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**Academic topics: Tourism, Economy of tourism, Agritourism,**  
**Tourism resources and destinations, Project management**  
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**Date and place of birth:** October 6, 1979, Dej, Cluj county, Romania.

**I. Education:**

**University studies::**

**1998-2002:** „Babes-Bolyai” University Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Economic Sciences, Specialization: Accounting and Management Information Systems;

**PhD Studies:**

**2010:** PhD in Agronomy, specialization: Management and marketing in agronomy; USAMV-Cluj-Napoca, directors professor: Emilian Merce, PhD.

**Scholarships and specializations::**

**08.2013-10.2013:** area of specialization: project management, Industrial Euro Star, Alba-Iulia, specialization: project manager;

**02.2012-02.2013:** professional training, managerial education, National Foundation of Young Managers and ANTREC Romania, within the program Entrepreneurs in Tourism- Tourist Guesthouses in Romania.

**03.2011-04.2011:** professional training, Comagro Srl, Cluj-Napoca, specialization: trainer;

**07.2002-10.2002:** management in the hospitality industry, Mch Services, Llc. Boston, USA, within the Cultural Exchange Network Training Program;

**04.2004-07.2004:** Training scholarship, within the USAMV Cluj-Napoca - Ghent University Collaboration Program, at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Ghent, Belgium;

**II. Academic experience::**

**2009** – currently, university lecturer, Department of Economic Sciences; The Faculty of Horticulture and Business in Rural Development, disciplines: tourism, tourism economy, agritourism, tourist resources and destinations, project management;

**2007 - 2009**, university assistant, within the Faculty of Horticulture, disciplines: tourism basics, tourism economics, economic geography.

**III. Research domains of interest::** rural development, agritourism, economy of tourism, HNV farming; climate smart farming;

**IV. Professional affiliations::** 2006 - National Association of Rural and Ecological Tourism; 2017 - Slow Food International; [www.slowfood.com/our-network/network-of-members](http://www.slowfood.com/our-network/network-of-members).

**V. Significant achievements::**

**Cărți și lucrări științifice:**

**Books:** 2 from which 1 as the first author.

**Scientific papers:** 37 from which 7 as the first author.

1. Jitea MI, Mihai CV, Arion FH, Muresan IC, Dumitras DE. Innovation Gaps and Barriers in Alternative Innovative Solutions for Sustainable High Nature Value Grasslands. Evidence from Romania. Agriculture. 2021; 11(3):235. <https://doi.org/10.3390/agriculture11030235>

2. Muresan IC, Harun R, Arion FH, Oroian CF, Dumitraș DE, Mihai CV, Chiciudean GO, ș.a. Residents' Perception of Destination Quality: Key Factors for Sustainable Rural Development, Sustainability, 2019, 11, 2594; WOS:000469518700142

**Research grants:: 9 from which 2 as director/coordonator, 7 member of the research team.**

2022-2029, ClimateSmartAdvisors: Connecting and mobilizing the EU agricultural advisory community to support the transition to Climate Smart Farming;

2020 –2022, Innovative education for sustainable development in peripheral rural areas: <http://rurup.uth.gr/>, research team member.

2016–2019, High Nature Value Farming: Learning, Innovation and Knowledge (HNV-Link) <http://www.hnvlink.eu/> - research team member

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