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## Outline Workshop 1C: *The Limits of Quality Assurance*

**Time: 11.00-12.30**

**Room: Eminescu A+B**

Quality assurance is often perceived as a potential solution for a wide arrange of problems, whether they are of ethical, administrative, attitudinal or structural in nature. The general idea is that it will change practices and mentalities, and subsequently push through changes that would ultimately reform the entire system. Expectations from quality assurance include more motivated staff, improvement of research activity, improvement of teaching and learning, better employability for graduates, better international reputation for institutions, and dealing with the worst forms of misconduct (plagiarism, corruption, etc.).

While some of these may be legitimate expectations for quality assurance, we can have our doubt about some other expectations. Thus we aim to ask how many of the fundamental problems existing in Romanian Higher Education can be solved by the use of tools associated with QA, and what are the limits beyond which the use of quality assurance no longer works or, even worse, has a negative rather than positive impact?

Given this overall consideration, this workshop will tackle three broad questions in more detail:

1. What are the problems that quality assurance can reasonably solve? What kind of problems are hard to solve with quality assurance?
2. Does the current institutional structure allow us reach these goals with quality assurance?
3. What kind of policy instruments can be used to deal with gross forms of misconduct?

The session will be conducted as follows:

The **chair** (Robert Santa) will introduce the session.

The **speaker** (Mihai Korka) will then make a presentation of maximum 20 minutes to the session.

The **respondents** (Daniel David and Cristian Clipa) will take 5-10 minutes to respond critically to the presentation and to provoke a discussion among the audience.

The **chair** (Robert Santa) will then guide the discussion of the session.

The **rappporteur** (Dana Alexe) 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**.