

ALEXANDRA (Alex) RUSU

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EMPLOYMENT

Organisation for Economic Development and Cooperation, Paris (France)

Economist, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities since 2021

- Currently working on capacity building projects for improving the business environment for SMEs
- I coordinate “Boosting Business in Regions”, a large-scale project co-funded by the European Commission where we study the main regional drivers and barriers of firm performance

CPB Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Hague (the Netherlands)

2020/21

Policy Economist, Department of Environmental Economics

European Commission, DG TAXUD, Brussels (Belgium)

2019/20

Tax Economist, Department of Economic Analysis of the Commission’s Tax Directorate

Erasmus University Rotterdam, Rotterdam (the Netherlands)

2013/19

Lecturer and Trainer, various departments (Economics, University College)

Code for Romania, Bucharest (Romania)

2015/19

Co-founder and Project Manager

EDUCATION

PhD in Public Economics

Erasmus University Rotterdam, Rotterdam (the Netherlands)

Thesis title: *Essays in Public Economics*. Advisors: Bas Jacobs (main), Dinand Webbink

Fields: Public finance (optimal capital and labour taxation), corruption, public procurement

MPhil in Economics

Tinbergen Institute (University of Amsterdam), Amsterdam (the Netherlands)

Thesis title: *Optimal Capital Income Taxation with Liquidity Constraints*. Advisor: Bas Jacobs

Specialisation tracks: Macroeconomics and Empirical Microeconomics

BSc in Economics and Business Economics

University of Utrecht, Rotterdam

Awarded with honours and cum laude

Specialisation tracks: Monetary and Financial Economics, International Economics

RESEARCH AND POLICY REPORTS

Gerritsen, A., Jacobs, B., Spiritus, K., Rusu, A. (2024, forthcoming). [Optimal Taxation of Capital Income with Heterogeneous Rates of Return](#). *Economic Journal*.

Rusu, A., Mot, E., Trinks, E. (2021). [Green Innovation Policies: a Literature and Policy Review](#). CPB background document.

Ban, C., Rusu, A. (2019). [Romania's Weak Fiscal State: What Explains It and What Can Still Be Done about It](#). Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Report

Jacobs, B., Rusu, A. (2017). [Why is the Long-run Tax on Capital Income Zero? Reinterpreting the Chamley-Judd Result](#). Tinbergen Discussion Paper 2017-011/VI

Rusu, A. (2020). You Sponsor Mine, I Procure Yours: Pharmaceutical Sponsorships and Hospital Procurement. *Job Market Paper*

OTHER POSITIONS

President, Erasmus PhD Association, Rotterdam, the Netherlands

Chair, Tinbergen Institute Student Council, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

SKILLS

Computer skills

Stata: proficient. Python: advanced. Matlab: proficient.

Languages

	Reading and Listening	Speaking	Writing
<i>Romanian</i>	Mother tongue		
<i>English</i>	Proficient C2	Proficient C2	Proficient C2
<i>French</i>	Fluent C1	Fluent C1	Fluent C1
<i>Dutch</i>	Fluent C1	Fluent C1	Fluent C1
<i>Spanish</i>	Fluent C1	Intermediate B1	Basic A2

Other qualifications

Datacamp: Intermediate Python, Python Data Science Toolbox 1 & 2

University Teaching Qualification - required for Assistant Professors in the Netherlands

Oracle Certified Associate Exam 1 - Database and Programming with SQL