

## Laura Albu

Laura Albu was Vice President of the European Women's Lobby (EWL) (2018-2021) and since 2014 a member of the EWL Executive Committee, where she handled a portfolio of projects related to violence against women, anti-discrimination, asylum and diversity. Since 2015, she has been a member of the EWL working group for the Central-Eastern European, Baltic and Balkan states. Since 2016, she has been promoting, as an expert, the Council of Europe's provisions on access to justice for women victims of gender-based violence, using the Istanbul Convention as a tool - in the Eastern Partnership (Moldova) and Arab countries. She represents Romania as an expert in the EWL European Observatory on Violence against Women (2010-2016, 2019- present) and has been the President of the Romanian Women's Lobby in Romania since 2015. From 2000 until today she is the executive president of the Community Safety and Mediation Center Foundation in Iasi, Romania, where she coordinates projects in the field of violence against women, rural development, European cooperation and conflict resolution. A sociologist, she started her career in the non-governmental sector in 1997 as a program coordinator in the fields of legal reform, public administration reform and civil society and coordinated over 60 programs in the fields of domestic violence, social inclusion of unemployed women, rural development, cross-border initiatives, victim protection and women's rights.