



Marius–Eugen Opran



Marius–Eugen Opran received a B.Sc. in electronic engineering in 1968 from the Bucharest Polytechnic Institute and a PhD in optical communications in 1981. In the same year he received the Romanian Academy Award on Physics for his “outstanding research activities in the field of laser applications”. From 1968 to 1990 he was scientist, senior scientist, project manager and head of the Laser Special Applications Laboratory in the Romanian Institute of Atomic Physics, head of the Systems Engineering Department of the Romanian Aeronautics Industry Centre and State Chief Inspector of the Romanian Oceanic Fishing Fleet.

Between 1990 and 2000 he was involved in private business activities.

In 2000 he was appointed Secretary of State for European integration and e-Government with the Ministry of Administration and Interior. Between 2003 and 2005 he was adviser to the President of Romania for high technologies, international economic cooperation and sustainable development. Dr. Opran is the author of the Romanian e-Government strategy, as well as the coordinator of the Presidential group in charge of the Romanian Sustainable Development Strategy 2005–2020. He is associate professor at the National Defense College of Romania, holder of eight international patents, and author of more than 80 scientific papers and 4 technical books. He has been appointed as EESC rapporteur and/or speaker on a number of important issues, such as the EU aeronautics industry, the EU defense industry package, satellite services for the EU citizens; new energy corridors for business in Europe and air security freights.

Dr. Opran was born in Romania in 1944; he is married and has two children.