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PROFILE

Architect with 20+ years of experience in architecture, urban development, and professional governance. Founder of architecture practices and active contributor to institutional and policy frameworks within the profession. Engaged in sustainability, adaptive reuse, and cultural research initiatives at both national and European levels. Currently involved in advocacy and awareness campaigns related to the built environment and sustainability.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founding Architect: CABINET

Bucharest

2013 – present

- Lead architect and project manager for residential, office, and public projects
- Extensive experience in adaptive reuse and projects in protected / heritage areas
- Coordination of multidisciplinary teams and regulatory processes

Founding Partner, Architect: Republic of Architects

Bucharest

2007 – 2022

- Co-founded and led an architecture studio delivering a wide range of public and private projects
- Developed feasibility studies, concept design, and execution phases

Architect (various offices)

Re-act NOW Studio, Dorin ■tefan Architecture Office, PRODID, Architect Service, Urban Cult, Square One

2002 – 2007

Founder: Asocia■ia cu a mic NGO

Bucharest

2014 – present

- Active NGO who discusses architecture as public good, engaging with cultural and civic topics

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE

Vice President + Member, Territorial Council

The Romanian Order of Architects – Prahova Branch

2022 – May 2026

- Contributing to strategy, communication, and institutional positioning
- Promoting good practice and professional standards

Board Member of the Commission granting the right to practice

The Romanian Order of Architects

2022 – present

- Evaluating portfolios of intern architects applying for independent practice
- Engaging with questions of professional responsibility and impact on society

EUROPEAN & ADVOCACY ENGAGEMENT

National Organizing Member – Romania

HouseEurope! European Citizens Initiative

2024 – 2026

- National representative within a European initiative advocating for sustainable transformation of the built environment
- Leading awareness and outreach actions at country level
- Contributing to a Europe-wide campaign aiming to mobilize one million citizens
- Connecting local professional realities with European-level discourse

Member, Sustainability Working Group

ACE – Architects' Council of Europe

2024 – present

- Contributing to European-level discourse on sustainability in architecture and the built environment

RESEARCH & CULTURAL PROJECTS

Coordinator, researcher – "Grădina Dâmbu"

developed with asociația cu a mic NGO

2024 – present

- Research-based project exploring the potential of Dâmbu river in Prahova County to become Blue-green infrastructure (BGI)
- Investigates low-impact, participatory approaches to urban space
- Funded by the Romanian Order of Architects through Architecture Duty Stamp

SELECTED ARCHITECTURE PROJECTS

Key focus areas: Adaptive reuse, Sustainable interventions, Heritage contexts, Office and public space design

- Restoration & extension of historic monument – CARP Alexandria
- Office projects in protected areas – BBP Leasing, Altius
- Production facility – Premier Catering
- Office fit-out & fire safety compliance
- Office developments – Banca Transilvania
- Residential and mixed-use developments (various clients)

EDUCATION

Master of Science in Architecture

"Ion Mincu" University of Architecture and Urbanism, Bucharest

1998 – 2004

Postgraduate Studies – Urban Management

"Ion Mincu" University

2005 – 2007

European Erasmus Exchange Programme

Delft University of Technology

2002 – 2003

Additional Training:

- Trained Energy Auditor (2010)
- Entrepreneurship in Creative Industries (2012, 2017)
- Heritage & Art Conservation (2023 – present)

AWARDS (SELECTED)

2025 – Bucharest Architecture Annual – Award

2024 – BETA Architecture Biennale – Top 4 Nomination

2023 – Bucharest Architecture Annual – Nomination

2012 – INSPIRED – 1st Prize

2010 – World Space Creators Award – 2nd Prize

EXHIBITIONS & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- BETA Biennale Timișoara (presentation & exhibition)
- Vienna Design Week
- Romanian Design Week (multiple editions)
- Jury member – Bucharest Architecture Annual (2022)
- Conferences, lectures, and symposium participation across Europe

SKILLS

- Sustainable design & adaptive reuse
- Policy awareness & professional governance
- Stakeholder engagement & advocacy
- Project leadership & coordination
- Research-based design approaches
- Applied drawing and editing programmes

LANGUAGES

Romanian – Native

English – Professional working proficiency

French – Fluent