

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. Family name: MATRAKOVA

2. First names: MARTA

3. Education:

3. Date of birth: 06/07/1984

4. Nationality: Bulgaria

Institution [Date from - Date to]	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
Université Libre de Bruxelles, Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli (LUISS). 11/2016 – 02/2020. Brussels, Belgium and Rome, Italy.	PhD in Political Science (Marie Skłodowska Curie Action Fellow) Thesis: "Political Transitions in the EU-Russia Shared Neighbourhood. (Armenia, Georgia and Moldova)"
College of Europe. 09/2015 – 06/2016. Brugges, Belgium	MA in EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies (ENP Scholarship)
University of the Basque Country 09/2013 – 10/2014. Home-based	Postgraduate Specialist in International Election Observation and Electoral Assistance
University Institute of Development and Cooperation - Complutense University of Madrid (IUDC-UCM). 11/2008 – 11/2009. Madrid, Spain	Master's degree in International Development Cooperation
Complutense University of Madrid 09/2003 – 06/2008. Madrid, Spain.	BA in Political Science and Public Administration
College of Europe, 01/2016	Specialisation course in "Leadership in Foreign Policy: Strategic Thinking and Planning"
College of Europe, 01/2016	Specialisation Course in "Les ONG: identité, activité et financement"
La Casa Encendida 11/2011. Madrid, Spain	Specialisation course in "Africa on the Horizon: Endogenous Process Perspective"
Complutense University of Madrid 07/2008. Madrid, Spain	Specialisation course in "Local Development Management and Co-development"
Complutense University of Madrid 07/2007. Madrid, Spain.	Specialisation course in "NGO and Development Project Management"

5. Language skills: (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Bulgarian	mother tongue	mother tongue	mother tongue
Spanish	1	1	1
English	1	1	1
French	1	2	2
Russian	2	2	2
Arabic	5	5	5

6. Membership of professional bodies: N/A

7. Other relevant Skills: Computer literacy: excellent skills. MS Office: word, excel, outlook, power point - excellent skills. Course in "Excel: Expert level" and "Excel: professional level", (2014). Quantitative and Qualitative research software: SPSS, R, R studio, Gephi, Nvivo.

8. Present position: International Consultant in the field democratic governance in the EU Neighbourhood.

9. Years of professional experience: 4 years as PhD Fellow (3 years as a Marie Skłodowska Curie Fellow and 1 year as a Fellow of the Fund David and Alice Van Buuren and Foundation Jaumotte-Demoulin); 7 years as international consultant in evaluation and monitoring.

10. Key qualifications:

Expertise	Number of Years	Expertise	Number of Years
Experience in international cooperation and/or development	12	Good knowledge of the EU's and other donors implementing modalities	10
Experience as project manager	9	Experience in gender mainstreaming	12
Experience in results-based approaches, monitoring, and/or evaluation	10		

11. Specific experience in the region:

Country	Date from - Date to
Bulgaria	1984 - 2003 (residence)
Spain	2003 – 2015 (residence)
Belgium	2015 – 2017; 2020 – 2025 (residence)
Italy	2017 – 2018 (residence)
Russia	10/2018 – 12/2018; 11/2016 – 03/2020 (PhD research); 05 – 07/2021 (ROM missions)
Georgia	12/2018 – 01/2019; 11/2016 – 03/2020 (PhD research)
Armenia	01/2019 – 03/2019; 11/2016 – 03/2020 (PhD research); 02/2020 (field research mission)
Moldova	03/2019 – 04/2019 ; 06/2019; 11/2016 – 03/2020 (PhD re-

	search); 10/2020 (ROM Mission)
Belgium	05/2019 – 2020 (residence)
Ethiopia	08/2015 – 09/2015; 08/2013 – 09/2013
Tanzania	01/2014 – 02/2014
Bangladesh	07/2013 – 08/2013
Peru	12/2012; 05/2012; 09/2009-05/2014 (Monitoring and evaluation projects in South and Central America)
Mozambique	09/2012 – 10/2013; 07/2011 – 08/2011
Ecuador	05/2012 – 06/2012; 09/2011 – 10/2011; 09/2009-05/2014 (Monitoring and evaluation projects in South and Central America)
Bolivia	10/2010 – 11/2010; 09/2009-05/2014 (Monitoring and evaluation projects in South and Central America)
El Salvador	07/2010 – 08/2010; 09/2009-05/2014 ((Monitoring and evaluation projects in South and Central America)
Israel and Palestinian Territories	09/2009 – 10/2010

12. Sector expertise

Sector expertise	Number of Years	Sector expertise	Number of Years
Democracy and rule of law	12	Migration	2
Civil society, Local Authorities	14	Investment climate, private sector development, International trade, innovation and digitalization	
Education and culture, health, employment and social protection	12	Nuclear safety	
Climate change		Public administration reform including public finance management, macroeconomics, banking	
Border management, conflict prevention and security		Sustainable cities and transport	
Fundamental rights (gender equality, minorities, etc.)	5	Water and Sanitation, Environment and Natural resources	1
Agriculture & rural development	2	Statistics and performance measurement	
Energy			

- 12 years of experience in *Democracy and rule of law and Human rights*; and 14 years of experience in *civil society and local authorities*; and 12 experience in *Education and culture*.
- Excellent understanding of democratic reform processes based on academic training, empirical research activities and professional experience. Thematic expertise: Democracy and Rule of Law and civil society organisations
- Familiar with EU Rule of Law and Democracy and Development Programmes implemented by or in collaboration with development partners as the Council of Europe, OSCE, UNDP, GIZ, etc.
- 12 years of professional experience in development cooperation
- 10 years of experience in results-based approaches, monitoring, and/or evaluation. Technical expertise in: formulation/design, management, monitoring and evaluation of EU-funded projects based on the logical framework approach.
- Excellent knowledge of EU policies and programmes as well as of implementing modalities.
- Excellent knowledge of DG NEAR and DG INTPA programmes and implementing modalities, including Budget Support, Programme Support, Twinning, TAIEX, Project- and Programme- based interventions
- Relevant geographical experience in the EU Neighbourhood, South America and Africa
- Proved experience in all stages of PCM: identification, tendering, formulation, management, monitoring and evaluation of development projects and programmes
- Experience working in development issues at: universities, bilateral and multilateral development agencies (European Union, Spanish cooperation), international and local civil society organisations, the public sector and the private sector.

3. Professional experience:

Date	Location	Company	Position	Description
09/2022 – 09/2025	Brussels	Université Libre de Bruxelles	Research Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop the research agenda of the Institut d'études européennes (IEE) Support in securing funding for collective projects Dissemination and valorisation of IEE research
09/2021 – 02/2023	Brussels	Université Libre de Bruxelles	Temporary Lecturer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taught Research Topics in Political Science, PhD Seminar and preparation of end of studies work Supervised, counselled, and read dissertations as second reviewer-
03/2022 - 01/2023	Guatemala (online)	National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI)	Expert Evaluator	<p>Midterm evaluation of NDI's USAID CEPPS Guatemala - Electoral Governance and Reforms Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessed the progress made towards achievement of the intended results of the program and identified any unintended results that have emerged. Assessed the operational efficiency of CEPPS programming, including coordination among CEPPS partners, with other relevant organizations and with the donor. Provided a contribution to consortium-level learning by making recommendations to improve the program strategy and ensure that the CEPPS partners capture quality data to inform a final evaluation.
06/2021 – 07/2021	Brussels	Particip GmbH, Sylviane Ménard sylviane.menard@particip.com	ROM Monitor Medium non key expert	Results Oriented Monitoring (ROM) Mission of the project “Empower Women for Equality” (2020 – 2023) C-412290 provided in the Russian Federation. External Aid Interventions Lot 1 Neighbourhood.
05/2021 – 06/2021	Brussels	Particip GmbH, Rafael Eguiguren rafael.eguiguren@particip.com	ROM Monitor Medium non key expert	Results Oriented Monitoring (ROM) Mission of the project “We Act (Women Empowerment Action in Entrepreneurship and Media)” (2020 – 2022) C-412235 provided in the Russian Federation. External Aid Interventions Lot 1 Neighbourhood Region.
01/2021- 02/2021	Brussels	Particip GmbH, Julian Schluback julianl.schluback@particip.com	ROM Monitor Medium non key expert	Results Data Collection for the EU Results Framework, European Neighbourhood Instrument. Lebanon
09/2020 – 10/2020	Brussels	Particip GmbH, Rafael Eguiguren rafael.eguiguren@particip.com	ROM Monitor Medium non key expert	Results Oriented Monitoring (ROM) Mission of the Technical Assistance project “Support to efficient prevention and fight against corruption in the justice sector” (2018 -2021) C-398120 provided in the Republic of Moldova - External Aid Interventions Lot 1 Neighbourhood Region.
05/2020 – 08/2020	Brussels	International Collaborative Advisory Services (Collab), Carlos Buhigas Schubert cbs@col-lab.org	Independent consultant	<p>Technical Evaluation of the Project “Support to activities of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum” (2018 – 2020) funded by the European Commission (DG NEAR)</p> <p>Assess the coherence of the project design and if the activities lead to the desired results, objectives. Assess the achievement of the specific objectives and results of the project. It will identify the intended and unintended outcomes.</p> <p>Look for signs of impact, bearing in mind that the current project is a continuation of a similar project covering the period 2015-2017.</p> <p>Provide recommendations on how the project activities can be adapted to the evolution of the EaP policy, especially with regard to the principles of inclusivity and differentiation and expectations of the EaP CSF members.</p> <p>Provide recommendations regarding each strategic objective and the corresponding activities that should inform the development of the new project.</p>

10/2019 – 01/2020	Armenia	German Marshall Fund of the United States: Rosa Balfour, Director Europe Programme RBalfour@gmfus.org ;	Independent consultant	Research for the GMF research project on “Responding to Fast-Changing Civic Landscapes in the Eastern Partnership”, and co-author one policy paper alongside a GMF expert. Conduct fieldwork research in Armenia consisting of interviews with local civil society representatives, experts and any other pertinent locally based actors. Analyse the role of new civil society actors in the Eastern Partnership and study the reasons for the recent changes in the civil society space in Armenia.
11/2019 – 02/2020	Brussels	Fund David and Alice Van Buuren and Foundation Jaumotte-Demoulin (PhD Supervisor Jean-Michel De Waele Jean-Michel.De.Waele@ulb.be	PhD Researcher	This scholarship is provided in the Université Libre de Bruxelles framework as additional funding for the PhD students to finish their doctoral studies. The final tasks of the research consist in drafting and revising the last versions of the dissertation, while identifying key result-oriented and policy-specific recommendations for the EU institutions and for the domestic governing bodies of the countries analysed – Armenia, Georgia and Moldova.
10/2016 – 10/2019 (full time)	Brussels, Belgium; Rome, Italy; Russia, Armenia, Georgia and Moldova	GEM-STONES is an Innovative Training Network funded in the framework of Horizon 2020. The contracting institutions is the Transatlantic Foundation (German Marshall Fund of the United States): Rosa Balfour, Director Europe Programme RBalfour@gmfus.org ; The supervising authorities are Université Libre de Bruxelles: Jean-Michel De Waele < Jean-Michel.De.Waele@ulb.be > and LUISS Guido Carli Leonardo Morlino < morlino@luiss.it >.	Marie Skłodowska Curie Action Fellow	Doctoral researcher studying the qualities of democracy in post-Soviet countries focusing on the case studied of Armenia, Georgia and Moldova. The research analyses the reform processes in the fields of Rule of Law, Electoral Accountability and Inter-Institutional Accountability with the aim of understanding the intertwining action of both domestic and international actors, as the EU and Russia. Field research of 1-2 months has been performed in Armenia, Georgia and Moldova as well as in the EU and Russia. As part of the Mobility programme of the programme the researcher was based and in Université Libre de Bruxelles, LUISS Guido Carli (Rome) and undertook a traineeship in the Brussels Office of the German Marshall Office of the United States.
08/2016 – 09/2016	Madrid, Spain	BDO AUDITORES S.L. Carlos de Corral Associated Partner e-mail: carlos.corral@bdo.es Tfn.: +34 914 364 190	Semi-Senior Consultant, Department of Non-Profit Organizations	Responsible for project consultancies to Intermon Oxfam in Ethiopia; Economic and technical results-oriented monitoring of public and private grants in Ethiopia (AECID and AACID); Human resources training and capacity-building in accountability and transparency; Assessment and strengthening of the management and results-oriented monitoring mechanism of Intermon Oxfam Ethiopia; Permanent communication and assessment to Intermon Oxfam and their counterpart in Ethiopia.
06/2015 – 07/2015	Madrid, Spain	International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP) Mariano Guillen Director of Unit Economic Development and Environmente-mail: mguillen@fiiapp.org Tfn.: +34 915914592	Support Officer in the Economic Development and Environment Unit.	Planning and logistics management of the field and study trips of projects funded under the European Neighbourhood Policy; Communication with the Spanish and Foreign Public institutions involved; Management of Experts Database, procurement, health assistance and travel insurance.
06/2014 – 05/2015	Madrid, Spain	International and Ibero-American Foundation for Administration and Public Policies (FIIAPP) Isabel Ramos Director of Unit Information and Special Programmes e-mail: iramostalma@fiiapp.org Tfn.: +34 91 591 45 94;	Project Assistant in the Unit of Information and Special Programmes	Technical and logistics management of democratic governance projects, implemented by public institutions and civil society organizations; Design and implementation of results-oriented monitoring and evaluation tools for the projects implemented; Preparation and participation in the meetings of the project steering committees; Organization of workshops, international events and conferences with public stakeholders in Spain, in ACP countries and in the MENA Region.

09/2009 - 05/ 2014	Madrid, Spain	BDO AUDITORES S.L. Angela Naletilic: International Consultant in Development Cooperation previously in charge of the NGO Department, BDO Auditores, S.L. E-mail: angela.naletilic@gmail.com ;	Consultant, Department of Non-Profit Organizations	Responsible for project consultancies to civil society organization in Madrid and on the field; Economic and technical results-oriented monitoring of public and private grants in several ACP countries, mainly in South and Central America (EuropeAid AECID and other regional and municipal agencies); Technical evaluation of Cooperation for Development Projects, mainly in South and Central America; Human resources training and capacity-building in accountability and transparency; Assessment and strengthening of the management and monitoring mechanism of civil society organizations; Permanent communication and assessment to civil organizations in Spain and their counterparts in ACP countries, mainly in South and Central America.
08 2015 - 09/2015	Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)	BDO AUDITORES S.L. Angela Naletilic: International Consultant in Development Cooperation previously in charge of the NGO Department, BDO Auditores, S.L. E-mail: angela.naletilic@gmail.com ;	Consultant, Department of Non-Profit Organizations	- Economic monitoring of the Program 10-CO1-009 "Promoting rural development by improving livelihoods and reducing vulnerability in Ethiopia". - Economic monitoring of the Program "Empowerment women in social, economic and political development in the Somali region, Ethiopia", managed by the civil society organization Intermon Oxfam/AACID.
01/2014 - 02/2014	Dar es Salaam and Same, Kilimanjaro (Tanzania)	BDO AUDITORES S.L. Angela Naletilic: International Consultant in Development Cooperation previously in charge of the NGO Department, BDO Auditores, S.L. E-mail: angela.naletilic@gmail.com ;	Consultant, Department of Non-Profit Organizations	Economic monitoring of the Action "Sustainable Management of Chome Nature Reserve in Same District", managed by the civil society organization ONGAWA and EuropeAid.
08/2013 - 09/2013	Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)	BDO AUDITORES S.L. Angela Naletilic: International Consultant in Development Cooperation previously in charge of the NGO Department, BDO Auditores, S.L. E-mail: angela.naletilic@gmail.com ;	Consultant, Department of Non-Profit Organizations	- Economic monitoring of the Program 10-CO1-009 "Promoting rural development by improving livelihoods and reducing vulnerability in Ethiopia". - Economic monitoring of the Program "Empowerment women in social, economic and political development in the Somali region, Ethiopia", managed by the civil society organization Intermon Oxfam/Catalan Agency for International Development Cooperation.
07/2013 - 08/2013	Dhaka (Bangladesh)	BDO AUDITORES S.L. Angela Naletilic: International Consultant in Development Cooperation previously in charge of the NGO Department, BDO Auditores, S.L. E-mail: angela.naletilic@gmail.com ;	Consultant, Department of Non-Profit Organizations	Economic monitoring of the Project 10-0351-PR1 "Strengthening the rights to food, health and participation of women in Dhaka and Rajshashi. Bangladesh ", managed by the civil society organization Plan International/AECID
12/2012 - 01/2013	Apurimac and Lima, (Peru)	BDO AUDITORES S.L. Angela Naletilic: International Consultant in Development Cooperation previously in charge of the NGO Department, BDO Auditores, S.L. E-mail: angela.naletilic@gmail.com ;	Consultant, Department of Non-Profit Organizations	Technical and economic results-oriented monitoring of the Project 09-PRI-514 "Yanaparichikunapaq: Innovative resources for the educational change in Apurimac", managed by the civil society organization Asociación Educación sin Fronteras/AECID.

12/2012 - 01/2013	Apurimac, (Peru)	BDO AUDITORES S.L. Angela Naletilic: International Consultant in Development Cooperation previously in charge of the NGO Department, BDO Auditores, S.L. E-mail: angela.naletilic@gmail.com ;	Consultant, Department of Non-Profit Organizations	Final Technical Evaluation of the results and impacts of the Program: "Strengthening local capacities for agro-ecological production, marketing and maternal and child health care for families producing anise in the district of Curahuasi, Apurimac- Peru", managed by the civil society organization Fundacion Albihar/ Agency for International Development Cooperation of Andalucia (AACID).
09/2012 - 10/2012	Maputo y Pemba (Mozambique)	BDO AUDITORES S.L. Angela Naletilic: International Consultant in Development Cooperation previously in charge of the NGO Department, BDO Auditores, S.L. E-mail: angela.naletilic@gmail.com ;	Consultant, Department of Non-Profit Organizations	Economic monitoring of the Program 10-CO1-037 "Strengthening the economic, institutional and social capabilities of civil society in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique", managed by the civil society organization ActionAid Spain/ AECID.
06/2012 - 07/2012	Lima (Peru) and Quito (Ecuador)	BDO AUDITORES S.L. Angela Naletilic: International Consultant in Development Cooperation previously in charge of the NGO Department, BDO Auditores, S.L. E-mail: angela.naletilic@gmail.com ;	Consultant, Department of Non-Profit Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic monitoring of the Program 10-CO1-065 "Improving basic housing and human development of the population affected by the earthquake of August 2007, Perú", managed by the civil society organization CESAL/ AECID - Economic monitoring of the Program 07-CO1-042 "Improving the living conditions of people in vulnerable areas, by strengthening urban planning, housing, water and sanitation in Perú", managed by the civil society organization CESAL/ AECID
07/2011 - 08/2011	Montepuez, (Mozambique)	BDO AUDITORES S.L. Angela Naletilic: International Consultant in Development Cooperation previously in charge of the NGO Department, BDO Auditores, S.L. E-mail: angela.naletilic@gmail.com ;	Consultant, Department of Non-Profit Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic monitoring of the Program "Improving health conditions through the development of infrastructure and technological equipment for the sustainable provision of basic services (water and sanitation) to the health centres of Cabo Delgado. Mozambique", managed by the civil society organization ONGAWA/AECID. - Economic monitoring of the Program "Improving health situation in rural districts and Montepuez Ancyabe province in Cabo Delgado, Mozambique.", managed by the civil society organization ONGAWA.
07/2010 - 08/2010	San Salvador (El Salvador)	BDO AUDITORES S.L. Angela Naletilic: International Consultant in Development Cooperation previously in charge of the NGO Department, BDO Auditores, S.L. E-mail: angela.naletilic@gmail.com ;	Consultant, Department of Non-Profit Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic monitoring of "Program for cooperation on disaster risk management to support the reconstruction process of countries affected by Hurricane Stan, in order to reduce the vulnerability and restore the capacities affected by the hurricane, by supporting the policies of government agencies in the field". ActionAid Spain/AECID. - Economic monitoring of "Program of cooperation on food sovereignty in areas affected by natural disasters, especially by Hurricane Stan" in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, managed by the civil society organization ActionAid Spain/AECID. - Economic monitoring of the Program "Risk Management in Central America", managed by the civil society organization ONGAWA/AECID
09/2009 - 10/2009	Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Ramallah (Israel and Occupied Territories)	BDO AUDITORES S.L. Angela Naletilic: International Consultant in Development Cooperation previously in charge of the NGO Department, BDO Auditores, S.L. E-mail: angela.naletilic@gmail.com ;	Consultant, Department of Non-Profit Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic monitoring of the Program 06-CO1-050 "Improvement of the quality of primary, secondary, professional education and adult literacy in the Palestinian Territories, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt - Economic monitoring of the Program 06-CO1-054: "Improvement of the assistance for disabled people through development of infrastructure, community services and training programs in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Egypt", managed by the civil society organization Fundación Promoción Social de la Cultura/AECID

06/2009-09/2009	Madrid, Spain	BDO AUDITORES S.L. Alfonso Bermejo – International consultant in Ideas del Sur, and previously in charge of the NGO Department, BDO Auditores, S.L. E-mail: alfonso.bermejo@ideas-sur.org	Intern, Department of Non-Profit Organizations	Economic monitoring and auditing of grants from public and private agencies. (AECID, EU and regional and municipal agencies); Human resources training on accountable management of civil society organizations.
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4. Other relevant information (e.g. publications) Available upon request

PUBLICATIONS:

- Matrakova, Marta (2025) Legislative Networks as Gatekeepers of Dissensus in Armenia, Georgia and Moldova, *European Political Science*
- Matrakova, Marta (2025) *Legislative Networks and Reforms in Post-Soviet States: How to Turn the Tide for Democracy*, Abington: Routledge Taylor and Francis Group.
- Matrakova, Marta (2024) EU's Balancing Act: Geopolitics and Democracy in the Neighbourhood and Enlargement Policy in Foret, F. & Brière Ch. L'IEE a 60 ans! Penser l'Europe (1964 – 2024): changements et continuités. Éditions de l'Université de Bruxelles
- Dermine, P.; Matrakova, M.; Ponjaert, Fr. (eds. 2024) Reflexion collective '60 ans en 6000 signes' dans le cadre du soixantième anniversaire de l'IEE-ULB, IEE-ULB
- Tomini, L.; Gurkan, S.; Matrakova, M. (2023) Understanding Dissensus Driven by Competing Power Centres around the EU, in Coman, R. & Brack, N. (eds.) Working Paper Series N. 1 "Debating Dissensus over Liberal Democracy", Red Spinel Working Papers.
- Matrakova, Marta (2021) "Interview Techniques" in J.F. Morin, C. Olsson E.O. Atikcan (eds) Research Methods in the Social Sciences: An A-Z of Key Concepts; Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Rosa Balfour, Laura Gelhaus, Marta Matrakova (2020), The Changing Landscape of Civil Society in Eastern Europe, The German Marshall Fund of the United States Policy Paper, Brussels.
- Marta Matrakova (2020) Interview Techniques in J.-F. Morin, C. Olsson and E.O. Atikcan (eds) Research Methods in the Social Sciences: A A-Z of Key Concepts, Oxford University Press.
- Marta Matrakova (2019) Challenges of Democracy in the 21st Century. Concepts, Methods, Causality and the Quality of democracy (book review), Italian Political Science Review,
- Rosa Balfour, Laura Basagni, Anne Flotho-Liersch, Paola Fusaro, Laura Gelhaus, Laura Groenendaal, Daniel Hegedus, Henrik von Homeyer, Kristina Kausch, Tobias Kutschka, Marta Matrakova, Jan Rempala, and Klaudia Tani (2019) Divide and Obstruct: Populist Parties and EU Foreign Policy, Policy Paper, The German Marshall Fund of the United States. Accessible at: <http://www.gmfus.org/publications/divide-and-obstruct-populist-parties-and-eu-foreign-policy>
- Marta Matrakova & Johann Wolfschwenger (2018) Assessing European neighbourhood policy (book review), East European Politics, 34:2, 241-242
- Matrakova, Marta, "The Civil Society as Democratic Governance Agent in International Cooperation for Development. Case Study: The European Development Policy in Ghana", Documento de trabajo N° 19 del Instituto Universitario de Desarrollo y Cooperación (UCM). December 2010. ISBN: 978-84-693-6806-0. Accessible at: https://www.ucm.es/data/cont/docs/599-2013-11-16-Documento_de_trabajo_n_19.pdf
- García Burgos, J., Matrakova M, Fuente IA de la, Oteo García I. "La percepción de los enfermos crónicos y de los usuarios asociados sobre el Sistema Nacional de Salud". Biblioteca Lascasas, 2009; 5(1). Accessible at: [HTTP://WWW.INDEX-F.COM.PDF](http://www.index-f.com.PDF)

HONOURS AND AWARDS:

- 2020 - PhD in Politics: History, Theory, Science (Outstanding cum laude) awarded by Libera Università Internazionale degli Studi Sociali Guido Carli
- 2019 - Prize Fund David and Alice Van Buuren and Foundation Jaumotte-Demoulin
- 2016 - Marie Skłodowska Curie Doctoral Fellowship
- 2015 - European Neighbourhood Policy Scholarship - College of Europe
- 2010 - The outstanding results of my Postgraduate-degree thesis entitled "The civil Society as a Democratic Governance Actor in International Cooperation. Case Study: The European Development Policy in Ghana", were rewarded by its publication as a working paper.

CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS:

- May 2024. IDEAS (Interdisciplinary Conference on European Advanced Studies) Member of Scientific Committee. Institut d'études européennes ULB.
- June 2023. Conference of European Studies, Presenter: "Informal Control of Legislative Networks in Armenia, Georgia, and Moldova"
- May 2023. Workshop on "Conceptualising changes to EU policy instruments in the face of mounting dissensus", Presentation on Understanding Dissensus Driven by Competing Power Centres around the EU with Luca Tomini and Seda Gurkan.
- May 2021. Co-organiser and presenter, European Union in Foreign Affairs 2018, thematic panel "Critical EU Neighbourhood Studies" (EU in Foreign Affairs, Brussels).
- May 2019. Co-organiser, European Union Studies Association 2019, thematic panel "Empowering the people or feeding the system? EU civil society promotion in its close neighbourhood". (EUSA2019, Denver)
- July 2018. Participant, [2nd GEM-STONES Summer School](#) "Institutional Proliferation and EU Eternal Action (Université de Genève)

- June 2018. Participant, GEM-STONES Agora Forum “The European Union navigating today’s complex world (ULB, Brussels)
- May 2018. Co-organiser and presenter, European Union in Foreign Affairs 2018, thematic panel “Towards a comprehensive understanding of ENP implications: a research agenda?” (EU in Foreign Affairs, Brussels)
- November 2017. Participant, [Autumn Methods Workshop](#) (Université Laval, Quebec)
- July 2017. Presenter and participant, [1st GEM-STONES Summer School](#). “Critical Perspectives on Globalisation (Université de Genève)
- June 2017. Presenter and participant, 5th European Neighbourhood Policy PhD Summer School – College of Europe Natolin
- April 2017. Participant, GEM-STONES, [Annual Conference & Skills Modules](#), (LUISS, Rome)
- March 2017. Participant, GEM-STONES, [Spring Methods Workshop](#), (GIGA, Hamburg)
- February 2017. Participant, GEM-STONES, [Kick-off Instigation AGORA Forum](#), (ULB, Brussels)
- January 2017. Participant, GEM-STONES, [Winter Methods Workshop](#) (CBS, Copenhagen)
- January 2016. Co-organiser, Conference “Towards an Eastern partnership: 2.0. Discussing the Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy” (Eastern Partnership Students Group College of Europe, Bruges)
- Practical and academic training in evaluation methodology for multi-country programmes
- Empirical research and theoretical training in the Qualities of Democracy analytical framework applied to post-Soviet case studies.