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Outline Workshop 2C: *National Legislation*

Time: 14.00-15.30

Room: Eminescu A+B

In Romania, like in other countries, national legislation has a major impact on how universities function. At the same time, both primary legislation (such as the Education Law) and secondary legislation (such as quality assurance and financing methodologies) change often. When they are not modified per se, there is still a constant public debate on potential changes, with each new government having its own version of how the education system should look like.

Even though changes are problematic, it may be hard to solve the problems in the universities without some new changes. The question thus becomes how a more inclusive process of change can be envisaged that does not just deal with the ideas of policy-makers in Bucharest, but also reflects the concerns of the academic community in a broader sense. Taking this context into account, this workshop will tackle three broad questions in more detail:

1. Is the current national legislation adequate for the needs of the higher education system?
2. What are the key changes being discussed and how would they improve the system?
3. How can policy-makers be forced to listen to the concerns of academics and students inside the universities?

The session will be conducted as follows:

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

The **speaker** (Radu Damian) will then make a presentation of maximum 20 minutes to the session, focusing on the new ARACIS methodology and its potential impact.

The **respondents** 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** (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**.



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