



## Curriculum vitae Europass



### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Nationality: Romanian

### Areas of Professional Expertise:

Gastronomy and Food Science; Artisan Food Processing; Nutrition and Dietary Patterns; Dietetic and Functional Foods

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Period: 2023 - present  
Position: Head of Department – Food Science, Food Engineering, Biotechnology, and Aquaculture  
Main Activities and Responsibilities: Academic leadership and strategic management of the department  
Coordination of teaching, research, and administrative activities  
Development and implementation of academic programs and policies  
Employer: “Dunărea de Jos” University of Galați, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, Romania  
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Period: 2018 - present  
Position: Associate Professor  
Main Activities and Responsibilities: Course coordination and delivery in: Fundamentals of Gastronomy and Gastrotechnology, International Gastronomy, Gastronomy and Artisan Food Processing, Dietetic Foods  
Delivery of practical sessions in: Fundamentals of Gastronomy and Gastrotechnology, International Gastronomy, Dietary Patterns, Gastronomy and Artisan Food Processing, Public Catering and Tourism Nutrition, Food Processing in Catering Systems, Dietetic Foods  
Student supervision and assessment activities  
Involvement in academic research and curriculum development  
Employer: “Dunărea de Jos” University of Galați, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, Romania  
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Period: 2011 - 2018  
Position: Lecturer  
Main Activities and Responsibilities: Course coordination and delivery in: Fundamentals of Gastronomy and Gastrotechnology, International Gastronomy, Gastronomy and Artisan Food Processing  
Delivery of practical sessions in: Fundamentals of Gastronomy and Gastrotechnology, International Gastronomy, Dietary Patterns, Gastronomy and Artisan Food Processing, Food Service and Tourism Nutrition, Food Processing in Catering Systems, Food Additives and Ingredients, Technological Project  
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Period: 2009 - 2011  
Position: Assistant Lecturer  
Main Activities and Responsibilities: Conducting practical sessions in: Fundamentals of Gastronomy and Gastrotechnology, International Gastronomy, Dietary Patterns, Principles and Methods of Food Preservation, Food Additives and Ingredients, Technological Project  
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Period: 2007 - 2009  
 Position: Junior Lecturer  
 Main Activities and Responsibilities: Delivery of practical sessions in: Fundamentals of Gastronomy and Gastrotechnology, International Gastronomy, Principles and Methods of Food Preservation, Food Additives and Ingredients  
 Employer: "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, Romania [www.sia.ugal.ro](http://www.sia.ugal.ro)  
 Period: 2003 -2008  
 Position: PhD student  
 Main Activities and Responsibilities: Conducted doctoral research, published scientific papers, and completed the PhD thesis  
 Employer: "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, Romania [www.sia.ugal.ro](http://www.sia.ugal.ro)

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Period: January 2011 – December 2011  
 Qualification: Postdoctoral Studies  
 Main Subjects / Skills Acquired: Advanced Research Management  
 IT Techniques Applied in Biotechnology  
 Patent Development and Intellectual Property  
 Entrepreneurial Culture in Biotechnology  
 Bioethics  
 Innovative Biotechnologies: Techniques and Methodologies  
 Institution (education/training provider) "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați, 111 Domnească Street, Galați, Romania [www.ugal.ro](http://www.ugal.ro)  
 Period: June 2011  
 Qualification: Postdoctoral Studies  
 Institution (education/training provider) University of Vigo, Faculty of Food Science and Technology, Ourense, Spain  
 Period: October 2008 – December 2008  
 Qualification: Doctoral Studies (Erasmus Scholarship)  
 Institution (education/training provider) Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Environment, Greece  
 Period: March 2008 – April 2008  
 Qualification: Postgraduate Training in Quality Management in Distance Learning  
 Main Subjects / Skills Acquired: Applied Informatics in Distance Learning  
 Quality Management in Distance Learning  
 Educational Tutoring Methods and Mechanisms  
 Methodologies and Standards for Organizing and Managing Distance Learning  
 Institution (education/training provider) "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați, 111 Domnească Street, Galați, Romania [www.ugal.ro](http://www.ugal.ro)  
 Period: 2005 - 2006  
 Qualification: Postgraduate Qualification in Pedagogy  
 Main Subjects / Skills Acquired: Educational Psychology  
 Introduction to Pedagogy  
 Subject-Specific Didactics  
 Psychopedagogical Counseling  
 Institution (education/training provider) "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați, 111 Domnească Street, Galați, Romania [www.ugal.ro](http://www.ugal.ro)  
 Period: 2003 - 2009  
 Qualification: PhD in Industrial Engineering  
 Institution (education/training provider) "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, 111 Domnească Street, Galați, Romania [www.sia.ugal.ro](http://www.sia.ugal.ro)  
 Period: 1998 - 2003  
 Qualification: Bachelor's Degree in Food Engineering

Main Subjects / Skills Acquired: Fundamentals of Gastronomy and Gastrotechnology  
 Quality Control and Assurance in Food Service and Tourism  
 Animal-Based Products in Food Service and Tourism  
 Plant-Based Products in Food Service and Tourism  
 Catering Technology  
 General Microbiology  
 Specialized Microbiology in Food Service and Tourism  
 Principles of Food Preservation  
 Sensory Analysis

Institution (education/training provider) "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, 111 Domnească Street, Galați, Romania [www.sia.ugal.ro](http://www.sia.ugal.ro)

**PERSONAL SKILLS**

Mother tongue(s): Romanian

Other language(s):

**English**

UNDERSTANDING				SPEAKING				WRITING	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
B2	Independent User	B2	Independent User	B2	Independent User	B2	Independent User	B2	Independent User

Communication skills Strong teamwork skills, demonstrated through participation in research teams and collaborative activities.

Organizational/managerial skills 2023 – Present: Head of Department – Food Science, Food Engineering, Biotechnology and Aquaculture (SAIABA), Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați, Romania  
 2023 – Present: Member of Commission 4 – University Management, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați, Romania  
 2023 – Present: Member of the Department Council – Food Science, Food Engineering, Biotechnology and Aquaculture (SAIABA), Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați, Romania  
 2023 – Present: Member of the Faculty Council, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați, Romania  
 2023 – Present: Member of Faculty Committees, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați, including: Quality Evaluation and Assurance Committee; Master's Program Quality Committee – Nutrition; Scientific Research Committee for Monitoring Internal Research Grants; Infrastructure and Financial Management Committee  
 2022 – Present: Coordinator of the Master's Domain in Engineering and Management in Agriculture and Rural Development (IMADR)  
 2019 – Present: Academic coordination of practical training activities for students enrolled in the Bachelor's Degree Program in Food Products Engineering, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați  
 2018 – 2024: Coordinator of the Bachelor's Study Program in Technology and Control in Public Catering, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați  
 2019 – 2022: Academic coordination of practical training activities for students enrolled in the Bachelor's Degree Program in Technology and Control in Public Catering, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați  
 2015 – 2020: Program Coordinator for Engineering and Management in Public Catering and Agritourism, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați  
 2012 – 2020: Academic coordination of practical training activities for students enrolled in the Bachelor's Degree Program in Engineering and Management in Public Catering and Agritourism program, Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați  
 2008 – 2011: Program Director (Distance Learning – IFR), Faculty of Food Science and Engineering, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați

Job-related skills Technical engineering expertise in the food industry

Digital competence Strong command of Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

Other skills

July 2025 - Trainer Certification Course  
November 2025 - Management of Artificial Intelligence Use in the Academic Environment, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați  
November 2025 - Ethics and Professional Conduct in the Use of Artificial Intelligence in the Academic Environment, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați  
August 2025 - Integration of New Technologies in Teaching, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați  
2022 - Academic Ethics and Deontology, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați  
October 2021 - Bibliographic Reference Management, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați  
October 2021 - Quality Management in Higher Education, "Dunărea de Jos" University of Galați  
November 2016 - Industrial Property Protection at National and International Level, OSIM Bucharest  
11.05 - 15.05. 2016 – Erasmus Staff Training Mobility in the field of extraction of plant-derived bioactive compounds and their application in value-added food product development, Faculty of Food Science and Fishing, West Pomeranian University of Technology, Szczecin, Poland  
24–25 June 2015 - IBM SPSS Statistics Standard – SPSS Basic  
08–09 July 2015 - IBM SPSS Statistics Standard – SPSS Medium  
10–12 July 2015 - IBM SPSS Statistics Standard – SPSS Advanced

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Member of the following professional associations:

Romanian Society of Chemistry  
Association of Applied Biotechnology Specialists  
Romanian Association of Food Industry Specialists

**Daniela Ionela Istrati, PhD, Associate Professor**