

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. **Family name:** Smaranda
2. **First names:** Samad John
3. **Date of birth:** 02 November 1972
4. **Nationality:** Romanian
5. **Civil status:** Married
6. **Education:**

| Institution, Date from - Date to | Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained |
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| Academy of Economic Studies - Bucharest, Faculty of Commerce, chair Tourism and Services / November 2000 - September 2006 | Doctoral studies. Field of research: The tourism management in natural protected areas |
| “Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University, Faculty of Law and Administrative Sciences/ October 2016 - July 2017 | Master; Field of studies: European and International Law |
| University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest/ Centre for Human Resources Training/ October 2001 - July 2002 | Master (Post universities studies); Field of studies/degree in: Small and Medium Enterprises |
| University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest/ UNESCO Chair of Engineering Sciences/ October 1997 - July 1998 | Master (Post universities studies); Field of studies/degree in: Management of natural resources. Environment economy. |
| University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest/ Faculty of Power Engineering (Energetics)/ October 1997 - July 2001 | Diplomat engineer; Field of studies/university degree in: Environment engineering in energy |
| “Dimitrie Cantemir” Christian University, Faculty of Tourism and Commercial management, Bucharest/ October 1992 - July 1997 | Economist; Field of studies/university degree in: Tourism and Commercial Management. |
| University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest / University Technique College no. 2/ October 1994 - July 1997 | (Sub)Engineer; Field of studies/degree in: Thermo-power energy |
| Other relevant trainings | |
| Centre of Excellence (online training providers) - 2021 | Marine Biology |
| International Research Center on Karst (IRCK) under the Auspices of UNESCO, Guilin, China/ November - December 2011 | Karst Hydrogeological Investigation Technology and Methodology, |
| Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) - Obihiro International Centre & Kushiro International Wetland Centre, Japan/ August - October 2005 (2 months) | The Ecotourism Management and Sustainable Use of Natural Parks |
| „Emil Racoviță” Speleological Institute & Bats Romanian Society Cloșani, Gorj County, Romania/ August 2003 (2 weeks) | Bats National School |
| Fauna & Flora International, Busteni, Romania/ March 2003 | Protected areas management plans achieve and their application |

7. Language skills: (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

| Language | Reading | Speaking | Writing |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| Romanian (mother tongue) | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| English | 1 | 1 | 1 |
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8. Membership of professional bodies:

- Member of IUCN Council 2021-2025 elected for the Region "East Europe, North and Central Asia" (<https://www.iucn.org/about/union/council/members>)
- Member of UNESCO International Coordinating Council of the Man and Biosphere Programme - MAB ICC, representing Romania (since November 2023)
- Member in different working groups established at European Commission level in order to achieve fully coordinated implementation of Habitats and Birds Directives and EU Biodiversity strategy 2020 in EU member states (eg. Coordination Group for Biodiversity and Nature - CGBN; Experts Group on Birds and Habitats Directives - NADEG; Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems Services - MAES WG etc.)
- Member of World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) under IUCN (since 2008)
- Member of Romanian UNESCO MaB National Committee (since 20 February 2008)
- Member of World Commission on Protected Areas under IUCN (since May 2008)
- Member of Romanian UNESCO National Commission (by Minister Order no.5905/12.11.2008)

9. Other skills:

Communication skills:

Good communication skills gained through my professional experience and voluntary activities. Very good communication skills with different stakeholder groups. Ability to adapt to multicultural environments, gained through my work experience at national and international level.

Organisational / managerial skills:

More than 20 years' experience in the coordination of successful environmental projects and tourism (nature conservation / biodiversity).

10. **Present position:** Romanian's Ministry of Environment, Biodiversity Directorate, Protected areas unit, Senior adviser

11. **Years within the firm:** 20 years (since December 2003)

12. Key qualifications:

- More than 20 years of experience in preparation of tender dossier, terms of reference and technical specifications for nature conservation and biodiversity projects, including projects related to IT systems for biodiversity.
- More than years of experience and good knowledge of international protected areas and biodiversity databases and reporting systems (e.g. WDPA, WDPA Marine, EEA databases and EIONET reporting system etc.).
- 17 years of experience in analysing and preparation the national position in litigation cases regarding the implementation and transposition of EU legislation in biodiversity field;
- 18 years of experience in working with European Union institutions, and good knowledge of EU legislation in field of Nature and Biodiversity, reporting systems and transposition requirements;
- 20 years of experience in negotiation with European Union the sufficiency of Natura 2000 sites, both in the biogeographical seminars and bilateral meetings;
- 20 years of experience and good knowledge of international convention and programmes as focal point of expert, including experience in the international meetings (e.g. head of delegation).
- 20 years of experience in drafting laws for transposition of European legislation, and for designation of new protected areas including Natura 2000 sites;
- 18 years of experience as focal pint for different international conventions, programmes and/or institutions (e.g. IPBES National Focal Point, CBD Marine and Coastal National Focal Point, EEA National Reference Point, IUCN Focal Point etc).