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Today, the Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS) is successfully combining social, political and economic research with solid advocacy components. It undertakes applied field research in political sciences and economic analysis, governance and law, maintaining a number of social networks on social policy analysis, decentralization, EU and Russia policies, public sector reforms and post-conflict rehabilitation. Munteanu is also teaching a Public Policy Course and Political-Administrative Institutions in Europe at ASEM (Academy of Economic Studies in Moldova). The latest publication authored by Munteanu is ‘Politici publice complexe’ (2016, Cartier Publishing House). Previously, Dr Munteanu served as E.P. Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to the United States of America (September 2010 – June 2015), Canada (February 2011 – March 2013) and Mexico (2010 – 2015). Before 2010, Dr Munteanu led IDIS Viitorul, an influential think tank in Moldova. He served in the International Board of PASOS (Policy Association Network) between 2008-2010. He was also teaching Public Policy Seminars at the ASEM (2005 – 2010). He served as Independent Expert to the Institutional Committee of the Council of Europe (2001-2008), implementing country-assessment assignments in the areas of self-governance and resilience of democratic institutions at the regional level.

In 2007, Munteanu served as a member of the International Board for the BSTF (Black Sea Trust Fund) and also a Member of the External evaluation committee of the Balkan Trust for Democracy (BTD). Munteanu designed and launched the publishing of the Arena Politicii Journal, as the first political sciences and foreign affairs journal in Moldova (1996-2000). In 2002, he pursued his PhD at the Law Department of ULIM on Moldovan and EU regionalism. He wrote and edited a number of studies and books on political transition after USSR, economic modernization and regional economies. Between 1997 and 2005, Dr Munteanu was involved as freelance political analyst with Radio Free Europe (RFERL). He also served as Political Advisor to the first President of Moldova (Mircea Snegur) during 1992-1994.