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Applied AI Engineer | AI Systems & Workflow Automation

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Education

MSc Politics & Religion in the Globalisation Era

Sep 2009 – Jul 2011
Babes-Bolyai University
Cluj-Napoca, Romania

BSc International Relations & European Studies

Oct 2005 – Jul 2008
Babes-Bolyai University
Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Core Competencies

AI Engineering

Multi-Agent Orchestration, RAG & Vector Search, Structured Outputs, Multi-Model Routing (Claude, OpenAI, Gemini, Local), Prompt & Workflow Engineering, Streaming, Evals & Observability

Backend & Infra

Python, FastAPI, Next.js / TypeScript, PostgreSQL, Redis, pgvector / Qdrant, Docker, Google Cloud Run, REST APIs, async I/O

Automation & Tooling

n8n, Workflow Design, Webhook & Event-Driven Systems, Claude Code, Codex, Gemini CLI, Cursor, GitHub Actions

Operations & Delivery

Product Thinking, P&L Ownership, Stakeholder Management, Compliance Workflows, EU-Funded Project Delivery

Qualifications

WSET Level 2 Award in Wines
Level 3 Food Hygiene & Health & Safety
Fire Safety Management
Personal Licence Holder (PLH)
Cellar Management

Professional Summary

Applied AI engineer and founder-operator building production AI systems for real operational problems. Designed and shipped multi-agent orchestration platforms, RAG pipelines, and workflow automation across EU funding, public-sector administration, and hospitality verticals. Stack: Python, FastAPI, Next.js, PostgreSQL, Redis, vector databases, Docker, n8n, and multi-provider LLM routing (Claude, OpenAI, Gemini, local). 10+ years running operations end-to-end — P&L ownership, teams of 50+, €500K+ EU-funded projects, complex compliance workflows — giving me a sharp instinct for where AI actually creates business value. Ship-focused, autonomous, founder-minded; comfortable owning a system from problem definition to production deployment.

Experience

Founder & Applied AI Engineer | EuFund — AI Funding & Project Management Platform | *London / Remote | 2025 – Present*

- Designed and shipped an AI-native platform automating EU funding discovery, eligibility matching, and proposal generation for SMEs and municipalities.
- Architected multi-agent orchestration (discovery → eligibility → drafting → compliance review) combining deterministic workflow state with LLM reasoning steps.
- Built RAG pipeline over EU and national funding programmes: chunking, embeddings, retrieval re-ranking, citation enforcement, hallucination mitigation.
- Implemented multi-provider LLM routing (Claude / OpenAI / Gemini / local) with cost-aware fallback and structured-output validation.
- Stack: Python, FastAPI, Next.js, PostgreSQL, Redis, pgvector, Docker, Google Cloud Run. End-to-end ownership of architecture, build, and deployment.

Founder & Applied AI Engineer | Primaria — Municipal AI Platform (Romania) | *Remote | 2025 – Present*

- Built an AI-powered platform for Romanian municipalities: taxpayer self-service portal, employee/admin workflows, and AI-assisted document handling.
- Designed dual-role architecture (citizen vs. admin) with role-scoped agents, audit trails, and structured outputs suited to public-sector compliance.
- Integrated FastAPI backend, Next.js frontend, PostgreSQL, Redis, vector retrieval, and multi-model LLM orchestration.

Founder & Operator | Mitch from Transylvania / MitchAI | *London | 2024 – Present*

- Founded London food-market business; in parallel built MitchAI — a vertical operational AI suite for hospitality (HACCP automation, stock & purchasing agents, marketing automation, ops copilots).
- Designed multi-agent architecture (Ops / Media / Menu / Legal agents + orchestrator) running on hybrid local + cloud LLM infrastructure.
- Built n8n + FastAPI automation layer for ordering, supplier reconciliation, and compliance record generation.

Restaurant Manager | 108 Brasserie, Marylebone Hotel | *London | Jun 2024 – May 2025*

- Ran daily operations for a high-end modern European restaurant under LQA and Forbes service standards; owned the migration between standards end-to-end.
- Led 35+ FOH team across scheduling, inventory, H&S compliance, and revenue-optimisation initiatives.
- Piloted AI-assisted operational tooling (rota drafting, supplier comms, guest insights) — direct input into the MitchAI roadmap.

Languages

Romanian — Native
English — Fluent
Spanish — Intermediate
Italian — Intermediate
French — Beginner

Hospitality Manager | London Business School | London | Jul 2023 – Jun 2024

- Managed a 50-person team serving 1,000–2,000 guests/day across multiple service formats.
- Improved event operational efficiency by 25% by redesigning cross-team communication and service protocols.
- Delivered VIP and high-profile events for executives, donors, and international dignitaries.

General Manager | The Crown, Mosaic Pub & Dining | Stevenage | Feb 2023 – Jun 2023

- Rebuilt service standards and training programmes; lifted guest feedback scores by 40%.
- Rolled out mobile-ordering app and digital workflows; full P&L ownership.

Assistant General Manager | Head of the River, Fuller’s | Oxford | Mar 2018 – Jan 2023

- Drove a 98% increase in online sales (2020–2022) via digital marketing and mobile-app integration — #1 in Fuller’s network for app adoption.
- Cut labour cost by 30% while raising guest satisfaction and team morale.
- Ran a 300+ capacity riverside site with 25+ staff across departments through peak season.

General Manager | Taina Lemnului — Heritage Restoration & EU-Funded Production | Romania | Jul 2011 – Dec 2017

- Led restoration on 20+ UNESCO and heritage-listed sites across Europe.
- Secured and managed €500K+ in EU grant funding — full lifecycle: eligibility, application, documentation, implementation, audit (direct domain input into EuFund).
- Ran international workshops with participants from 10+ countries; managed cross-cultural delivery teams under strict quality standards.

Financial Consultant | Bank Loans, EU Funding & Grants Advisory | Romania / Earlier career

- Advised SMEs and individuals on loans, EU funding, and grants — direct exposure to the manual, paper-heavy workflows that EuFund now automates.

Operating Philosophy

Ship fast, instrument everything, and trust evidence over opinion. I build AI systems the same way I built restaurants and EU-funded projects: clear ownership, short feedback loops, and ruthless focus on what actually creates value for the end user.

Selected Projects

Production AI Systems | Architecture, Build & Ship

EuFund — AI-Powered EU Funding & Project Management Platform

Python · FastAPI · Next.js · PostgreSQL · Redis · pgvector · Docker · Google Cloud Run · Claude / OpenAI / Gemini

- Multi-agent pipeline: funding discovery → eligibility matching → proposal drafting → compliance review.
- RAG over EU and national funding programmes with citation enforcement and structured outputs.
- Multi-provider LLM routing with cost-aware fallback and per-step model selection.
- Built, deployed, and operated end-to-end — sole engineer; live deployment.

PrimarIA — Municipal AI Platform (Romania)

FastAPI · Next.js · PostgreSQL · Redis · Vector Search · Multi-LLM Orchestration

- Dual-portal architecture: taxpayer self-service plus employee / admin workflows.
- Role-scoped agents with audit trails for public-sector compliance.
- AI-assisted document intake, classification, and response drafting.

MitchAI — Vertical Operational AI for Hospitality

Python · FastAPI · n8n · Local + Cloud LLMs · Docker

- Agent suite: Ops, Media, Menu, Legal/Compliance, plus orchestrator.
- HACCP compliance automation, stock and purchasing agents, marketing automation.
- Hybrid local/cloud LLM infrastructure optimised for small-business cost profiles.

AI Workflow & Infrastructure Layer

Python · FastAPI · Multi-Provider Routing · Observability Primitives

- Local + cloud hybrid orchestration with multi-provider routing and cost-aware fallback.
- Observability, retry, fallback, and structured-output validation primitives reused across EuFund, PrimarIA, and MitchAI.

Selected Client & Secondary Work

- Taxi dispatch app for a Swiss operator.
- Marketing automation systems for SME clients.
- Investor decks and AI-assisted business-planning tooling.

What I Bring to Early-Stage AI Teams

A rare combination of applied AI engineering and real operational depth. I have run P&Ls, led 50-person teams, delivered €500K+ EU-funded projects, and navigated compliance-heavy workflows — the exact domains where AI is being deployed today. I build systems with that operator’s lens: opinionated about what to automate, honest about what models cannot do reliably, and biased toward shipping working software.