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Ligia Deca holds a PhD in political science, awarded by the University of Luxemburg in 2016. She graduated as head of her class at the Navigation and Naval Transport Department of the Maritime University of Constanța, where she also obtained a master degree in maritime and port management.

Ligia Deca coordinated the Coalition for Clean Universities in 2008, within the framework of an Academic Society of Romania (SAR) project that aimed to assess the integrity of Romanian higher education institutions. She was the president of the European Students Union between 2008 and 2010, representing the interests of 11.000.000 students in 37 countries and channeling the student voice in relation to the European Union, Council of Europe, UNESCO and other bodies. Between 2010 and 2012 she was head of the Bologna Secretariat, coordinating the 2012 Bucharest conference of the ministers of education from the European Higher Education Area countries. Between 2012 and 2015, she was an expert with the Executive Agency for Financing Higher Education and Research (UEFISCDI), as well as a lecturer on formation and educational inclusion at the West University of Timișoara (from 2014 to 2015). In 2014 she was selected as a member of the Science in Education Expert Group – SEEG, convened by the European Commission. Throughout the years, she has taken part in numerous international conferences and has contributed to developing analysis and policy proposals in the field of education at both the national and European level.

Ligia Deca was appointed State Adviser on 29 June 2015 and on 23 December 2019 she was appointed Presidential Adviser.