

Lieutenant General Dragoş-Dumitru IACOB
Vice Chief of Defence



Lieutenant General Dragoş-Dumitru Iacob was appointed as Romanian Vice Chief of Defence Staff, on January 15th, 2024.

He was born on June 23rd, 1972, in Paşcani, Iaşi County. In 1990, he graduated the *Military High School “Ştefan cel Mare”* in Câmpulung Moldovenesc, and subsequently, in 1993, the *Military School of Active Tank Officers “Mihai Viteazul”*, Piteşti, as valedictorian.

In parallel with fulfilling the duties of the positions he was assigned to, he continued his career development by completing specialized courses. He graduated the *United States Army Armor School, Fort Knox* in 1997, “Combined Armed Courses” of the *Command and Staff Faculty* as top of his class, in 2006, and the “Land Forces Postgraduate Leadership Course” in 2011, both at the *National Defense University “Carol I”*. Also graduated the courses of *Royal College of Defence Studies, London*, in 2012. In 2013, he earned a Master’s degree in “Strategy and International Security” from the *King’s College, London*.

Lieutenant General Iacob’s professional experience includes positions at the tactical, operational and strategic level within the Land Forces, as follows: tank platoon commander, tank company commander, staff officer at tank brigade and infantry division level, Commander of the *814th Armoured Battalion “Mihai Vodă”*, Chief of Training Section at the *4th Infantry Division “Gemina”*, Deputy Chief of *Romanian Land Forces TRADOC*, Commander of the *15th Mechanized Brigade “Podu Înalt”*, and Chief of the Training and Doctrine Directorate at the *Romanian Defence Staff*. Lieutenant General Iacob was Commander of the *2nd Infantry Division “Getica”*, from February 21st, 2020 to February 28th, 2022. Afterwards, between March 1st, 2022 and January 15th, 2024 he commanded the *Multinational Corps South-East*.

He participated in two missions in the theatre of operations in Afghanistan.

Throughout his career, he was rewarded with important distinctions and honorary titles, as: the *Emblem of Honour of the Land Forces Staff*, the *Emblem of Honour of the Romanian General Staff*, the “*Honour of the Romanian Army*” Emblem, the *Emblem of Merit in the Service of the Romanian Army*, class III, the *non-Article 5 NATO Medal*, the “*Military Virtue*” Order in the rank of Knight, and the “*Military Virtue*” Order in the rank of Officer.

Lieutenant General Iacob is married and has two children.