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Internationalization and Equity in the Romanian Higher Education System International Conference Agenda¹

14 – 15 November, 2013

Central Library, University Politehnica of Bucharest

Co-organizer UNESCO Chair on Science and Innovation Policies from
National University of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA)

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| 13 November | Welcome Cocktail (location TBD) |
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20:00 – Welcome guests

20:30 – Welcome speech by Adrian Curaj, General Director of the Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)

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| 14 November | Day 1 - Equity in Higher Education |
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08:00 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:30 Opening statements:

- **Adrian Curaj, General Director UEFISCDI**
- **Gigel Paraschiv – State Secretary for Higher Education, Ministry of National Education (TBC)**
- **Jordi Curell Gotor, European Commission, Director - Lifelong learning: higher education and international affairs, DG EAC (TBC)**
- **Eva Egron-Polak, Secretary General International Association of Universities (IAU)**
- **Ligia Deca, Policy Expert UEFISCDI**

09:30 – 11:30 Panel presentations:

- **Jamil Salmi, Global Tertiary Education** - The importance of equity in Higher Education: impact and benefits
- **Gigel Paraschiv – State Secretary for Higher Education, Ministry of National Education (TBC)** - Access and equity in higher education
- **Cezar Haj, Policy Expert UEFISCDI** - Equity in the Romanian higher education system – from data to policies. Main findings from the *“Higher Education Evidence Based Policy Making: a necessary premise for progress in Romania”* project

Q&A for all panelists

¹ Estimated number of participants: approx. 200 persons (Rectors, Vice-rectors for Academic Affairs, Experts, Government representatives, HEI's representatives, Stakeholders)



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11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30 Parallel Sessions I

Parallel session 1: Strategic approach to equity

Main topics: Strategic development, equity plans and targets, measures, resources and evaluation, good practice examples

Chair: Valeriu Frunzaru, National School of Political and Administrative Studies (SNSPA) (*Short overview of the main findings in the PODCA project*)

Speakers:

- **Mary Canning, member of the Board of the Higher Education Authority, Ireland (TBC)** - Ireland's governmental strategy for developing policies regarding social cohesion and equity
- Institutional case study – Strategic approach to equity in the "Stefan cel Mare" University of Suceava

Q&A for all panelists

Parallel session 2: Community outreach

Main topics: Community outreach, social role of higher education, evolution of the number of students

Chair: Claudio Dondi, Scienter (*Short overview of the main findings in the PODCA project*)

Speakers:

- **Adrian Miroiu – The National Council for Higher Education Funding (CNFIS) (TBC)** - Who gets the money and who's paying?
- Institutional case study – "Titu Maiorescu" University of Bucharest

Q&A for all panelists

Parallel session 3: Access in higher education

Main topics: Access of under-represented groups in higher education, Roma students, students with disabilities

Chair: Mary Tupan Wenno, European Access Network (EAN) (*Short overview of the main findings in the PODCA project*)

Speakers:

- **Costel Bercus – Roma Education Fund (REF) (TBC)** - The access and integration of Roma people in higher education
- Institutional case study - University "Politehnica" of Timisoara

Q&A for all panelists

Parallel session 4: Retention in higher education

Main topics: retention and success in higher education, inclusion, equitable participation and student support services

Chair: Nicoleta Corbu, National School of Political and Administrative Studies (SNSPA) (*Short overview of the main findings in the PODCA project*)

Speakers:

- **Representative of the National Council for Higher Education Funding (CNFIS) (TBD)** – National policies regarding student support services



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- **Radu Damian, Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS) (TBC)** - Enhancing equity through quality assurance procedures

Q&A for all panelists

13:30 – 14:30 Buffet lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Parallel Sessions II

The participants will remain in the same parallel session division. The aim of this round of the parallel sessions is to provide concrete suggestions to all recommendations on equity, regardless of the initial topic of the parallel session.

Parallel session 1 - Chair: Valeriu Frunzaru, National School of Political and Administrative Studies (SNSPA)

- **Philippe Hatt, Head of Unit, EC DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (TBC) – European policies regarding equity in higher education**
- Debates on the institutional and national recommendations from the policy document (Part C)

Parallel session 2 - Chair: Claudio Dondi, Scierer

- **World Bank representative (TBD) – Does the loan system respond to the need of enhancing equity?**
- Debates on the institutional and national recommendations from the policy document (Part C)

Parallel session 3 - Chair: Mary Tupan Wenno, European Access Network (EAN)

- **Anna Rutz, Student representative from Poland (TBC) - Polish strategy for integrating students with disabilities**
- Debates on the institutional and national recommendations from the policy document (Part C)

Parallel session 4 - Chair: Nicoleta Corbu, National School of Political and Administrative Studies (SNSPA)

- **Mihai Dragos, National Alliance of Student Organizations in Romania (ANOSR)(TBC) – Equity in Romanian higher education with students' eyes**
- Debates on the institutional and national recommendations from the policy document (Part C)

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Panel session focused on the final recommendations

Chair: Eva Egron-Polak, International Association of Universities (IAU)

Speakers:

- **Jamil Salmi, Global Tertiary Education – Summary of parallel session conclusions (20 min)**
- Response from the Ministry of National Education (10 min) (TBD)
- Response from National Council of Rectors (10 min) (TBD)
- Response from the students (10min) (TBD)
- Discussions with the audience, **Q&A - (30 min)**

Eva Egron-Polak, IAU – Conclusions and way forward (10 min)

19:00 – Dinner (location TBD)



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| Day 2 – 15 November | Internationalization of education |
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09:00 – 09:15 Opening speeches:

- **Adrian Curaj, General Director UEFISCDI**
- **Tiberiu Apostol, General Director, General Division International Relations, Ministry of National Education (MEN)(TBC)**
- **Eva Egron-Polak, Secretary General International Association of Universities (IAU)**

09:15 – 10:00 Keynote speech

Jordi Curell Gotor, European Commission, Director - Lifelong learning: higher education and international affairs, DG EAC (TBC) - The importance of linking internationalization of higher education and equity, as key dimensions for Europe 2020

10:00 – 11:00 Panel presentations:

- **Eva Egron-Polak, Secretary General IAU** - Overview of the developments on the internationalization of education and internationalization as a comprehensive concept
- **Luminita Nicolescu, Prof., Bucharest University of Economic Studies** – The EHEA 2020 “Mobility for better learning” strategy and the status-quo of internationalization policies in the Bologna Process
- **Ligia Deca, Policy Expert UEFISCDI** - National examples of strategies concerning internationalization of higher education. Possible case studies: Germany, Estonia, Poland and Romania

Q&A for all panelists

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:00 Ross Hudson, IAU (TBC) - Findings from the project

12:00 – 13:30 Parallel Sessions III (case studies and discussion on recommendations)

Parallel session 1: Strategic approach to promotion of Romania’s higher education abroad

Main topics: institutional partnerships and cooperation, communication, academic marketing, strategy

Chair: Laura Engel, George Washington University (*short overview of the main findings in the PODCA project and debates on three key questions addressed to the representative of the West University of Timisoara - UVT*).

Parallel session 2: Defining and monitoring institutional policy to support internationalization (including cross-border provision)

Main topics: internationalization dimensions

Chair: Hans de Wit, Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (*short overview of the main findings in the PODCA project and debates on three key questions addressed to the representatives of the “1 Decembrie 1918” University of Alba-Iulia – UAB and Titu Maiorescu University - Bucharest*)

Parallel session 3: Mobility in the Romanian context. Outward vs. inward mobility

Main topics: the evolution of incoming vs. outgoing students and staff in numbers, institutional approach on incoming vs. outgoing mobility, challenges and obstacles



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Chair: Dan Lazea, West University of Timisoara (*short overview of the main findings in the PODCA project and debates on three key questions addressed to the representative of "Lucian Blaga" University of Sibiu - ULBS*) (TBC)

Parallel session 4: Internationalization of teaching and learning within university campuses

Main topics: trends, curricula adaptation, joint programmes, languages, use of e-learning, internationalization of campuses

Chair: Mihai Korca, Bucharest University of Economic Studies (*short overview of the main findings in the PODCA project and debates on three key questions addressed to the representative of the Constanta Maritime University - UMC*)

13:30 – 14:30 Buffet lunch

14:30 – 15:30 Parallel Sessions IV

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15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30 Panel sessions focused on feedback from the parallel sessions and agreeing on the final recommendations

Chair: Eva Egron-Polak, IAU

Feedback from the parallel sessions – Patricia Pol, Evaluation Agency for Research and Higher Education (AERES) (20 min);

Response from the Ministry of National Education (10 min) (TBD)

Response from National Council of Rectors (10 min) (TBD)

Response from the students (10 min) (TBD)

Discussions with the audience (30 min)

Eva Egron-Polak, IAU – Conclusions and way forward (10 min)

19:00 Dinner (location TBD)

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