

## **Carolina NOVAC**

*State Secretary, Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Moldova*

Carolina Novac has been serving as State Secretary of the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Moldova since March 2023. In this role, she contributes to shaping Moldova's energy policy agenda, advancing the country's energy transition, and strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the energy sector.

Carolina is an expert in European energy policy and international relations, with a strong academic background and extensive experience in the European institutional and policy environment. She has built a distinguished career spanning European energy institutions, think tanks, the private sector, and government, combining deep technical expertise with hands-on policy experience at the highest levels.

Carolina has worked as a senior expert and adviser across the public, private, and academic sectors. She served as Policy Adviser on Energy in the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, and previously as Manager for European Policy and Legislation at National Grid, the British operator of electricity and gas transmission systems. She was a Policy Adviser at ENTSOG (European Network of Transmission System Operators for Gas) in Brussels, and earlier worked as a trainee on the EU Public Affairs energy team at Weber Shandwick, and as a Blue Book Trainee at the European Commission's DG Research and Innovation. She also gained experience as an Editor at the Rompres international news agency, an Assistant Analyst at the Embassy of Denmark in Romania, and a Junior Analyst at Energy Policy Group, a leading Bucharest-based energy think tank.

Carolina holds two master's degrees: a Master's in European Political and Governance Studies from the College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium) and a Master's in Diplomatic Techniques from the University of Bucharest, where she also completed a bachelor's degree in International Relations and European Studies. During her studies, she undertook an Erasmus semester at the University of Warsaw.

She is actively engaged in the civil society and academic sphere, serving as an affiliated expert in energy policy at Europuls, a European think tank, and as a trainer in energy and climate policy at the College of Europe. She was a member of Jeunes énergéticiennes européennes, Brussels.

Carolina is a native Romanian speaker and is proficient in English (TOEFL), French (DEL F B2), and Russian.

