

Professor and sociologist, **Prof. Marian Preda** has worked at the University of Bucharest since 1990. He was a board member of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work of the University of Bucharest during 2000-2015, first as Vice-Dean (2000-2008), then as Dean (2008-2015). He was the President of the Senate of the University of Bucharest in the term 2015-2019. Among other activities, Professor Marian Preda has been teaching courses in Organizational Behavior,

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For the past 25 years, alongside with his academic career, he has been manager, consultant or expert in numerous projects with national or international funding and has collaborated with organizations such as the UN – especially UNICEF and UNDP, the World Bank, Bernard Brunhes International (BBI) and the European Commission, through the PHARE and POSDRU programs.

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Author and co-author of 26 books (two of which as single author and five as first author or coordinator), he has also published numerous articles, 11 of which are indexed Web of Science – Clarivate.

As Rector of the University of Bucharest, Professor Marian Preda is the initiator of Virtute et Sapientia Foundation, which, through the UB SEED program, supports students from low-income families in disadvantaged environments.