

## PERSONAL INFORMATION



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Sex F | Date of birth 03/01/1988 | Nationality Romanian

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Oct. 2022 – present

### Associate Professor PhD

Finance Department, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, West University of Timisoara, J.H.Pestalozzi Street, no. 16, 300115, Timisoara, Romania

- teaching activities (courses and/or seminars taught in English) for the disciplines of Financial Management, Taxation, Banking operations; research Education, Research

Aug. – Dec. 2019

### Consultant in project evaluation

West Regional Development Agency, Timișoara

- participates, as an evaluator member, in the technical and financial evaluation commissions of the projects submitted under the 2014 ROP 2014-20202020; evaluates the financing applications (the entire set of documents submitted by the applicant together with the financing application) and evaluates the fulfilment of the evaluation criteria, according to the technical and financial evaluation grids specific to the priority axes/investment priorities related to the POR 2014 2014- 20202020; elaborates replies for the request for clarifications, where applicable.

Technical and financial analysis

Mar. 2016 – Sept. 2022

### Lecturer PhD

Finance Department, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, West University of Timisoara, J.H.Pestalozzi Street, no. 16, 300115, Timisoara, Romania

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Mar. 2014 – Feb. 2016

### Research Assistant

European Center for Research in Economics and Business, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, West University of Timisoara, J.H.Pestalozzi Street, no. 16, 300115, Timisoara, Romania

- scientific research, organization, preparation and participation of scientific events, consultations and support offered to students, self-improvement activities, collaborations and support offered in drafting research grant proposals

Research

Feb. 2012 – Feb. 2016

### External Collaborator

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, West University of Timisoara, J.H.Pestalozzi Street, no. 16, 300115, Timisoara, Romania

- teaching activities (courses and/or seminars taught in English) for the disciplines of Financial Management, Taxation, Banking operations

Education

Jan. 2012 – Sep. 2012

### Financial Consultant

Raiffeisen Bank, Timișoara, România, Simion Bărnuțiu Street, Timisoara, Romania

- promotion and selling of banking products

Banking, Financial institutions

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

March 2019 – March 2021

**Postdoctoral School (Certif. no. 1823/0-1/15.04.2021)**

Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, West University of Timișoara, Romania

Oct 2011 - Mar 2015

**PhD DIPLOMA – Series J no. 0008795**

Finance field, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, West University of Timișoara, Romania

Oct 2009 – Sept 2011

**Master DIPLOMA – Series A no. 0133454**

Corporate Finance and Financing Strategies, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, West University of Timișoara, Romania

Sept 2009 – Jul 2011

**BACHELOR (WITH HONORS) DEGREE – no. 9843827**

Management with Finance, Aberdeen Business School, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, Scotland (completed with scholarship from the Student Awards Agency for Scotland)

Oct 2006 – Jul 2009

**BACHELOR DIPLOMA – Series B no. 0146723**

Finance and Banking, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, West University of Timișoara, Romania

## PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)

Romanian

Other language(s)

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	B2	B2	B1	B1	B2

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user  
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Communication skills

- sociable, capacity to adapt;
- communication and coordination skills developed through teaching experience.
- time management;
- team work;
- perseverance and ambition to learn new things.

Organisational/managerial skills

Digital skills

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

Levels: Basic user - Independent user - Proficient user  
[Digital competences - Self-assessment grid](#)

use of statistical and econometrics softwares (Stata, EViews, SPSS), database management, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Power Point)

Other skills

- proactive attitude, meeting the deadlines, establishing, following and fulfilling goals aiming for continuous development
- high capacity for concentration, good memory, creativity, attention to details

Driving licence

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Relevant publications

- Lobonț Oana-Ramona, Costea Florin, **Vătavu Sorana**, Li Zheng-Zheng, Țăran Alexandra Mădălina, Kononenko Igor (2022). Is fiscal policy one of the most important socio-economic drivers for entrepreneurial activity in European Union countries? *Journal of Business, Economics and Management*, 24(2), 292-314. eISSN: 2029-4433. Accession number (WOS) – 001001893700001; Web of Science Categories (by Journal Impact Factor - JCR): Business (Rank in Category 121 of 154 – Q4), Economics (Rank in Category 147 of 380 – Q2)
- Burta Simona, Nicolescu Ana-Cristina, **Vătavu Sorana**, Bozga Emilia, Lobonț Oana-Ramona (2022). Modelling framework of the tandem supply chain efficiency and sustainable financial performance in the automotive industry. *Zbornik Radova Ekonomskog Fakulteta U Rijeci- Proceedings of Rijeka Faculty of Economics*, 40(1), 201-224. eISSN: 1846-7520. Accession number (WOS) – 000822357400009; Web of Science Categories: Economics in ESCI edition (Rank in Category 439 of 581 – Q4)
- **Vătavu Sorana**, Țăran Alexandra Mădălina, Moldovan Nicoleta-Claudia, Lobonț Oana-Ramona (2022). Does technical and democratic governance have the potential to enhance health spending allocations? *Studies in Business and Economics*, 17(3), 251-268. eISSN: 2344-5416. Accession number (WOS) – 000923095600018; Web of Science Categories: Economics in ESCI edition (Rank in Category 507 of 581 – Q4)
- **Vătavu Sorana**, Dogaru Mădălin, Moldovan Nicoleta-Claudia, Lobonț Oana-Ramona (2021). The impact of entrepreneurship on economic development through government policies and citizens' attitudes. *Economic Research-Ekonomska Istrazivanja*. Early Access ISSN: 1331-677X. Accession number (WOS) – 000707092800001; Web of Science Categories (by Journal Impact Factor – JCR 2021): Economics (Rank in Category 119 of 381 – Q2)
- Luca Magda, Mustea Lavinia, Taran Alexandra, Stefea Petru, **Vătavu Sorana** (2021). Challenges on Radical Health Redesign to Reconfigure the Level of e-Health Adoption in EU Countries. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 9, article 728287, pp. 1-15. Accession number (WOS) – 000680676700001; Web of Science Categories (by Journal Impact Factor - JCR): Public, Environmental & Occupational Health (Rank in Category 35 of 176 – Q1).
- Li Cong, Liu Xi-Hua, Wang Jiao, **Vătavu Sorana**, Iosif Anda Mihaiela (2021). Financial Inclusion in China: Has Input-Output Efficiency Improved? *Economic Computation and Economic Cybernetics Studies and Research*, 55(2), pp. 43-60. Accession number (WOS) – 000661631600003; Web of Science Categories (by Journal Impact Factor - JCR): Economics (Rank in Category 323 of 376 – Q4), Mathematics, Interdisciplinary Applications (Rank in Category 97 of 108 – Q4).
- **Vătavu Sorana**, Lobonț Oana-Ramona, Stefea Petru, Brindescu-Olariu Daniel (2019). How Taxes Relate to Potential Welfare Gain and Appreciable Economic Growth. *Sustainability*, 11(15). ISSN 2071-1050, eISSN 2071-1050, Accession number (WOS) – 000485230200009; Web of Science Categories (by Journal Impact Factor - JCR): Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary (Rank in Category 105 of 109 – Q4).
- **Vătavu Sorana**, Lobonț Oana-Ramona, Para Iulia, Pelin Andrei (2018). Addressing oil price changes through business profitability in oil and gas industry in the United Kingdom. *PLOS One*, 13(6), ISSN: 1932-6203 (Online), Accession number (WOS) – 000435802500044; Web of Science Categories (by Journal Impact Factor - JCR): Multidisciplinary Sciences (Rank in Category 26 of 72 – Q2).
- Lobonț Oana-Ramona, **Vătavu Sorana**, Brindescu-Olariu Daniel, Pelin Andrei, Chis Codruta (2019). E-Health Adoption Gaps in the Decision-Making Process. *Revista de Cercetare si Interventie Sociala*, 65, pp. 389-403. ISSN: 1583-3410, Accession number (WOS) – 000502817900024, <https://doi.org/10.33788/rcis.65.24>; Web of Science Categories: Social Work - Rank in Category: 22 of 42, Q3: Sociology: Rank in Category: 93 of 148, Q3).
- Oana Ramona Lobont, Oana Ramona Glont, Leonardo Badea, **Sorana Vătavu** (2019), Correlation of military expenditures and economic growth: lessons for Romania., *Quality & Quantity International Journal of Methodology*, (indexed Scopus, RePEc, ProQuest, EBSCO, ERIH PLUS), ISSN: 0033-5177 (Print) 1573-7845 (Online).
- Moldovan Nicoleta-Claudia, **Vătavu Sorana**, Albu Crișan, Stanciu Mandruleanu Cristina, Panait Robert (2016). Corporate Financing Decisions and Performance in Times of Crisis: Threat or Challenge? *Economic Computation and Economic Cybernetics Studies and Research*, 50(2), pp. 59-78. Accession number (WOS) – 000346684700004; Web of Science Categories (by Journal Impact Factor - JCR): Economics (Rank in Category 323 of 376 – Q4), Mathematics, Interdisciplinary Applications (Rank in Category 97 of 108 – Q4).

### Scientific presentations

- Presentation „Funding opportunities for research under European Union Research and Innovation Programme Horizon 2020” - Workshop „The normative and institutional framework for research career development”(31st of March 2016).
- Presentation „E-search for academic and scientific databases” – 1st Joint Summer School in „Writing Research Projects and Academic Writing” (14-18 April 2015).
- Presentation „Research methods for qualitative and quantitative data and for literature review” – 2nd Joint Summer School in „Research Methods and Techniques for Advanced Scientific Research” (22-26 June 2015)

The presentations mentioned above were held during scientific events organised during Project 14-SEE-PC-RO TIMISOA01 „Transnational cooperation for research consolidation through knowledge and innovation transfer – KnowReset”.

### Projects

- Director of the Research project for the stimulation of young independent teams (TE) "Public policies to promote socially responsible corporate behaviour and sustainable development", Contract no. TE 117/2020, Project code PN PN-III -P1 -1.11.1-TE -20192019-2182. Beneficiary: West University of Timisoara, Romania.
- Project experience related to the implementation of projects financed by Erasmus+ Programme. I was a member of the implementation team for two research projects, as an Assistant manager (Project „Implementing Serious Games in Entrepreneurship Education – ISGEE”, Contract no. 2018-1-HU01-KA203-047712; Project „ I Trust My Competency in Accounting and Finance via Gamified Learning Platform – TRUSTvGLP”, Contract no. 2016-1-TR01-KA202-034980).
- Project experience related to the implementation of research projects financed by European funds (EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014, and European Social Funds for Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development). I was a member of the implementation team of two research projects, having the role of Financial Manager and Expert in students' activities (Project „Transnational cooperation for research consolidation through knowledge and innovation transfer - KnowReset”. Contract nr. 2/21/07.2014, Cod 14-SEE-PC-RO TIMISOA01; Project „Opportunities and challenges for tertiary educational system in promoting evidence-informed good governance society – ActiveGovEdu”, Contract nr. 2/24/07.2015, Cod 15-SEE-PC-RO TIMISOA01).
- Member in the target group of a project dedicated to doctoral and postdoctoral research in economic sciences (during the PhD and Postdoctoral studies).

### Honours and awards

- 2021: First prize for the Business plan created within the Project "Development of entrepreneurial skills for doctoral students and postdoctoral students in the field of economic sciences" financed by Contract no. POCU/380/6/13/125015 of 23.05.2019
- 2019: Best Policy Case Award in the 2019 European Triple Helix Congress on Responsible Innovation and Entrepreneurship, 30 Sept.-1 Oct. 2019, Thessaloniki, Greece, for the Paper “Entrepreneurship promoted by the public sector: Government policies and economic stability”.
- 2017: Best Paper Presenter in the 24th International Conference on Social Science and Humanities (ICSSH), 9-10 Oct. 2017, Dubai, for the Paper “Addressing oil price changes through business profitability in oil and gas industry in the United Kingdom”.
- 2016: Best Paper Prize, awarded by International Conference 2016 Global Economy & Governance, 13-16 Oct. 2016, Qingdao, China, for the Paper “Defence spending and economic growth: A panel evidence from G-20 countries”.
- 2015: Distinction for valuing projects that impact our community, awarded by ANPCDEFP, in Annual Conference Învăță și dă mai departe!, Comunități +, 23 November 2015, Bucharest for the project 14-SEE-PC-RO TIMISOA01.
- 2015: Prize for the valuable contribution made to the organization of the International Conference and Competition "The Research World of Interconnection ", 3-4 Nov. 2015.
- 2015: Award for outstanding research results, for Project "Performance and excellence in doctoral and postdoctoral research in economic sciences from Romania", funded by Contract No. HRD / 159 / 1.5 / S / 134 197.
- 2010: Bank of Scotland Corporate Award 2010, for the annual competition organized by the Aberdeen Business School, Robert Gordon University in Scotland, United Kingdom.

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