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Challenges and Solutions in the Romanian Higher Education Conference

15 September 2021

**Hotel Intercontinental, Sala Fortuna
Bucharest**

09.30 – 10.00 Registration and Welcome coffee

10.00 – 10.15 **Introduction and project presentation**

Adrian Curaj, Cezar Haj, Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding)

10.15 – 10.30 **Introducing Theme 2: Enhancing quality in higher education. Employability and the future of work**

Ligia Deca, Presidential Advisor, Department of Education and Research, Presidential Administration

10.30 – 12.30 **Articles presentation – Theme 2: Enhancing quality in higher education. Employability and the future of work (I)**

Moderator: Ligia Deca

Doctoral Studies in Romania: Thriving or Surviving?, *Simona Iftimescu, Mihaela Stîngu, Delia Gologan (University of Bucharest)*

Measuring students' perception of COVID-19 impact on higher education through the National Student Survey in Romania, *Ștefan-Marius Deaconu (University of Bucharest), Roland Olah (University of Oradea), Cezar Mihai Haj (Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding)*

Romanian universities: the use of educational marketing to strengthen internationalization of higher education, *Cristina Ramona Fit (UEFISCDI), Cristian Panțir (Adecco), Bianca-Florentina Cheregi (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration)*

How to cope with GDPR for graduate tracing: a discussion at the intersection of law and policy and two solutions, *Viorel Proteasa, Andreea Vereș-Olteanu (West University of Timisoara)*

12.30 – 13.30 – Lunch break

13.30 – 15.00 **Articles presentation – Theme 2: Enhancing quality in higher education. Employability and the future of work (II)**

Moderator: Ligia Deca



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Performance-based funding, the Romanian experience of the last five years (2016-2020), *Mihai Păunescu (University of Bucharest)*, *Andreea Gheba, Gabriela Jitaru (Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding)*

Romanian HE in comparative perspective, *Alex Usher (Higher Education Strategy Associates, Canada)*

Competitive funding for institutional development, the Romanian experience between 2016-2020, *Remus Nica (University of Bucharest)*, *Gabriela Jitaru (Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding)*

15.00 – 15.30 – Coffee break

15.30 – 15.45 Introducing Theme 1: Increasing participation and success in higher education

Jamil Salmi, Tertiary education expert

15.45– 17.30 Articles presentation – Theme 1, Increasing participation and success in higher education

Moderator: Jamil Salmi

Access patterns in Romanian Higher Education – a story of asymmetry and polarization, *Robert Santa (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration)*, *Silvia I. Fierăscu (West University of Timisoara)*

Access to Higher Education: Losing Precious Human Resources Before the Start Line, *Cezar Mihai Haj (Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding)*, *Petrișor-Laurențiu Țucă (University Politehnica of Bucharest)*

The socio-economic challenges in access to Romanian higher education. Student perception and funding policy directions, *Oana-Alexandra Dervis, Elena Trifan, Gabriela Jitaru (Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding)*

The impact of social scholarships and of reserved places for graduates from rural high schools in improving access to higher education and academic performance, *Diana-Maria Cismaru, Nicoleta Corbu, Valeriu Frunzaru, (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration)*, *Cezar Hâj, (Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding)*, *Oana Ștefăniță (National University of Political Studies and Public Administration)*

Defining and measuring dropout phenomenon in Romanian public universities, *Claudiu Herțeliu (Bucharest University of Economic Studies & London South Bank University)*, *Daniela Alexe-Coteț, Cezar Mihai Haj (Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding)*, *Andrei Teofil Pârvan, (Bucharest University of Economic Studies)*

17.30 – 18.00 Q & A. Conclusions