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18.	Elisabeta, Mitroi		
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Background

Dragos, Apostu is a MA student in Administration of the funds of cultural institutions and a MA student in Training of trainers, both at the University of Bucharest. He has a BA in Public Administration at the University of Bucharest. He is currently employed as project assistant in the “Quality and Leadership for Romanian Higher Education” and executive secretary at TEMPUS Association for Continuing Education. He has taken an internship within the Department for Public Diplomacy at Ministry of Foreign Affairs and an internship at Romanian Embassy in the Republic of Poland. He is interested in negotiations, trainings and structural funds.

Prof. PhD. Cezar, Birzea is a full professor at the National School for Administration and Political Studies (Bucharest). He is a Ph.D. coordinator, head of department, and gives classes on education policies and European studies. He is director of the Institute of Education Sciences and former president of the National Council of Educational Reform.

Prof. PhD. Romulus, Brancoveanu is the Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Bucharest. His field of research includes Political Philosophy, Philosophy of History, Philosophy of Education, and special interest in Public Reason, Rawls, and Philosophy of Education. He is editor in chief of the “Public Reason” Journal.

Paul, Brinzea

Prof. PhD. Marius, Bulgaru is a Professor at Technical University of Cluj-Napoca and Director for quality assurance department of TUC-N. The main activities include teaching and research (course, laboratory studies, project coordinator) and academic quality management (quality assurance department). He participated to training seminars at Carl

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Zeiss Germany, and Werth Messtechnik Germany in Quality Engineering, and 3D Geometric Measurements. He has skills in programming and operation of coordinate measuring machines. His organizational management competence was gained through participation in short training seminars organized by MEdC, and various NGOs and the study in university.

Prof. PhD. Adrian, Curaj is the executive director of the Executive Agency for Higher Education and Research Funding and the project manager of the “Quality and Leadership for Romanian Higher Education”. He managed the ROST Project, the First National Foresight Exercise in Science and Technology through which the Strategy and National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation 2007-2013 had been elaborated.

Florin, G. Dragomir is a successful strategic consultant, with extensive experience in multinational and multicultural environments. After working almost 10 years in some of the leading global players in FMCG, he decided to embrace the challenge to start his own consulting business focused on strategic projects. His current portfolio spreads from public sector, where he manages a project team within a national foresight program for higher education, to the private sector, where he constantly adds value to his local or multinational customers. His mantra is “vision, strategy, value” and, capitalizing on his ability to manage different sizes of businesses – from several hundreds thousands Euro up to tens of millions - large teams and multi-million budgets, he is constantly energized by new challenges and ready to create value through innovative concepts and tools.

PhD. Student Radu, Gheorghiu

PhD. Student Mihaela, Ghisa is a member of the “Quality and Leadership for Romanian Higher Education” (QLHE) project team. She is assistant for WP1 “Vision and Strategy”, the package responsible for “elaborating a collaborative vision document of the Romanian higher education system at the horizon 2025”. Mihaela is also a PhD student in the 1st year at the Sociology Department within University of Bucharest. Her thesis is related to foresight for public policy.

Prior to QLHE, Mihaela had been working in consulting – mostly related European Funding for ITC in public sector. She also used to work for youth and student organizations as well as non-governmental organizations. During her life as a student she attended several internships within Ministry of European Integration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Romanian Parliament.



Mihaela holds a BA degree in Political Science and a BA in Communication and Public Relations both from the National School of Political and Administrative Studies in Bucharest. She has a Master in Strategic Management for Social Development within the Sociology Department from University of Bucharest.

PhD. Student Dan, Grosu is a doctoral student in Political Science. His academic background is in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science. He also graduated the PREST Foresight Course at the University of Manchester in 2005. He used to work as a research and project manager at the Laboratory for Information Technology in Education, a senior expert at the National University Research Council, an expert in the National Foresight Exercise, a visiting researcher at PREST (University of Manchester), and a research fellow at the Paideia Institute from Stockholm (Sweden). He is currently employed as an expert in the "Quality and Leadership for Romanian Higher Education", and his work is mainly focused on the development of a Foresight Wikipedia, and of an Observatory for Romanian Higher Education.

Assistant Prof. PhD. Gabriel, Hancean has a PhD in Political Science (with a public policy specialization), a MA in Communication Studies and a BA in Sociology. He is a teaching assistant at National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Faculty of Political Science, Sociology Department. His main research interests are related to the following areas: social structure and social network analysis, organizational behavior analysis, occupational mobility and social statistics. He is also interested in the study of public policy evaluation procedures and higher education quality assurance systems (with a special highlight on benchmarking methods).

Since 2009, he is a member of the Romanian Sociologist Society, where he is the manager of the Organizational Studies Department. He is a member of the International Network for Social Network Analysis and member in the board of the Romanian Political Science Journal "Political Perspectives". During the past two years, he has been the institutional development manager for the master studies programme "Management and Governing", of SNSPA Political Science Faculty. His latest articles are concerned with the issue of evaluating public spending, using a social network analysis approach, and of benchmarking Romanian higher education sector.

PhD. Student Cosmin, Holeab is a PhD at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest. The PhD research is conducted in the field of sociology of science. His professional background is sociology by graduating at the University of Bucharest in 2005. He also has a MBA at the same university.

His main activities in the last 5 years were carried out in the public administration area of higher education and scientific research. He has been involved in different research and



development projects on specific areas of sociology of science, public policies for RDI, social structures and policy, with various financing sources and levels of scientific and systemic implications.

Prof. PhD. Gheorghe, Manole is a member of College leadership of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Craiova and member of the Council Craiova ICMET. He is also adviser for problems of innovation and technology transfer along ADR4 Oltenia, since and adviser to the Chamber Trade and Industry Oltenia on “New products” at Exhibition ELECTROUTIL Craiova. He has a National Order for the scientific research and inventiveness and he held a Gold Medal from International Fair of Inventions and New Products (Brussels 1999, 2000) for the products SEMASIN and MICRON and a Bronze Medal from International Fair of Inventions (Geneva 1995) for Patent108887.

PhD. Student Iulia, Maries is a doctoral student in the field of Economic Cybernetics and Statistics at the Bucharest University of Economics. The title of her thesis is “Collective Intelligence in Economic Cognitive Systems”. She is interested in collective intelligence domain, cognitive systems, and applications in multi-agent systems and complex systems. She is currently employed as work-package assistant in the “Quality & Leadership for Romanian Higher Education”, working on the development of a Foresight Wikipedia.

Prof. PhD. Dumitru, Miron

Elisabeta, Mitroi is a Civil engineer, specialized in “Civil, industrial, and agricultural buildings” and associate fellow at Technical University of Civil Engineering in Bucharest, Elisabeta Mitroi orientated her professional career to the occupational standards and professional qualifications area, being involved in projects concerning the reform of vocational and technical education.

Thus, Elisabeta Mitroi worked in numerous projects financed from diverse sources, such as: World Bank, Phare, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), other European programmes in the field of vocational education and training – Leonardo da Vinci, fulfilling functions from expert to project manager. In the same time, she activated as occupational standards and qualifications expert expert within the Council for Occupational Standards and Certification (COSA), and than she collaborated in the same position with the National Adult Training Board (CNFPA).

Also, she was for a 3 years period general manager of the Vocational House of Builders, an organization with the mission to develop and to manage the human resources in



construction industry, being as well the executive secretary of the Sectoral Committee for Vocational Training in the Construction Industry.

Elisabeta Mitroi is a professional competences assessor certified by CNFPA as external verifier and internal verifier.

Prof. PhD. Carmen, Paunescu is a Professor at Faculty of Business Administration (teaching in foreign languages), Academy of Economic Studies Bucharest (ASE). She works at ASE since 1997. Prof. Paunescu holds a B.Sc. in Chemistry from University of Bucharest, a B.A. in Commerce from ASE, a master in Quality Management from ASE, and a Ph.D. in Economics from ASE. She also studied and conducted research at the Università Degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza" (Rome, Italy) and Università Degli Studi di Messina (Sicily, Italy). In addition, in 2002, Prof. Paunescu was awarded the "Romanian Government" Fellowship at Università Degli Studi di Roma "La Sapienza", Rome, Italy and, in 2004, the Fulbright Scholar Award at Loyola University New Orleans, New Orleans, LA, USA. She spent a full academic year as Fulbright Scholar conducting research and giving lectures in American Universities.

Presently, Carmen Paunescu teaches at ASE five courses – Business Quality Management, Negotiation Techniques and Cross-Cultural Management to undergraduates, and Entrepreneurship to graduates. Prof. Paunescu's doctoral field of study was Product and Quality Management. Her research interests include organization's maturity assessment, organizational entrepreneurial culture, innovation and corporate entrepreneurship, entrepreneurship education, and cross-cultural management. She is author and co-author of several books or book chapters, as well as many research articles.

For business work experience, Dr. Paunescu has been managing some consulting projects whose main objectives were the quality management system implementation and certification. The most important companies she was assisting in this process have been the City Hall of Buftea and Electrica S.A. Presently she works also as quality auditor with an important certification body in Romania – AEROQ S.A. Bucharest.

PhD. Student Sonia, Pavlenko is a PhD student and researcher in the field of Higher education. She completed her BA in Communication Studies and her MA in Political Sciences at Babes-Bolyai University (BBU) and now she is studying for a PhD degree at BBU. The title of her thesis is "The Idea of University". During her PhD programme she was the beneficiary of a Chevening Scholarship to University of Oxford, UK, where she was part of the Department of Educational Studies. She also spends a study period during her BA at Paris Lodron University from Salzburg, Austria. She published several articles in the field and attended many conferences delivering presentations and lectures in the field of higher education. She is also a certified trainer, with extensive experience



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Associate Prof. PhD. Remus, Pricopie is the Dean of the College of Communication and Public Relations, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration and associate professor at the College of Communication and Public Relations, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration. He is also an advisor to the Minister of Education, Research and Innovation.

Viorel, Proteasa has a BA in Physics, Masters in Physics of the Condensed Matter and currently is writing the master thesis (interdisciplinary) on: "What made a greater impact on the economical development of the photovoltaic materials producers: the innovation in materials or the economical context?" He has also graduated Management, but has not defended the thesis yet.

His quality assurance experience involves evaluating universities against Institutional Evaluation Programme methodology with ongoing missions at the Pamukkale University of Denizli, Turkey and the University of Evora, Portugal; coordinating ENQA external evaluation of quality assurance agencies in higher education against the ESG, evaluated agencies: NEAA – Bulgaria (June 2008), PKA - Poland (October 2008); coordinating first ESU audit of a national quality assurance agency, ARACIS – Romania, the agency was evaluated against the ESG, with special focus on enhancing student participation; writing the QA chapter of the Bologna With Student Eyes 2009 edition. He is also a lecturer for the Romanian Quality Assurance Agency on the Self Evaluation Process and Report.

Assistant Prof. PhD. Irina, Stanciugelu is a PhD lecturer at College of Communication and Public Relations, State University of Political and Administrative Science, executive director of the Online MA Program in Educational Management at College of Communication and Public Relations, State University of Political and Administrative Science and executive director of the Center for Training in Communication, College of Communication and Public Relation. She is a civil expert on Risk and Crisis Communication at Civil Protection Committee/NATO and consultant on crisis/emergency communication at General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations.

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His area of expertise includes the analysis of public policy, the international security and the civil military relations. In the period 2001-2008 he held the title of expert in the Presidential Administration's departments: International Relation and National Security, Officer in the reserve, specialized research.



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