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Outline Workshop 1A: *Instruments of Internal Quality Assurance*

Time: 11.00-12.30

Room: Eliade B

Romanian universities – faculty members, administrators and students - are caught in a ‘merry-go-round’ of evaluations. There are no less than 10 different evaluation instruments legally required from the national level, each setting their own ‘standards’ for quality. Instruments include accreditation, quality assurance (both internal and external), research assessments, audits, the classification and ranking exercise, and various other forms of assessing what universities, and the people working in them, are doing. The main problem of these instruments originates from their lack of alignment with each other, as some of them can overlap or even be contradictory. As a result, higher education institutions are asked to conduct a vast array of evaluation procedures at the university, faculty and departmental levels that are often considered redundant by those who are being evaluated. While much effort goes into these evaluations, their results remain questionable. The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the various instruments of evaluation within universities, by raising the following questions:

1. What kinds of evaluation instruments do the government and governmental agencies impose on universities?
2. Which evaluation instruments have been initiated by universities themselves?
3. How can we prevent overlaps between different instruments?

The session will be conducted as follows:

The **chair** (Adina Maricut) will introduce the session.

The **speakers** (Mădalin Bunoiu) will each make a presentation of maximum 15 minutes to the session.

The **respondents** (Iuliana Predescu and Carmen Teodosiu) will take 5-10 minutes to respond critically to the presentation and to provoke a discussion among the audience.

The **chair** (Adina Maricut) will then guide the discussion of the session.

The **rappporteur** (Delia Gologan) will prepare a short report (1 page) with the main points of the discussion and recommendations for future policy in this area.

The session will be conducted in **Romanian**.