

Nicușor Dan: Profile for 2025 Romanian Presidential Election

1. Early Life & Education

- Born on 20 December 1969 in Făgăraș, Brașov County, Romania [Fondation Robert Schuman+15 Wikipédia+15 POLITICO+15](#).
- A mathematical prodigy: secured gold medals and perfect scores at the International Mathematical Olympiads in 1987 and 1988 [Wikipédia](#).
- Studied math at the **University of Bucharest**, then earned a master's degree from **École Normale Supérieure** and a PhD from **Paris 13 University** in 1998, specializing in Green currents and meromorphic continuation [Wikipédia](#).

2. Civic Activism & Early Political Career

- Founded the **Scoala Normală Superioară** in Bucharest to nurture scientific talent [Romania Insider+3 Wikipédia+3 Wikipédia Simple+3](#).
- In 2015 created the **Save Bucharest Union (USB)** to oppose corrupt development practices.
- Cofounded the **Save Romania Union (USR)** in 2016, then departed in 2017 over shifts toward progressivism, opting for independent centrist politics [AP News+7 Wikipédia+7 The Guardian+7](#).

3. Political Office & Mayoral Term

- Elected to the **Chamber of Deputies** (2016–2020) representing Bucharest [Wikipédia](#).
- Served as **Mayor of Bucharest** from October 2020 until May 2025 as an independent, backed by USR and PNL; focused on infrastructure, transparency, and heritage protection [Wikipédia+1 Wikipédia+1](#).
- Re-elected in 2024; became acting president of Romania on **26 May 2025** after the election victory [Wikipédia](#).

4. 2025 Presidential Campaign & Victory

- Announced presidential bid on **16 December 2024**, following annulment of Romania's 2024 election due to foreign interference concerns regarding first-round frontrunner Călin Georgescu [The Times+5 Wikipédia+5 Wikipédia+5](#).
- Ran as an **independent** but was endorsed by multiple partners: DREPT, PMP, REPER, USR, and several ethnic minority parties such as RMDSZ [Wikipédia+1 Wikipédia+1](#).
- In the **first round** (4 May 2025), he received ~**20.99 %** of the vote, finishing second behind George Simion; roughly **40.96 %** went to Simion [Wikipédia](#).
- In the **runoff** on **18 May 2025**, he secured **53.6 %** of the vote to win the presidency over Simion's 46.4 %—in some reports cited as ~54.2% versus ~45.8% [Wikipédia AP NewsThe GuardianThe Washington Post](#).
- His presidency officially began on **26 May 2025** [Wikipédia](#).

5. Platform, Ideology & Reception

- Positioned as a **pro-EU, pro-NATO centrist**, emphasizing anti-corruption, technocratic governance, judicial integrity, and support for Ukraine [The Washington Post](#)+2[AP News](#)+2[The Times](#)+2.
- Campaigned against nationalist rhetoric, with a stark contrast to Simion's AUR-led Euroscepticism and anti-Ukraine stance [The Guardian](#)[AP News](#).
- Received endorsements and praise from leaders including **Emmanuel Macron, Ursula von der Leyen, and Volodymyr Zelenskyy**, underscoring EU alignment [Wikipédia](#).

6. Analysis: Why Nicușor Dan Won

- Analysts credit his **victory to higher turnout**, especially among young voters, urban residents, women, ethnic minorities, and Romanians abroad—groups less inclined to support Simion [Real Instituto Elcano](#)+10[Financial Times](#)+10[Wikipédia](#)+10.
- His broad coalition—not tied to government elites—and campaign framing of the election as a **choice between democratic Europe and nationalist isolationism** resonated strongly with many voters [Fondation Robert Schuman](#)[AP News](#)[The Guardian](#)[POLITICO](#).

Summary Snapshot

Attribute	Details
Full Name	Nicușor Daniel Dan
Born	20 December 1969, Făgăraș, Brașov County
Education	PhD in mathematics (Paris 13 University)
Civic Activism	Save Bucharest Union; heritage preservation
Previous Offices	MP (2016–20); Mayor of Bucharest (2020–25)
Party Affiliation	Independent (endorsed by USR, PNL, minorities)
2025 Election	20.99% first round; 53.6% runoff victory
Core Platform Themes	Pro-EU, anti-corruption, technocratic reform
Key Support Groups	Young voters, women, ethnic minorities, diaspora