

## Personal Details

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## Work Experience

- 2022 – Present **Product Manager at Microsoft Development Center Norway (Oslo, Norway)**  
Responsibilities:
- Lead the ideation, technical development, and launch of innovative Microsoft 365 products, ensuring alignment with business goals.
  - Serve as an Advocate for accessibility in product design and development, ensuring products are inclusive and usable by all types of individuals.
- 2025 - Present **Project Coordinator & Co-Founder of the BIMA Association (Brasov, Romania)**  
BIMA Association is a non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting the inclusion and integration of people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.
- Responsibilities:
- Develop and manage projects focused on the inclusion of people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.
- 2015 – Jan 2025 **Project Coordinator & Co-Founder of the White Cane Association (Brasov, Romania)**  
The White Cane Association (<https://bastonulalb.ro/>) is an NGO that fights for the inclusion and integration of the visually impaired.
- Responsibilities:
- Develop and manage projects focused on the inclusion of visually impaired individuals.
  - Responsible for creating an accessible website and social channels, ensuring inclusive design and usability for individuals of all abilities.
- 2018 – 2019 **Volunteer Work at Volda Kyrkjelege Fellesråd Erasmus+, EVS ( Volda, Norway)**  
Member of the education team, actively structuring and organizing a teaching workflow and education process of the Norwegian church.
- Responsibilities:
- Organize and facilitate community events and activities, create and update educational materials, technical documentation, and provide support and guidance to participants (children and youth).
- 2012 – 2017 **Authorized Mediator - liberal profession (Brasov, Romania)**
- Providing an alternative to resolving legal conflicts before resorting to court by utilizing specialized communication and negotiation techniques.

## Formal Education

2020 – 2022	<b>Master's in Informatics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program: Accessibility and Digital Communication at Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway (exchange program)</li><li>• Program: Mobile Apps for e-Business at Transylvania University of Brasov (German program)</li></ul>	
2012 – 2014	<b>Master's Degree in Technological Engineering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program: Industrial Business Management at Transylvania University of Brasov</li></ul>	
2008 – 2012	<b>Bachelor's Degree in Technological Engineering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program: Industrial Economic Engineering at Transylvania University of Brasov</li></ul>	
<b>Languages</b>		
Proficient	English	
	German	German language certificate – C1 level – issued by the Ministry of Education and Research, Romania - 05.2008
Intermediate	Norwegian	Norwegian language certificate – B2 level – issued by Kompetanse Norge - 01.2019
<b>Technical Skills</b>		
Web	CMS/Wordpress, HTML5, CSS, Javascript, Bootstrap	
Backend	.NET/C#, SQL Server, SQLite, MySQL	
Desktop	.NET WinForms	
IDE	Visual Studio, Visual Studio Code, Platform IO MySQL Workbench, SQL Management Studio	
<b>Certificates and Publications</b>		
2019 – 2020	Self-study with a mentor in .NET	
2007	European Policy Workshop in Sambachshof, Germany	
2006	Summer School of Ilmenau Technical University, Ilmenau, Germany	
2001 – 2004	Volunteer in Comenius Socrates Programme – School of Democracy Values, Vienna and Brasov	
2023	Mind Your Step: A Diary Study of a Person with Visual Impairment Navigating a City with a Smart Cane ( <a href="https://oda.oslomet.no/oda-xmlui/handle/11250/3131161?show=full">https://oda.oslomet.no/oda-xmlui/handle/11250/3131161?show=full</a> )	
<b>Social Skills</b>		
Team-oriented, cooperative, communicative, people person, empathic, passionate about continuous learning, creative, spontaneous, ambitious, and always optimistic.		
<b>Other</b>		
Visually impaired person (gradual loss of vision that led to a change of career path towards computer science with the help of accessibility tools – and lots, lots of optimism).		

**Articles  
About Me**

Dinner in the  
Dark <https://www.nernett.no/artikler/nyhende/dinner-dark>

Svalbard Glacier  
Hike <http://icepeople.net/2018/03/22/out-of-sight-blind-and-unable-to-rely-on-sounds-for-guidance-the-only-option-was-to-proceed-without-thinking-anyth/>

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