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*PhD in economics, Associate Professor,  
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*Victoria Cociug's* research focuses on monetary policy, macroprudential supervision, financial stability, and sustainable economic development.

In addition to her role as Vice-Rector for Research and Partnerships at the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, *Dr. Cociug* is also Associate Professor and PhD supervisor in the field of finance. Over the years, she has coordinated and contributed to numerous national and international research projects, including postdoctoral studies on optimizing the effects of monetary policy through its correlation with macroprudential supervision, as well as Erasmus+ initiatives on quality assurance and research management in higher education. Her expertise is

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*Jörg Freiling's* research focuses on startups, entrepreneurial ecosystems, entrepreneurial support organizations, governance of family businesses, and business model innovations. With a focus on transnational and migrant entrepreneurship, he has coordinated a huge number of research projects and hosted many international conferences on this topic. His work is also dedicated to developing a supportive entrepreneurial infrastructure based on work in different countries.

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## **Simona MOAGĂR-POLADIAN**

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*Simona Moagăr-Poladian's* research focuses on areas of structural changes in the world economy, international economic relations, and European Economic and Monetary integration.

Since 2020, she has been a doctoral coordinator at the School of Economics of the Romanian Academy. She has been also a member of the Management Board of the Romanian European Institute, serving her third term. She has coordinated several national projects and participated in international projects too.

In 2020-2023 period she coordinated the Centre for Writing European Projects in the field of Climate Change funded by the Competitiveness Operational Program as project manager. She was the Manager for the Project of the “Doctoral and Postdoctoral Studies, Horizon 2020: The Promoting of the National Interests Through Excellence, Competitiveness and Responsibility in the Romanian Fundamental and Applied Research”- under the European Structural Funds Programme, in 2014-2015 period.

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## **Olga GAGAUZ**

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*Dr. Gagauz* served as Director of the National Institute for Economic Research from 2022 until June 2025. She is the author of more than 140 scientific publications, including monographs and articles published in ranked international journals. She is also the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Economy and Sociology*. Under her leadership, the Centre for Demographic Research has strengthened its role as a key national institution in demographic analysis and policy advice. She actively collaborates with international research networks and contributes to comparative studies across Europe and beyond.

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