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H.E. Mr. Sebastian Burduja holds the position of Minister of Research, Innovation, and Digitalization since May 2022. He is also vice-president of the National Liberal Party (PNL) and president of the PNL branch Sector 1 – Bucharest. Throughout his career, he has held several positions such as consultant for Dalberg Global Development Advisors (2011-2012), as well as development specialist at the World Bank (2012-2015), president of the Youth Civic Action Platform (PACT) party. Between 2019-2020 he was also Secretary of State within the Ministry of Public Finance. In December 2020, he became a deputy, a position he currently holds.

He is a graduate of the Stanford University in the United States, with a major in Politics and specializations in Economy and Sociology. Mr. Burduja also holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and MPP from Harvard Kennedy School of Government. In 2019, he obtained the title of Doctor of Economics and International Affairs from the Bucharest Academy of Economic Sciences.

Mr. Burduja is the author of various articles published in specialized journals in the United States, focusing on topics of democracy in Romania, as well as the author of the book *“Between hope and disappointment. Democracy and anti-corruption in Post-Communist Romania”*.