September - November 1992 - Practical working experience within the Planning Department - West Oxfordshire District Council
  - September 1994 - Study tour to England & Wales related to British Know How Fund Project for Valcea County
  - February 1997 - Study tour to Catalonia - Spain related to PHARE Project for Regional Development
- Main participation to professional and scientific events:**
- Vienna, April 1993  
Rapporteur for regional planning at the Council of Europe Seminary
  - Strasbourg, October 1996 Rapporteur for regional planning at the Council of Europe Seminary
  - Different professional events on urban and regional planning in Romania and abroad; Moscow 1982, Warsaw 1985, Bratislava 1987, Regensburg and Dresda 1993, Budapest and Paris 1994, Prague and Brussels 1995, München 1996, Strasbourg 1997 - paper or intervention
  - Member of the Jury of the International Urban Planning Contest Bucharest 2000 - 1996
- Professional memberships:**
- Romanian Union of Architects - 1990 - 1995 member of the Leading Committee
  - Romanian Planner Association since 1990 - vice-president
- Languages:** Romanian, English, French, Italian, Russian
- Publications:** Professional articles & essays published in reviews and magazines as: “ Arhitectura” , “ Arhitext” , “ Arhitext - Design” , “ Dilema” , “ Eureg” , Conseil de l’Europe - “ Aménagement du Territoire Européen” , “Economistul” .

## CURRICULUM VITAE

1. **Family name:** DUMITRU
2. **First names:** VALENTINA
3. **Date of birth:** October 29, 1950
4. **Nationality:** Romanian
5. **Civil status:** Married
6. **Education:**

Institution	Ion Mincu Institute of Architecture, Bucharest
Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	October 1969 August 1975
Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:	Graduated architect

**7. Language skills: (Mark 1 to 5 for competence)**

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	3	3	2
Russian	2	1	1

**8. Membership of professional bodies:**

- Union of Architects ,Romania

**9. Other skills:**

- **computer literacy**

**10. Present position:** Planner, Project Manager

**11. Years within the firm:** 11

**12. Key qualifications:**

- Regional development planning
- Romanian transport network
- Potential for tourism in Romanian border counties

**13. Specific Eastern Countries experience:**

Country	Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)
Hungary	July 1995 - change of professional experience between VATI Budapest and Urbanproiect Bucharest
Ukraine	June 1996 - cooperation in regional development between DIPROMISTO Kiev and Urbanproiect Bucharest on professional purpose
Bulgaria	July 1996 - cooperation in regional development planning between NCRUP Sofia and Urbanproiect Bucharest

**14. Professional Experience Record:**

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	December 1989 onward
Location	Bucharest, Romania
Company	URBANPROIECT
Position	Project manager
Description	Regional and spatial development planning

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	December 1986 December 1989
Location	Bucharest, Romania
Company	I.S.L.G.C.
Position	Planner
Description	Rural development planning

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	August 1977 December 1986
Location	Alexandria, Teleorman county
Company	County Planning Office
Position	Project Manager/Architect
Description	Urban planning, architectural design

Date: from (month/year) to (month/year)	August 1975 August 1977
Location	Alexandria, Teleorman county
Company	Islaz Industrial Plant
Position	Architect, Investment Department
Description	Investment planning

**15. Others:**

2nd prize winner of the International Planning Contest in Veliko Tarnovo - Bulgaria - 1984, (with team)

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Full name:** ALEXANDRU MONICA

**Date of Birth:** May, the 31<sup>st</sup>, 1950

**Nationality :** Romanian

**Civil status :** married

**Education :** Oct. 1969 - Aug. 1975 - Institute for Architecture and Urbanism- Ion Mincu- Bucharest- graduated architect  
Oct. 1993 - Jun. 1995 - Postgraduation School for Urbanism, Territorial Planning and Monuments Restoration - specialisation in Urbanism and Territorial Planning

**Languages :** English, French

**Other skills :** computer literacy

**Present position :** planner, chief of projects, I.N.C.D. Urbanproiect Bucharest

**Years within the firm :** 3

**Key qualification :** building design,  
urban and territorial development planning

**Professional Experience Record :** 1975 - 1990 - Institute of Studies and Design for Land Reclamation  
Projects - building design and planning in the field of land reclamation and fish breeding  
1990 - 1993 - building design within some private companies  
1993 - 1995 - public administration office worker within the Ministry of Public Works and Territorial Planning - Department of National Territory Planning  
since 1995 - I.N.C.D. Urbanproiect - Project Manager - regional and spatial development planning