



Ioan BACIU

Mr. BACIU is a **lawyer** whose **fifteen-year expertise** covers both the national and the EU law and practice. He has counselled on a regular basis to tier foreign investors in connection with the implementation of certain highly important projects, some involving certain fairly complex Phare, Schengen, Structural Funds / Community Programmes, USTDA/BERD, World Bank or other public or private funding schemes. Mr. BACIU's main specialisation is public procurement, with a particular focus on the centralised procurement of drugs and medical devices, on which he is also lecturing in the postdoctoral courses organised by both the University Babes Bolyai of Cluj Napoca and the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest. His other areas of interest cover health and pharmacy law, vertical settlements and distribution schemes, EU financing and IP rights. Mr. BACIU has a vast experience in counselling clients on the procurement, processing, testing, storage, distribution and import/export of umbilical cord and cord blood material, being involved in the set-up, organization and functioning of several stem-cell banks in Romania. He also advised a number of major private health facilities, including clinics and hospitals, as well as their medical staff, with regard to the specific rights and obligations stemming from their professional relation with each other and with their patients. Last but not least, Mr. BACIU assisted several key players in the field of clinical research and pharmacovigilance throughout the relevant research process, including in connection with the data collection, monitoring, project and clinical data management, quality control and assurance or regulatory matters etc.

Moreover, since 2013, Mr. BACIU is a **member of the European Commission stakeholder expert group on public procurement**. In this capacity, he is constantly called to provide the European Commission with legal, technical and practical insights and expertise with a view to assisting it in shaping the public procurement policy of the Union. He also expresses qualified opinions and submits concrete proposals with the specific purpose to help the European Commission in developing and implementing Union's policy and legislation on public procurement. Mr. BACIU has also been officially selected as part of the team of experts which the European Commission uses to support and secure the implementation of the Cohesion Policy across Europe.

Building on his expertise in this field, Mr. BACIU is a constant contributor to the legal press and journals (being a **country correspondent for the European Procurement & Public Private Partnership Law Review – EPPPL**, Berlin) but also to the **World Bank's** and the **European Commission's** surveys and projects.

On an academic tier, Mr. BACIU currently is a **PhD student of the University of Turin, Italy**, specializing in societal goals and community benefits in/through public procurement, while holding a diploma from the George Washington University, U.S.A., attesting his qualifications in "Obtaining Value in Public Procurement".

In addition to all that, Mr. BACIU is a **constant attendant, as a speaker/lecturer, to numerous international conferences and seminars** on the reform and the modernization of the EU public procurement, strategic procurement, e-procurement, sustainable procurement, probity and corruption in public procurement and good governance in the public sector, etc.. He also is an associate researcher of the **IRSPP – International Research Study of Public Procurement** which gather together a carefully selected number of eminent procurement executives and researchers from centres of excellence in procurement around the world, but also of **the Center for Good Governance Studies** - a prestigious interdisciplinary research unit within the Public Administration Department of the Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communications Sciences from Babes Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca.