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Simona was born in 9<sup>th</sup> of February 1968 at Tirgu Mures, Romania, and graduated the Transilvania University of Brasov in 1991, with a bachelor's degree in Precision Mechanics. In 1995 she graduated the European Master in Energy Management and Mechanical Engineering (international master in the framework of TEMPUS Program JEP3503) and in 2001 she obtained the Doctoral degree in Mechanical Engineering, also from Transilvania University.

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