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In the past few years, Mr. Marciacq has been contracted as an expert by various institutions to deliver consultancy work on EU enlargement and civil society empowerment. He has also been invited to teach European politics in various universities (such as Minsk, Luxembourg, Vienna, Chisinau, etc.).

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