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Estimated deliverables	Deliverables completed
Scientific and financial report	completed 100%
Project Website Update	completed 100%
10 papers in ISI Q1 journals (open access) that have been published or are under review	17 papers in ISI Q1 journals (14 published) - papers with a cumulative impact factor of 83.7, 3 under review) 3 papers in ISI Q2 journals (2 published, 1 under review)
10 conference papers published or under review	28 conference papers (15 papers published and indexed in ISI proceedings, 4 ISI proceedings papers currently being indexed, 8 IEEE conference papers, 1 international conference paper.)
Software application	patient simulator, programs for digitizing disturbances, MATLAB programs for designing control algorithms, programs for estimating Hill parameters and dead time, programs for designing control algorithms, fully developed functional demonstrator (patient simulator), fully developed graphical user interface
2 special sessions	4 special sessions organized as part of the conferences: - ECC (22nd European Control Conference, June 25-28 2024, Stockholm, Sweden) - PID (4th IFAC Conference on Advances in Proportional-Integral-Derivative Control (PID 2024), June 12-14 2024, Almería, Spain) - ICSTCC (29th International Conference on System Theory, Control and Computing, October 9-11 2025, Cluj-Napoca, Romania) - AQTR (IEEE International Conference on Automation, Quality and Testing, Robotics, May 21-23 2026, Băile Felix, Romania).
At least 2 research mobility periods	- Research mobility aimed at planning future project activities and resulting in a draft patent application: Mureșan Cristina Ioana, mobility from June 4–11, 2025, at Ghent University, Belgium. - Research mobility aimed at conducting collaborative research in the field of fractional-order controllers and comparing them with other methods, as well as presenting the developed simulator, networking, and participating in the ARCAI 2025 conference, resulting in a Best Oral Presentation Award
1 patent application	A00544/20.11.2025 entitled “Experimental Stand: Synthetic Data Generator and Anesthesia Training Tool,” filed with OSIM.
1 training curriculum	1 training curriculum titled “Modeling and Control for TIVA”
1 workshop	1 workshop held on June 2, 2026; dissemination of the project and its results at the UTCN 2026 Research and Innovation Conference (May 21, 2026).
1 online public information event	1 online event (via Teams) to inform the public (December 18, 2023), a newsletter, and a survey conducted during the first year of the project’s implementation



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1 eligible Horizon project proposal	2 eligible Horizon project proposals (led by Clara Io-nescu and Isabela Birs); details are provided below
3 proposals for national research grants	3 research grant proposals (1 Innovation Grant led by Eva Dulf, 1 PED led by Cristina Muresan, 1 PCE led by Cristina Muresan)

Dissemination of results - published papers:

1. A.R. Ynineb, D. Copot, E. Yumuk, R. De Keyser, H. Farbakhsh, G. Ben Othman, C. Muresan, I. Birs, S. Ladaci, M. Neckebroek, C.M. Ionescu (2025), Pharmacokinetic modelling during long term anesthesia: minimizing the gap, *Journal of Advanced Research*, doi: 10.1016/j.jare.2025.06.047 (**ISI Q1, impact factor 13.0**)
2. P.A. Pintea, E. Dulf (2024), Modelling Nonlinear Systems For Drug Administration Via Koopman Operator, *International Conference on Mathematical Analysis and Applications in Science and Engineering*, June 20-22, Porto, Portugalia (conferință internațională, lucrarea urmează să fie publicată în editura Springer)
3. P.A. Pintea, E. Dulf (2024), Weight Matrix Syntheses Using the Controllability Gramian for LQR Anaesthesia Control, *IEEE International Conference on Automation, Quality and Testing, Robotics - AQTR 2024*, May 16-18, 2024, Cluj-Napoca, Romania, pp. 1-6, doi: 10.1109/AQTR61889.2024.10554112. (**ISI Proceedings**, WOS:001253157800012)
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- on *Advances in Proportional-Integral-Derivative Control (PID 2024)*, June 12-14, Almeria, Spain, vol. 58 (7), pp. 228-233, doi: [10.1016/j.ifacol.2024.08.039](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ifacol.2024.08.039) (**ISI Proceedings**, WOS:001302114600039)
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 10. P. A. Pintea, E. H. Dulf (2024), Disturbance modelling in Anaesthesia Control using Regression Models based on Gauss Processes, *2024 IEEE 22nd Jubilee International Symposium on Intelligent Systems and Informatics (SISY)*, Pula, Croatia, pp. 000411-000414, doi: 10.1109/SISY62279.2024.10737550 (IEEE)
 11. C.M. Ionescu, R. De Keyser, D. Copot, E. Yumuk, I.R. Birs, E. Hegedus, C.I. Muresan, M. Neckebroek (2024), Minimizing Epistemic Uncertainty for Predictive Control of General Anesthesia, *2th IFAC Symposium on Biological and Medical Systems*, IFAC-PapersOnLine, Vol. 58(24), pp. 490-495, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ifacol.2024.11.086>. (**ISI Proceedings**, WOS:001359709100085)
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 13. T. Popescu, N. Badau, M. Mihai, E. Hegedus, I. Birs, D. Copot, E. H. Dulf, C.I. Muresan (2024), Advancing Anesthesia Education: Training on Modeling and Control for Enhanced Patient Care, *4th Workshop on Internet Based Control Education*, IFAC-PapersOnLine, Vol. 58(26), pp. 152-157, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ifacol.2024.10.287> (**ISI Proceedings**, WOS: 001354678800027)
 14. E.-H. Dulf, P. A. Pintea, C. I. Muresan (2024), Anesthesia Control using Fractional Order Controller, *The IEEE 18th International Conference on Control, Automation, Robotics and Vision (ICARCV 2024)*, 12-15 December 2024, Dubai UAE, pp. 1178-1181, doi: 10.1109/ICARCV63323.2024.10821592 (**ISI Proceedings**, WOS:001435120000188)
 15. M. D. Marcian, I. Birs, E. Hegedus, A. Ynineb, D. Copot, R. De Keyserb, C.M. Ionescu, S. Ladaci, C.I. Muresan, M. Neckebroek (2025), Online and Personalised Control of the Depth of Hypnosis during Induction using Fractional order PID, *Journal of Advanced Research*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jare.2025.03.05> (**ISI Q1, impact factor 13**)
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20. Mihai, M.D.; Birs, I.R.; Badau, N.E.; Hegedus, E.T.; Ynineb, A.; Muresan, C.I. Personalised Fractional-Order Autotuner for the Maintenance Phase of Anaesthesia Using Sine-Tests. *Fractal Fract.* 2025, 9, 317. <https://doi.org/10.3390/fractalfract9050317> (**ISI Q1, impact factor 3.3**)
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34. E. Hegedüs, I. Birs, C. Ionescu, M. Mihai, C.I. Muresan, Event-Based Fractional Order Control for Multi-Drug Anesthesia Systems: Improved Performance with Computational Efficiency, *Biomedical Signal Processing and Control*, Vol.122, 110427, 10.1016/j.bspc.2026.110427 (**ISI Q2, impact factor 4.9**)
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38. Erwin Hegedüs, Isabela R. Birs, Bouchra Khoumeri, Ghada Ben Othman, Clara M. Ionescu, Marcian D. Mihai, Cristina I. Muresan (2026), Event-Based Control of Multi-variable Anesthesia System: Reducing Dynamic Coupling Through Temporal Decorrelation, 23rd IFAC World Congress, 23-26 August 2026, Busan, South Korea, in recenzie (**ISI Proceedings**, în curs de indexare)
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Special sessions organized:

1. C.M. Ionescu, A. Visioli, C.I. Muresan, Special session on “Drug dosing control in anesthesia”, *4th IFAC Conference on Advances in Proportional-Integral-Derivative Control (PID 2024)*, June 12-14, Almería, Spain
2. C.I. Muresan, D. Copot, E. Yumuk, M. Neckebroek, Special session on “Multi-Drug Control and Optimization”, *22nd European Control Conference*, June 25-28, Stockholm, Sweden
3. E. H. Dulf, C. I. Muresan, L. Kovacs, Special Session on “An Insight into Innovative Approaches In Biomedical Engineering”, *29th International Conference on System Theory, Control and Computing*, October 9-11 2025, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
4. M. Mihai, A.G. Berciu, E. Yumuk, Special Session on „Intelligent Systems and Advanced Control Strategies in Biomedical Engineering”, *IEEE International Conference on Automation, Quality and Testing, Robotics, AQTR 2026 (THETA 25)*, May 21-23 2026, Băile Felix, Romania

Patent application: A00544/20.11.2025, titled “Experimental stand. Synthetic data generator and training tool for anesthesia,” filed with OSIM.

Horizon projects developed and submitted:

1. *Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, Doctoral Networks cod HORIZON-MSCA-2025-DN-01*. Propunerea are titlul *Resilient Tuning and Uncertainty Management in Next-Generation Control Systems* și acronim ReTUNE, ID 101311231, director: Prof.Dr.Ing. Clara Ionescu
2. *HORIZON-ERC, ERC Starting Grant, ERC-2026-STG*. Propunerea are titlul *Next Generation Anesthesia: Data Centric Patient Simulation Enables Fractional Order PK-PD Modeling on Large Scale Real-Life Data* și acronim AnestheSIM, ID 101303245, director: SI.Dr.Ing. Isabela Bîrs

National projects developed (to be submitted when calls for proposals open):

1. Innovation voucher (grant). The proposal is titled HeartAI-5D: Automated Solution for Five-Dimensional Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (5D-Flow CMR), led by Prof. Dr. Eng. Eva Dulf
2. Experimental Demonstration Project (EDP). The proposal is titled “A cybermedical anesthesia-hemodynamic system for life support, tailored for sedated ICU patients,” led by Prof. Dr. Eng. Cristina Muresan
3. Exploratory Research Project (ERP). The proposal is titled “A Cyber-Medical System for Personalized and AI-Driven Closed-Loop Anesthesia,” led by Prof. Dr. Eng. Cristina Muresan



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Project website: <https://control.utcluj.ro/projects/optimdrug/>

Social media presence: <https://www.facebook.com/optimdrug.research.project>

<https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/optimdrug-research-project>

All objectives and expected results for this implementation phase of Project No. 760068, Code 134/15.11.2022, were achieved 100%.