



## **Diana Lavinia CULESCU**

Nationality: Romanian

Date of birth: 26 July 1976

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### **Work experience**

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| <b>2010-present</b>                    | <b>landscape architect</b><br><i>RPR Contemporary Studies Bureau</i><br>(company owned by me together with three other partners within the urban planning and landscape architecture professional fields) |
| <b>2017-2019</b>                       | <b>professional adviser on environmental topics</b><br><i>Romanian Parliament - Chamber of Deputies</i>   |
| <b>2013-2015<br/>and<br/>2007-2011</b> | <b>collaborator tutor</b><br><i>Landscape Architecture Department of the Faculty of Horticulture from the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest</i>                          |
| <b>2006-2010</b>                       | <b>project coordinator</b><br><i>ATU - The Association of Urban Transition</i>  |
| <b>2007-2010</b>                       | <b>executive director</b><br><i>ATU - The Association of Urban Transition</i>   |
| <b>2006-2008</b>                       | <b>collaborator tutor</b><br><i>University of Architecture and Urbanism "Ion Mincu" Bucharest</i>   |
| <b>2005-2006</b>                       | <b>project coordinator assistant</b><br><i>ATU - The Association of Urban Transition</i>  |

### **Education**

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| <b>2013-2015</b> | <b>PhD Diploma, Horticulture field</b><br><i>Faculty of Horticulture of the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest</i><br>Doctor in Horticulture title acquired based on the thesis "Development of a quality assessment method for urban green spaces" ( <a href="https://www.dianaculescu.ro/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/DianaCulescu_teza_extenso.pdf">https://www.dianaculescu.ro/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/DianaCulescu_teza_extenso.pdf</a> ) |
| <b>2006-2008</b> | <b>MA Diploma, Integrated Urban Development field</b><br><i>The Academic School for Postgraduate Studies of the University of Architecture and Urbanism "Ion Mincu" Bucharest in collaboration with the Academy of Economic Studies, the Technical University of Construction</i>   |

*Bucharest, the University of Bucharest and L'Institut de Sciences Appliquees (I.N.S.A.) from Lyon - France*

**2001-2006 BA Diploma, Landscape Architecture field**  
*Landscape Architecture Department of the Faculty of Horticulture from the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Bucharest*

## Scholarships

**May-August 2015 PhD research mobility | Berlin, Germany**  
*Beuth University of Applied Sciences Berlin - Department (V) Horticulture*  
**Funded by:** project no. POSDRU / 159 / 1.5 / S / 132765 financed by the European Social Fund through the Sectoral Operational Program Human Resources Development 2007-2013

**January-March 2011 Postgraduate studies program | New Delhi, India**  
**Planning and Management of Inclusive Sustainable Cities**  
*Human Settlement Management Institute*  
**Funded by:** Embassy of India through the Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation Programme (ITEC)

**July 2009 Postgraduate studies program | Budapest, Hungary**  
**Public Management of Urban Change**  
*CEU - Central European University*  
**Funded by:** CEU - Central European University

**June-August 2007 Master program research internship | Lyon, France**  
*The Academic School for Postgraduate Studies of the University of Architecture and Urbanism "Ion Mincu" (Bucharest, Romania) in collaboration with the Academy of Economic Studies, the Technical University of Construction Bucharest, the University of Bucharest and L'Institut de Sciences Appliquees (I.N.S.A.) from Lyon - France*  
**Funded by:** I.N.S.A. Lyon

## Member of:

**International Society of Arboriculture**  
(2018 - associate member)

**Regional Committee for Historical Monuments no. 4 of the Romanian Ministry of Culture for Constanta-Tulcea counties**  
(2016 - member)

**The Professional Association of Romanian Urban Planners**  
(2013 - associate member)

**Romanian Landscape Architects Association - AsoP**  
(2008 - associated member and, consequently, part of the International Federation of Landscape Architects, European Region; 2009-2013 - Vice-president of the Bucharest Branch; 2013-2015 - President of the Bucharest Branch; 2016-present - President of the professional association)

**The Association "Save Bucharest"**  
(2007 - founding member)

**ATU - The Association for Urban Transition**  
(2006 - associate member)

## Author of:

### **Good practice guide for green space management**

*(title in Romanian - Ghid de buna practica pentru administrarea spatiilor verzi)*  
Publication developed in collaboration with Alexandru Ciobota, Cordula Weber (Switzerland), Raluca Ramona Rusu, Andrei Condoros, Paunita Iuliana Boanca, Sonia Bors-Oprisa, Andreea Raducu-Lefter, Rebeca Ioana Bedeleian, Teodora Aureliana Koos, Maria Teodora Sirca și Iuliana Mihalciuc, Universitatea de Vest publishing house - Agora Collection, 2017, ISBN 978-973-125-532-3, 2017  
[http://www.asop.org.ro/lan-net/documente/LAN-NET\\_Ghid\\_2017\\_web.pdf](http://www.asop.org.ro/lan-net/documente/LAN-NET_Ghid_2017_web.pdf)

### **THE CITY: a user manual**

*(title in Romanian - ORASUL: un manual de utilizare)*  
Publication developed in collaboration with Vera Marin, Alexandru Balasescu, Vintila Mihailescu, Celia Ghyka, Ioana Tudora, Daniela Calciu, Gruița Badescu, Anamaria Vrabie și Ioana Teodorescu, Igloomedia publishing house, ISBN 978-606-8026-32-9, 2015

### **DEVELOPING A CONCEPTUAL FORM FOR INCLUSIVE SUSTAINABLE CITIES**

Paper developed together with Aqeel Ahid Alameer (Iraq), Hasan Alawi (Republic of Yemen), Isidora Bilbao (Chile), Nkululeko Biyase (South Africa), Pietro Clandestino (Chile), Kaleem Domah (Mauritius), Zungula Enoch (Zimbabwe), Rabe Jean Ernest (Madagascar), Menaka Mangalanatha (Srilanka), Rose Marie Maraj-Wright (Trinidad and Tobago), Elias Musleh (Palestine), Karla Peraza (Costa Rica), Mohammad Sabir Sharif (Afghanistan), Mohammad Yousaf Tani (Afghanistan), Suresh Kumar Wagle (Nepal), Mohamed Ahemed Mohamed Youseef (Egypt) și Khulekani Zulu (South Africa). Paper issued by Human Settlement Management Institute (2011, New Delhi - India)

### **Study regarding the implementation of a protection program for Faleza Nord Constanta area**

Paper issued in URBANISMUL Journal (number 5-6 / 2010)

### **The Six Sectors of Bucharest - Sector 6: The Young City**

Paper issued in the magazine "Bucharest - what, where, when", Crystal Publishing Group, volume 17, number 7 (September 2010)

### **The Six Sectors of Bucharest - Sector 5: The Insular City**

Paper issued in the magazine "Bucharest - what, where, when", Crystal Publishing Group, volume 17, number 6 (July-August 2010)

### **The Six Sectors of Bucharest - Sector 4: The Multi-layer City**

Paper issued in the magazine "Bucharest - what, where, when", Crystal Publishing Group, volume 17, number 5 (June 2010)

### **The Six Sectors of Bucharest - Sector 2: The City Within the City**

Paper issued in the magazine "Bucharest - what, where, when", Crystal Publishing Group, volume 17, number 3 (April 2010)

### **The Six Sectors of Bucharest - Sector 1: The Green Canopy**

Paper issued in the magazine "Bucharest - what, where, when", Crystal Publishing Group, volume 17, number 2 (March 2010)

### **Lyon et Rhone - Reconcilier la Ville avec le fleuve**

Paper developed together with cu urban planner Mihai Alexandru and edited by GRAND LYON (August 2007)

## Main projects

2018-present

### **parcuri360 project**

project aiming to bring to the public awareness for Romanian historic parks and gardens, as well as to document their quality; starting from archive materials and assessing their current state, all the specialized information will be presented presented in an accessible and exciting format

**Funding: Romanian Ministry of Culture and the Administration of the National Cultural Fund**

2016-2017

### **LAN-NET: Socio-professional network for better living condition within the urban environment in Romania**

- Project developed within the Romanian Landscape Architects Association - AsoP, co-founded by a grant from Switzerland through the Swiss Contribution to the enlarged European Union. Main results: amendment proposal for Law no. 24/2007 regarding the regulation and the administration of green spaces from the urban areas within localities and the publication of a good practice guide for green space management  
<http://asop.org.ro/lan-net/publicatii.html>
- 2016 Regulation regarding the development and the approval of the landscaping plans of public parks / gardens, squares and the green spaces related to the circulation routes or water courses existing on the territory of Bucharest**  
*Beneficiary: Bucharest City Hall*  
[http://doc.pmb.ro/monitorul\\_oficial/2016/mai\\_2016/HCGMB\\_128.pdf](http://doc.pmb.ro/monitorul_oficial/2016/mai_2016/HCGMB_128.pdf)
- 2013-2015 Development of a quality assessment method for urban green spaces**  
[https://www.dianaculescu.ro/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/DianaCulescu\\_teza\\_extenso.pdf](https://www.dianaculescu.ro/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/DianaCulescu_teza_extenso.pdf)
- 2014 Landscape identification and character assessment in the Romania - Bulgaria cross border area**  
 Landscape Atlas developed within the study "Increasing the value of the Romania-Bulgaria cross-border area landscapes", part of the project SPATIAL "A Common strategy for the sustainable development of the cross-border area Romania-Bulgaria"  
*Beneficiary: Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration*  
<http://www.spatial-landscapes.eu/carte.html>
- 2014 Rehabilitation project for the Public Garden within the protected area of the Monumental Assembly "Heroes' Path" from Targu Jiu**  
 landscape architecture chapter of the approval documentation for the intervention works  
*Beneficiary: Targu Jiu City Hall*
- 2014 Zoning plan: Urban restructuring of Micro 18, 19, 20 and 21 neighbourhoods within Galati Municipality**  
 landscape architecture chapter of the urban development regulation  
*Beneficiary: Galati City Hall*
- 2013 Landscape rehabilitation and biodiversity conservation project within the operational site Ballast Station Fusea-Matasaru (Nature 2000 site in Dambovita County)**  
*Beneficiary: Lafarge Romania*
- 2012-2013 Zoning plan: Danube waterfront within Galati Municipality**  
 landscape architecture chapter of the urban development regulation  
*Beneficiary: Galati City Hall*
- 2011 Study regarding the restoration of Elisabeta Palace garden (Bucharest)**  
*Beneficiary: The House of His Majesty King Mihai I of Romania*
- 2010-2011 Design and implementation of the landscaping project for Titu Technical Center**  
*Beneficiary: Renault Technologie Roumanie*  
<https://www.gruprenault.ro/contact/unde-suntem/titu>
- 2009 MIEUX HABITER 2 - Better living conditions in the historical centres of Bucharest and Sibiu**  
*Funding: The French Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
- 2008 UP & GO - NGOs Platform for urban policies**  
*Funding: The Dutch Embassy from Bucharest (MATRA - KAP Grant)*
- 2008 Together for A Better City - ABC of urban policy**  
*Funding: CEE TRUST - Trust for Civil Society for Central and Eastern Europe*
- 2007 MIEUX HABITER - Better living conditions in the historical centres of Bucharest and Sibiu and in the collective housing ensembles in Bucharest**  
*Funding: French Ministry of Foreign Affairs*