

Sustainable Development Goals Report

2022-2023

UNIVERSITY OF BUCHAREST

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INTRODUCTION

With a history of more than 150 years, the University of Bucharest (UB) is today a prestigious, dynamic, inclusive, and student-centred academic institution characterised by creativity, innovation and sustainable action.

Within the 19 faculties of the UB, there are 98 undergraduate programmes, 223 master programmes, 22 doctoral schools in specific fields and an interdisciplinary doctoral school, more than 50 research centres and nine research stations. The UB has established itself as an institution of excellence in education and research, making it a priority to prepare its students for life and profession.

With the primary mission of promoting excellence in research at national and international levels, the University supports fundamental, experimental and applied research in the scientific fields of its faculties. UB's research directions are structured around a wide range of fields and are designed to provide concrete solutions and services for society and the economy, contributing to the advancement of knowledge, as well as encouraging inter-, multi- and trans-disciplinary approaches, including through the development of international collaborative research or training projects for teachers, researchers and students at all levels of study.

Anchored in the realities of today's global society, where competition for human capital is becoming increasingly intense, the UB is making steady progress, placing itself among elite international universities, including through a visible presence in international rankings.

As of 2018, UB is part of the CIVIS alliance - European Civic University, together with ten other prestigious European universities: Aix-Marseille University, National and Capodistrian University of Athens, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Autonomous University of Madrid, Sapienza University of Rome, University of Stockholm, Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen, University of Glasgow, University of Paris Lodron Salzburg and University of Lausanne. Furthermore, the Alliance has 6 African Associate Members.

With more than 32,000 students, 1,292 teachers, 562 researchers, and 1,163 administrative staff, the University of Bucharest is a strong and responsible community that aims to promote quality services, guaranteeing its graduates from all fields and study programmes, an accessible and efficient integration into the labour market.

METHODOLOGY

The University of Bucharest, through the expertise of the members of its academic community, its teachers and students, and the diversity of its study programmes and research areas, has always been an important player in the progress of Romanian society. The dimension of social responsibility is underlined in the mission of the University of Bucharest, expressed in the University Charter and reflected in concrete measures adopted at the institutional level by academic community members.

After the launch of the first edition of the Times Higher Education Impact (THE) University rankings, the University became more aware of its actions to achieve the sustainability goals and started a broad process of centralizing relevant activities and data, a process that has improved in recent years and which has culminated in the first report on the sustainability goals for the 2019/2020 academic year. According to the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024, 6th edition, one of the most well-known rankings in the international academic space, the University of Bucharest is the university with the highest impact on sustainability indicators in Central and Eastern Europe and the Romanian university with the highest involvement in specific sustainable development activities, according to the same ranking. UB is ranked in the top 101 - 200 universities in the world out of 2,152 institutions included in this year's ranking.

In the present report, the structure has been improved to better reflect the three dimensions of the University of Bucharest's mission: education, research and social engagement, as well as the specific criteria of THE IMPACT Ranking methodology. A working group prepared the current report within the Quality Management Department and coordinated by Prof. Dr Magdalena Iordache Platis, Vice-Rector for Quality Management, Social Responsibility and Relations with Social Partners.

The working group's objectives for the next phase include the continuation of the work on the sustainability policy, the definition of a set of specific indicators and the launch or extension of several actions to raise awareness and involve the university community in the specific requirements of sustainable development objectives.

SELECTION OF CASE STUDIES AND EXAMPLES

This report has been designed to include a selection of examples and case studies that best illustrate how the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are being integrated into the university's day-to-day activities, as a way of showing that the UB is making concrete progress in taking effective steps towards achieving them. For this purpose, information was selected from official university and faculty reports, websites and data collected from various administrative departments. This was a difficult task as there were more relevant activities than could be mentioned. Some of these will be covered in future reports, while others are already mentioned on the [sustainability](#) webpage. The number of scientific articles relevant to each SDG were taken from the Web of Science platform (data accessed in September 2024). Statistical data and information presented refer to the academic year 2022-2023. Their nature is not exhaustive.

Table 1: The presence of UB in THE Impact (2019-2024)

Year of reference	Position	Considered SDGs	Total number of points	The best ranked University in RO	Number of reporting institutions
2016/2017	301+	16, 4, 10, 17	23.8-53.6	ASE	450
2017/2018	201-300	16, 8, 5, 17	68.2- 75.3	UB/ ASE	768
2018/2019	301-400	4, 5, 16, 17	ND	UB	1,118
2019/2020	401-600	5,16,4,17	65-71.9	UBB/ ASE	1,406
2020/2021	201-300	16, 5, 4, 17	76.8-82.1	UB	1,705
2021/2022	101-200	16, 5, 11, 17	84-89.1	UB	2,152

Source: Based on Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings (2019-2024) available [here](#).

OUR VISSION

The University of Bucharest is an active institution in addressing the challenges of the Sustainable Development Goals. Through educational programs with an up-to-date offer adapted to national and international economic and social requirements, through advanced scientific research projects, as well as through social responsibility programs, carried out together with its partners, the University of Bucharest supports excellence in education and scientific research and assumes a special responsibility towards Romanian society. This report summarizes the results of activities, whether initiated at departmental, faculty or institutional level, in which the University of Bucharest has played different roles - initiator, coordinator, partner. The beneficiaries are internal stakeholders who can develop some activities or initiate new ones, through the internal learning process, but also external stakeholders, through the dissemination of examples of good practices towards the Sustainable Development Goals. We invite you to continue these efforts and move forward towards the Sustainable Development Goals!



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1 NO POVERTY



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's degree programme "Disaster Management" – Faculty of Geography
- Master's degree programme "Counselling in Social Work" – Faculty of Sociology and Social Work

Courses

- "The social work of risk groups" – Faculty of Roman – Faculty of Roman-Catholic Theology
- "Poverty and social exclusion" – Faculty of Political Science
- "Stress management in social work services" – Faculty of Sociology and Social Work

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- Student Activities and Social Service

KEY DATA

18 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

7,80% of the total number of R&D projects

1843 students enrolled in study programmes relevant to SDG 1

469 graduates of specific study programmes

23 relevant study programmes

2853 students receiving financial aid (social and occasional scholarships)

80% of the accommodation needs of students were covered within university facilities

8,1% partnership agreements with relevant institutions, associations, and foundations involved in the social life of the community

One educational support project- the SEED Programme for disadvantaged pre-university students, supported by the UB Foundation

36 refugee students from Ukraine

GOOD PRACTICES

The project "Access to online education for students with social assistance from the University of Bucharest (AEOS)", which took place between September 2021 and May 2023, enabled access to education for students from underprivileged areas by offering equipment (tablets and laptops) for approximately 2.200 students and 86 teachers and by updating the IT&C infrastructure. This way, the project reduced the obstacles which stand in the way of accessing online education and increased the chances of integrating vulnerable students.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

The Carousel Association and the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work from the University of Bucharest organised in Eforie Nord, between the 23rd and the 29th of July 2023, the 12th edition of the Summer School "Vulnerable Groups and Social Work Services". The event, which gathered students from different domains of activity, such as sociology, social work, psychology, and others, aimed to better understand current social phenomena and environmental challenges and promote a proactive answer to disasters. Kaufland Romania sponsored the event.

RESEARCH

Research centers

- Centre of Social Policies, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work
- Centre of Research and Innovation in Social Services, Faculty of Sociology and Social Work

Research projects

- Diversity and Equity at the University of Bucharest (UB4all)

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Partnerships/ Affiliations

- Carousel Association

Social engaging

- Within the academic community, there are frequently organised humanitarian campaigns for diverse causes. An example is the yearly charity concerts organised by the Association of Students from the Orthodox Theology Faculty "Justinian Patriarhul" (ASTO), which occur close to the winter holidays. Taking the tradition further, on December 13, 2022, a carol concert titled "Traditional caroling!" was organised at the National Library to raise funds for a muscular and speech recovery treatment in Germany.

2 ZERO HUNGER



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's degree programme "Management of Social Services and Health" – Faculty of Sociology and Social Work
- Master's degree programme "Social Assistance of the Church" – Faculty of Roman-Catholic Theology

Courses

- "Plant genetics" – Faculty of Biology
- "Vitamins, hormones and mineral elements" - Faculty of Biology
- "Biochemistry of nutrition" - Faculty of Biology

KEY DATA

11 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

6,25 % of the total number of R&D projects are relevant to SDG 2

16 relevant courses

1317 students enrolled in relevant Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes

15% of the total number of bachelor students and 85% of the total number of master students employed after graduation in relevant fields

7,5% partnership and internship agreements with institutions, associations, and foundations relevant to SDG 2

GOOD PRACTICES

The Mihail Kogălniceanu canteen of the University of Bucharest offers a diversity of meals for students and employees on a daily basis. With a serving capacity of almost 1.000 people/day, the canteen offers a variety of products at affordable prices. Students and employees can eat in the canteen or take the food to go.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

The Students' Scientific Tourism Circle of the Faculty of Geography organised, on December 15th, 2022, an event dedicated to gastronomic tourism, where they had a national renowned professional- Chef Cătălin Scărlătescu, as a special guest.

RESEARCH

Research centers

- The Research Centre for Assurance of Product Quality - Q Lab- Faculty of Chemistry

Research projects

- Integrating food supply concerns into urban policies in the context of land use change (PN3-RU-PD)

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Partnerships/ Affiliations

- National Institute for Food Bioresources Bucharest (IBA)

Social engaging

- Students, administrative staff and teachers from the Faculty of Baptist Theology, together with Providența Foundation and at the initiative of Project Ruth, organised a helping campaign for Ukrainian families affected by the war. They prepared 270 packages of food that were sent from Odessa to be distributed to the victims.

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- Housing- Canteen Service

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's degree programme "Applied Microbiology and Immunology" – Faculty of Biology
- Master's degree programme "Prevention and Control of Illicit Drug Consumption" – Faculty of Sociology
- Master's degree programme "Psychology of Trauma - Clinical Evaluation and Therapeutic Intervention" – Faculty of Psychology and Education Science

Courses

- "Advanced biomedical technics" – Faculty of Physics
- "Medical journalism" – Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences
- "Psychopharmacological and psychotherapy" – Faculty of Biology

KEY DATA

374 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

25,42 % of the total number of R&D projects

35 study programmes relevant to SDG 3

2709 students enrolled in relevant study programmes

776 graduates of specific study programmes

13,8% partnership and internship agreements with institutions, associations, and foundations relevant to SDG 3

1 medical practice where UB students receive free medical services

1 sport base

11 sports halls and fields, and a base for mountain sports activities

1 psychomotor and increase of quality life counselling centre for UB employees

Free occupational health services offered to UB employees

GOOD PRACTICES

To promote a healthy and active lifestyle, UB invited students and community members to engage in different sports activities. Between 4th - 13th of May 2023, "The University Cup" took place, where the interested participants could compete in all of the sports that the Department of Physical Education and Sport - DEFS offers, including handball, table tennis, tennis, chess, kayak and football, ballroom dance, step, aerobic, badminton, basketball, volleyball. Similarly, on May 27 2023, members of the community were invited to participate in the XXVIIIth edition of the University of Bucharest Cross, hosted at the Botanical Garden "Dimitrie Branzdă".

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Between 13th -16th of June 2023, the Faculty of Geography of the University of Bucharest and the Institute of Geography of the Romanian Academy organised an international conference called "Health, Environment and Sustainable Development: Changes, Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World". The event reunited over 100 participants, including international researchers, and tackled subjects such as the impact of the COVID-19 on health and the environment, economic recovery and sustainable development strategies.

RESEARCH

Research centers

- **Memory lab** - Faculty of Psychology and Education Science
- **The Research, Training and Consultancy in Microbiology, Genetics and Biotechnology Centre** - Faculty of Biology

Research projects

- **PhoVR-** The Immersive Treatment of phobias via Augmented Adaptive Reality and Biofeedback
- **Development of a smart patch biosensor for monitoring chronic wound healing**

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Partnerships/ Affiliations

- National Institute for Health of the Mother and Child "Alecsandrescu Rusescu", Bucharest

Social engaging

- Between 13th - 18th of March 2023, the Faculty of Psychology and Education Science of the University of Bucharest organised the fifth edition of the "Brain Awareness Week" event, having "Brain and Mental Health" as a general theme. The event included 17 lectures and workshops, having subjects such as Common phenotypes of autism and schizophrenia, pain neurobiology, and digital interventions for mental health. The activity took place both onsite and online, gathering experts from various fields.

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- Psychological and Educational Assistance and Intervention Clinic - CAIPE

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Masters's degree programme "Teaching Mathematics" – Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science
- Masters's degree programme "Educational Management" – Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences

Courses

- "Virtual learning environments" – Faculty of Chemistry
- "Management and evaluation of education programmes" – Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences
- "Linguistic education policies in the European Union" – Faculty of Letters

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- "Ariel" Centre of Foreign Languages
- UB Learning Centre

KEY DATA

41 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

13,33% of the total number of R&D projects

31 relevant study programmes

712 international students enrolled at UB

2431 students enrolled in relevant bachelor and master programmes

18,5% partnership and internship agreements

253 bachelor and master programmes in Romanian
68 programmes in foreign languages

11 incentive packages for international Olympians and professional athletes

The promotion rate for the final exams is 98.9% for master's studies and 96.5% for bachelor's studies

14 postgraduate courses
4 professional reconversion

8 teaching master programmes

12 workshops organised on the theme of innovative pedagogies

Over 400 teachers from secondary education participated in the courses of continuous formation and improvement for teachers

GOOD PRACTICES

Starting in September 2022 and continuing for 3 years at the University of Bucharest, the "Digital Ecosystem for Sustainable Learning at the University of Bucharest (EDIS-UB)" project is being implemented with funding from the National Plan of Recovery and Resilience. The project supports the upgrade of the educational infrastructure and the training of the students for the requests of a digital world by equipping 16 labs with the latest IT&C technology and offering special training for the development of digital skills, developing a network of innovative pedagogies laboratories at the UB level and by creating a virtual space with integrated services for each student. Moreover, by creating an Advanced Computer Centre in Măgurele, advanced research and collaborative education will be facilitated.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Between 27th - 29th of October 2022, the Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences hosted the National Conference of Research in Education - CERED 2022, an important event dedicated to research in education. The conference's central theme was "Education and educational research in unsteady times: influences and challenges" and targeted the changes and challenges with which society, especially education and research, are confronted.

RESEARCH

Research centers

- The Research Centre for Pedagogical Communication – Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences
- The Centre for Development of Language and Linguistic Communication – Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Research projects

- Partnership for pathways to higher education and science engagement in regional clusters of open schooling
- Access to higher education in post-communist Romania
- Social contribution through health optimisation literacy to academic resilience in schools

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Partnerships/ Affiliations

- Universitaria Consortium
- CIVIS European Alliance

Social engagement

- A curriculum for Cognitive Education was created within the Erasmus+ project called CORTTEX - Cognitive Resources for Toddlers Teens, and Expert, coordinated by the University of Bucharest. This instrument was created to help teachers and other adults involved in educational activities (counselors, psychologists, parents etc) implement an education based on cognitive development. The curriculum addresses specialists from preschool, primary, and secondary education, and the content and activities are adapted according to the children's age .

5 GENDER EQUALITY



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's degree programme "Equal Opportunities Policies in the Romanian and European Context", Faculty of Political Sciences

Courses

- "Gender and violence" – Faculty of Sociology and Social Assistance
- "Gender representation in publicity" – Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences
- "Gender and Intercultural Communication" – Faculty of Philosophy

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- The Gender Equality Committee

KEY DATA

29 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

1,25% of the total number of R&D projects are relevant

3 relevant study programmes

1 UB Gender Equality Plan

67.60% out of the total number of students are females

68,67% out of the total number of admitted students in the first year of bachelor studies are females

72,46% of graduates are women

0,6 % partnership and internship agreements with relevant institutions, associations, and foundations

130 students enrolled in relevant master study programmes

56,65% female teaching staff

46% of female teaching staff participate in management structures

GOOD PRACTICES

On May 26 2023, the University of Bucharest organised a training module for employees from the Human Resources Department, which focused on gender equality and harmonising professional and personal lives. This event, which was part of the ATHENA project, aimed to increase awareness of the subject and the implementation of efficient strategies for promoting gender equality in the academic environment. Participants discussed the traps of the gender concept, what gender equality is and not about, and what the main problems in this field are at this moment.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

On March 17 2023, the Centre for Equality of Chances Politics (CPES) and the Department of French Language (DLLF) of the University of Bucharest, in partnership with the Embassy of Canada and other organisations, hosted the round table called "Sistemic discrimination in Romania. Women's rights from an intersectional perspective". The event discussed the complex problems of women's discrimination, analysing the mechanisms perpetuating inequalities and proposing solutions to fight them.

RESEARCH

Research centers

- Center for Equal Opportunities Policy, Faculty of Political Science

Research/ development projects

- Social memory in the digital age: reinventing the role of women in history through commemorative biographical discourse

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Partnerships/ Affiliations

- The International Research Association of Institutions of Advanced Gender Studies
- Global Women in PR Romania (GWPR)

Social engaging

- The project "T-SHIRT", coordinated by the University of Bucharest, aimed to consolidate knowledge and professional abilities to promote gender equality in schools. The results achieved by implementing the project included an e-learning platform, the organisation of training courses, and the assurance of resources and strategies for fighting gender stereotypes and creating an inclusive educational environment. The closing ceremony, which took place on November 15 2022, tackled the essential role of teachers in deconstructing gender stereotypes.

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's degree programme "Climatology and Water Resources", Faculty of Geography
- Bachelor's degree programme "Hydrology – Meteorology" - Faculty of Geography

Courses

- "The analysis of sedimentary basins" – Faculty of Geology and Geophysics
- "Water and health" - Faculty of Geography
- "Evaluation of resources, reserves and management of groundwater" - Faculty of Geology and Geophysics

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- Braila Ecological Research Station
- Research Center in Systems Ecology and Sustainability (RCSES)

KEY DATA

24 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

5,83% of the total number of R&D projects are relevant
4 relevant study programmes

~486.710,18 m³ water consumption in 2023

0,7% relevant partnerships and practice agreements with institutions, associations, and foundations

258 students enrolled in relevant study programmes

67 graduates of specific study programmes

GOOD PRACTICES

UB is developing, via its faculties, different partnerships which offer our students the opportunities to approach SDGs through study and research transnational cooperations. The CHANCE programme, developed in partnership with Penn State University, concentrates on preserving the Danube's ecosystems, collaborating with international experts and developing interdisciplinary projects. Similarly, within the CIVIS alliance, a BIP was developed with the theme "Environmental challenges facing the Danube River," emphasising field research.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Between 3rd – 7th of July 2023, the Faculty of Geography of the University of Bucharest hosted the 36th edition of the Conference of the International Climatology Association (AIC). The central theme, "Climate, water and society: changes and challenges", reunited over 90 participants from 18 countries, who discussed the impact of climate changes, air and water environment and also the interaction of these with the society and other components of the environment. The event included scientific presentations and a field visit which on a transcarpathic circuit.

RESEARCH

Research centers

- Center for Coastal Research and Environmental Protection, Faculty of Geography
- The Research Centre "The management of water resources and hidrical risks" – Faculty of Geography

Research projects

- Microbial combustion cells with continuous and discontinuous functioning, an ecological method for treatment of used waters and autonomous electricity generation
- Methodology for evaluation of the efficacy of hidromorphological restoration of rivers in Romania

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Partnerships/ Affiliations

- National Administration "Romanian Waters" (ANAR)
- National Institute of Hydrology and Management of Waters

Social engaging

- The Centre for Development and International Cooperation Studies (IDC) of the University of Bucharest organised the pilot edition of the "Bucharest International Gastro-Diplomacy (BIG-D) Fest". The event, organised in partnership with EUNIC network and other cultural partners, reunited diplomats and representatives of the hospitality industry and the civil society. The edition took place between the 17th and the 22nd of June, culminated with a discussion about water rights, including access to this resource in urban and periurban areas, in the context of the multiplication of crises and specific conflicts.

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's degree programme "Renewable and Alternative Energy Sources" interdisciplinary between the Faculty of Physics and the Faculty of Chemistry

Courses

- "Renewable Energy Sources" – Faculty of Physics
- "Unconventional energy resources" – Faculty of Geology and Geophysics
- "Nanomaterials for green energy" – Faculty of Physics
- "Energy audit bases/environment audit bases; ecological houses" – Faculty of Physics

KEY DATA

52 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

4,58% of the total number of R&D projects are relevant

3 relevant study programme

~5.857.651,08 kWh is electricity consumption in 2023

0,5% partnership and internship agreements with relevant institutions, associations, and foundations

149 students enrolled in specific SDG 7 study programmes

37 graduates of relevant study programmes

GOOD PRACTICES

Starting in 2023 the mobilities project [22-MOB-0048](#) is being implemented, at the Faculty of Physics. It allows students to participate in courses and exams at the Reykjavik University - Iceland School of Energy. The host institution offers international master programmes on renewable energy, focused on practice, innovation and interdisciplinary thinking, to form experts in clean energy to contribute to building a sustainable world.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Starting with year 2023, UB students had access, in the context of the CIVIS alliance, to free MOOC – Massive Open Online Course courses. The first course called "[Climate and energy – An interdisciplinary perspective](#)", offered a virtual tour of the Utö island, which can be found in the Stockholm archipelago, and tackled subjects like the previous and present state of the climate, the global cycles (carbon, water), the human impact on the environment and biodiversity, and the solutions regarding climate changes, from energy to public policies.

RESEARCH

Research centers

- Research and Coal Deposit Geology and Environmental Protection Centre - Faculty of Geology and Geophysics
- Research Centre "Nuclear matter in extreme conditions" - Faculty of Physics

Research projects

- Supplying Accurate Nuclear Data for Energy and Non-Energy Applications
- Mxene-type catalysts for energy production and fine synthesis

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Partnerships/ Affiliations

- Energy Policy Group

Social engaging

- Within the [Learning and Scientific Research Station, "Prof. Ștefan Atanasie Pătrașcu"](#) – Surlari of the Physics Faculty, students carry out their labs and research activity and can test different prototypes of alternative energy sources. Moreover, there are summer schools which are organised for students/master students/researchers interested in this research domain.

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- Energy Efficiency Bureau

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's degree programme "Work Law, Work and Industrial" – Faculty of Law
- Master's degree programme "Management of Resources and Touristic Activities" – Faculty of Geography
- Master's degree programme "Strategic Marketing and Sales Management" - Faculty of Business and Administration

Courses

- "Sustainable territorial economy" – Faculty of Geography
- "Counselling and career orientation" – The Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences
- "Anticorruption law in the human resources domain" – Faculty of Business and Administration

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- The Bureau of Labor Market Relations
- The Office for Training and Development of Internal Personnel

KEY DATA

20 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

9,17% of the total number of R&D projects are relevant

32 relevant study programmes

69% of bachelor graduates and 92% of master graduates were employed within 12 months of graduation

3 labor unions for the UB employees

19 student organisations

5,1% partnership and internship agreements with relevant institutions, associations, and foundations

3548 students enrolled in relevant study programmes

1173 graduates of specific study programmes

GOOD PRACTICES

In order to ensure access to practical education, a competition for internship projects was introduced, which, in 2023, financed 19 applications from the special fund for internship projects (competition based) and from the FDI project, Axe 5 (project based). Also, 570 internship agreements and a special institutional agreement with the Bucharest School Inspectorate are in place. Starting with the year 2023, students also have the opportunity to participate in an internship at the administrative departments of the University.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Through its structures, UB proves a constant commitment towards the professional development of its students by organising events like "Career Days" and "UB Career Expo". These initiatives, and projects such as "The Career Catalyst" and "Future Lab 2022", offer students hiring opportunities, exploring entrepreneurship and access to workplaces and internships, and overall contributing to their efficient integration into the labour market.

RESEARCH

Research centers

- **Centre of Administrative, Cultural and Economic Studies** – Faculty of Business and Administration
- **Centre of Studies in Competition Right** – Faculty of Law

Research projects

- Students today, entrepreneurs tomorrow - supporting business initiatives of UB students and graduates

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Partnerships/ Affiliations

- Professional associations in the domain of career counselling (Romanian Counseling Association – ACROM, NBCC);

Social engaging

- The project "Improve yourself – ARCCA", run by the University of Bucharest, promoted the collaboration between the University and the labour market, facilitating students' access to relevant internships, having as a goal to contribute to increasing employment chances, including the offer of new practical learning activities and financial stimulants. The event also presumed the deployment of some information campaigns with the scope of increasing the awareness and promotion degree of the importance of learning programmes on the job and developing career plans for the target group.

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's degree programme "Physics of Advanced Materials and Nanostructures" – Faculty of Physics
- Master's degree programme "Statistics and Probabilities in Finance and Sciences" – The Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science

Courses

- "Artificial Intelligence" – The Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Science
- "Romania's economy and the contemporary business environment" – Faculty of Business and Administration
- "Introduction in nanotechnologies" – Faculty of Physics

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- The Student Entrepreneurial Society (UNIHUB)

KEY DATA

42 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

22,92% of the total number of R&D projects are relevant

7 national and international patents obtained in 2022/2023

22,34% of UB's annual income was allocated for research (out of the total)

36 relevant study programmes

7,1% agreements and partnerships with relevant institutions, associations and foundations (from the total)

1754 students enrolled in relevant study programmes

492 graduates of specific study programmes

GOOD PRACTICES

Between 8th-10 December 2022, the Faculty of Physics, in partnership with the National Institute of Physics and Nuclear Engineering – Horia Hulubei, the Association of Students from the Faculty of Physics of UB and the Community of Education for Sciences, in partnership with the National Institute of Physics and Nuclear Engineering, organised the eighth edition of the Science, Education and Jobs Fair “From young to old through the Universe”. The event brought together STEM students, teachers and researchers, providing networking opportunities, visits to research infrastructure, contests, experiments and interactive workshops. This created a platform for various actors dedicated to the development, innovation and communication of science, as well as increasing the quality of education and dialog with the younger generation.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

On January 11, 2023, the UB's Faculty of Physics, in collaboration with the Institute of Atomic Physics, organised „Romania@CERN – Open Symposium 2023”, for 10th anniversary of the establishment of the International Scientific Advisory Committee (ISAB). The event brought together students, teachers, and researchers from the university and pre-university, and government officials and executives of research institutes. It included lectures and presentations on Romanian participation in CERN and discussions about career opportunities in research.

RESEARCH

Research centers

- **Research Centre for Materials Development Polymers, Mesophases and Unconventional Protection Methods** – Faculty of Physics
- **Research Centre for Catalysts and Catalytic Processes** – Faculty of Chemistry

Research projects

- Plasma catalysis for CO2 recycling and green chemistry PIONEER
- SUNERGY Community and ecosystem for accelerating the development of solar fuels and chemicals

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

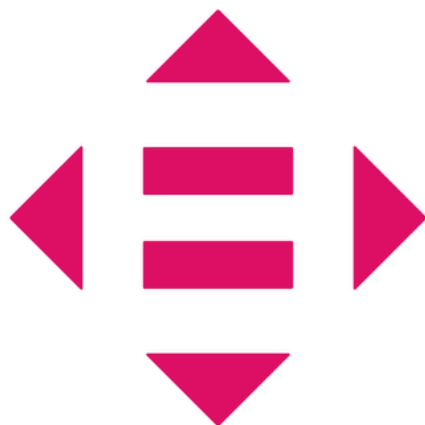
Partnerships/ Affiliations

- The Coalition for Research Assessment Reform (CoARA)
- The Education Community for Sciences (CEST)

Social engaging

- On November 10th, 2022, the Faculty of Philosophy, through the Research Centre in Applied Ethics, organised the second edition of the series of workshops „Responsibility Matters”, with the theme “Responsible Robotics: agency, virtues and art”. The event, conducted in a hybrid format, brought together internationally recognised researchers for interdisciplinary work located at the boundary between the philosophy of technology, aesthetics, epistemology and robotics ethics and AI, and answering questions on the responsible use of robotics systems.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's degree programmes "Inclusive School Psychopedagogy", Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences
- Master's degree programme "Innovative Teaching Methods in Primary Education" – Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences

Courses

- "Education for diversity" – Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences
- "Social Assistance of people with disabilities" – Faculty of Baptist Theology
- "Global Agenda of diversity and equal chances" - Faculty of Journalism and Communication Studies
- "Society, difference and diversity" – Faculty of Letters

KEY DATA

36 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

8,33% of the total number of R&D projects are relevant

10 relevant study programmes

85 students with disabilities study at UB

12 UB employees with disabilities

21 % of students from developing countries enrolled at UB (out of the total number)

1 UB Foundation

4,4% partnerships and internship agreements with relevant institutions, associations, and foundations

540 students enrolled in relevant study programmes

250 graduates of specific study programmes

GOOD PRACTICES

The University of Bucharest signed the [Diversity Charter in Romania](#) in 2023, reaffirming its commitment to promoting diversity, equal opportunities and social inclusion. By signing this book, the University of Bucharest reaffirms its commitment to an organisational culture based on mutual respect, applying the principles of non-discrimination in human resources management, conducting diversity awareness and training programmes and monitoring progress in these directions. This approach underlines the continuing mission of the University to ensure an inclusive educational and working environment.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

On June 12, 2023, the University of Bucharest organised the project "[BLINDhub](#)". Implemented between October 2020 and June 2023, in partnership with the Romanian Association of the Blind, the project was funded by the Orange Foundation and aimed to support visually impaired people in accessing work opportunities through a dedicated mobile application. Until the completion of the project, 414 beneficiaries, four universities and 42 companies registered in the platform, thus facilitating the connection between employees and employers.

RESEARCH

Research centers

- **Centre for Access Technologies** - Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences
- **Research Centre for intergenerational justice, social responsibility and sustainability** – Faculty of Philosophy

Research projects

- Analysis of benefits of full implementation of the Victims' Rights Directive
- Contribution of small urban green infrastructure in achieving environmental justice

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Partnerships/ Affiliations

- Romanian Association of the Blind
- National Council for Combating Discrimination

Social engaging

- The Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences coordinated a work package within the Erasmus+ "[EIPSI- Evidence Informed Practice for School Inclusion](#)" project, which focused on creating a development and coaching plan for schools. This package aimed to support the implementation of evidence-based inclusion practices in schools, particularly in disadvantaged areas. The project provides tools and resources for teachers, counsellors, and school inspectors to improve school equity and inclusion.

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- The Inclusion, Equity and Equal Opportunities Bureau

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's degree programme "Integrated Management of Natural Capital" – Faculty of Biology
- Master's degree programme "Anthropology, Community and Regional Development" – Faculty of Sociology and Social Work

Courses

- Investigation, evaluation and remediation of contaminated sites" – The Faculty of Geology and Geophysics
- "Protecting and capitalising on the UNESCO world heritage" – Faculty of History
- "The significance of artistic heritage - field research; specialised analysis" – Faculty of Letters

KEY DATA

60 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

18,75% of the total number of R&D projects are relevant

35 relevant study programmes

7,95% of total actual expenditure was the amount spent for investment works in infrastructure

82 library/reading rooms, with a total floor area of 6545.16 sqm and a capacity of about 3800 seats

~ 38 euro accomodation fee in UB dormitories compared to ~ 200 euro/month average in private dorms

3,4% partnershis and internship agreements with relevant institutions

1562 students enrolled in relevant study programmes

512 graduates of specific study programmes

Other facilities: 1 museum, 1 Botanical Garden, 1 UNESCO International Geopark, 1 zoo station, 1 university house, and 1 hotel

GOOD PRACTICES

In 2022, after a ten-year break, the University of Bucharest Choir resumed its activity, marking this moment by organising a Christmas concert on December 16. The choir began to make preselections for new members and launched a challenge for UB students: composing a hymn for the University of Bucharest, Bucharest, emphasising the commitment to continue the choral tradition and to support important musical events within the university community

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Between 17- 23 July 2023, the 10th edition of the CCMESI Summer School "Aspects of Urban Ecology" took place, bringing together students from three university centres - Bucharest, Iasi and Constanta. Participants had the opportunity to acquire theoretical and practical knowledge in urban ecology and green infrastructure, address environmental challenges and contribute to preserving biodiversity and improving the quality of urban life.

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- University of Bucharest Museum
- Real Estate Directorate

RESEARCH

Research centers

- Centre for population research, ecology of human settlement and political geography – Faculty of Geography
- The Archaeological Research Centre "Vasile Pârvan" – Faculty of History

Research projects

- Science for evidence-based and sustainable decisions about Natural Capital
- Smart platform for mapping the risk of landslides in quasi-real time
- Developing new approaches to collaborative planning to increase the sustainability of cities

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

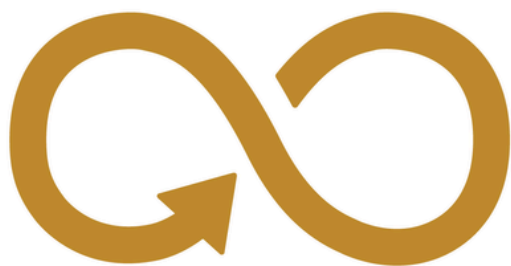
Partnerships/ Affiliations

- European Network of Geoparks
- European Union National Institutes of Culture (EUNIC)

Social engaging

- Founded in 2014 by volunteers from the Association of Geographical Students – ASG, to professionalise pedestrian tours through Bucharest, the activity of the project "Bucharest, nice to meet you!" intensified in 2022 following a grant received from the Student Entrepreneurial Society. Based on pedestrian tours through Bucharest, the project for national and international students includes three routes that combine several places in Bucharest, lasting one hour and 40 minutes.

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's degree programme "Management of Resources and Geography Touristic Activities" – Faculty of Geography
- Master's degree programme "Applied Ethics in Society, Business and Organisations Philosophy" – Faculty of Philosophy

Courses

- "Consumer Behavior" - Faculty of Journalism and Communication Studies
- "Toxic and Radioactive Waste Disposal" – Faculty of Geology and Geophysics
- "Waste landfill management" – Faculty of Geology and Geophysics

KEY DATA

15 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

7,08% of the total number of R&D projects are relevant

15 relevant study programmes

3,1% partnership and internship agreements with relevant institutions, associations, and foundations

716 students enrolled in relevant study programmes

235 graduates of specific study programmes

Selectively collected waste:

-53,41 m³ paper/cardboard

-40,25 m³ plastic materials

-281 m³ vegetal materials

GOOD PRACTICES

A group of students from the Faculty of Geography of the University of Bucharest conducted a field activity through the Student Scientific Circle of Environmental Science to understand the practical aspects of waste collection and sorting from urban environments. The field visit took place in a collection station in Bucharest Sector 6, a location associated mainly with providing sanitation services. The students could understand the technical mechanisms of waste collection and sorting by categories and visited the facilities to sort or press strips of recyclable waste. With the representative of the waste collection and sorting station, there was also an interesting discussion on the challenges of waste collection and sorting activities in the management systems in Romania.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

On May 16 2023, the faculty of Chemistry from the University of Bucharest organised the international conference titled "How to Reinvent our Relationship with the Planet at Molecular Level", presented by Professor Javier Garcia-Martinez Ph.D., president of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

RESEARCH

Research centers

- **Research Centre for Environmental Protection and Waste Valorisation** – Faculty of Biology
- **Management of Mineral Resources and the Environment** - The Faculty of Geology and Geophysics

Research projects

- Integrated technology for advanced removal of heavy metals and arsenic from complex matrices using adsorbing nanomaterials
- Ecological electrochemical method for recycling precious metals

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Partnerships/ Affiliations

- National Institute for Research and Development in Industrial Ecology (INCD ECOIND)

Social engagement

- Between 4-13 May 2023, the Student Entrepreneurial Society (UNIHUB) organised a series of entrepreneurial skills courses: "Learn to think and act as an entrepreneur". The program included a special module dedicated to sustainable entrepreneurship, designed to promote innovative and sustainable business initiatives.

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- Investment, Current Repairs and Maintenance Service

13 CLIMATE ACTION



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Bachelor's degree programme "Geography of the Environment" – Faculty of Geography
- Master's degree programme "Physics of the Environment and Ecological Polymers" – Faculty of Physics

Courses

- "Management of environmental projects" – Faculty of Geography
- "Sudden climate change" – Faculty of Physics
- "Environmental communication" – Faculty of Journalism and Communication Studies
- "Methodology of environmental impact studies" – Faculty of Geology and Geophysics

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- Geographical Resort Orșova
- Didactic and Scientific Research Station "Professor Ștefan Atanasie Pătrașcu"

KEY DATA

93 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

18,75% of the total number of R&D projects are relevant

15 relevant study programmes

6152 total Scope 1 & 2 emissions CO₂ (tonnes)

3 % partnership and internship agreements with relevant institutions, associations, and foundations

1056 students enrolled in relevant study programmes

261 graduates of specific study programmes

GOOD PRACTICES

Several university faculties have organised activities within the “Green Week” program. A group of teachers from the Faculty of Geography of the University of Bucharest has developed a project to support pre-university education, which included 12 lectures on subjects proposed by the Ministry of Education. The Faculty of Chemistry organised “Green Week ChimEcoFest”. At the same time, over 22,000 students participated in educational activities carried out in the Botanical Garden “Dimitrie Brandza”. These events have promoted environmental education and awareness of the importance of protecting the environment, providing students with learning opportunities through direct experiences in nature and practical applications.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

During February-March 2023, the University of Bucharest participated in organising the debate “One Minute Older #3 – South Talks”, which had climate migration and ecofeminism as themes, with guests from the Global South. The events included discussions and screenings of documentary films, taking place at the Residence9 and the French Institute. The initiative involved working with several international institutions.

RESEARCH

Research centers and stations

- **Research and Learning Centre for Practical Applications of Environmental Management and Ecological Services** – Faculty of Biology
- **Centre for International Private Law and International Environmental Law** – Faculty of Law

Research projects

- The response of climate-sensitive environments to global warming, sea-level rise and increasing extremes: The Carpathians and Danube Delta
- The impact of recent climate change on the ecological productivity of forests in Romania

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

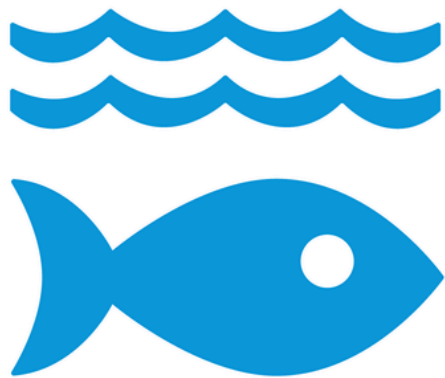
Partnerships/ Affiliations

- The National Meteorology Administration (A.N.M.)
- The Ministry of Environment

Social engagement

- The University of Bucharest, through the Faculty of Geography, was a partner in the “Plan on Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change in Campulung Municipality”, the implementation of which resulted in The Strategy and Plan for Mitigation and Adaptation to Climate Change in Campulung Municipality (ADAPT Campulung). Such partnerships aim to support efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change at the local level.

14 LIFE BELOW WATER



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's degree programme "Assessment of Sedimentation Basins and Mineral Resources (EBSRM)" - The Faculty of Geology and Geophysics
- Bachelor's degree programme "Ecology and environment protection" - Faculty of Biology

Courses

- "Protection and conservation of groundwater" - The Faculty of Geology and Geophysics
- "Management of river basins" - Faculty of Biology
- "Geography of the Black Sea" - Faculty of Geography

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- Marine and Fluvial Research Station (SCMF) - Coastal Research Group of the Faculty of Geography

KEY DATA

42 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

8,75% of the total number of R&D projects are relevant

6 relevant study programmes

3 research stations

0,8 % partnership and internship agreements with relevant institutions, associations, and foundations

582 students enrolled in relevant study programmes

116 graduates of specific study programmes

GOOD PRACTICES

The University of Bucharest, through the Research Centre in Systemic Ecology and Sustainability, is the coordinator of "Restoration of wetland complexes as life-supporting systems in the Danube Basin"/ RESTORE4LIFE. This project, which benefits from HORIZON funding and brings together 31 partners, aims to demonstrate the multiple socio-economic benefits generated by a holistic and transdisciplinary approach to the restoration of the freshwater and coastal wetlands of the Danube Basin, in line with the "blue-green" infrastructure, as support for resilience and mitigation of regional climate change.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

In the 11th episode of the "The UB doze of Science" series, associate professor Florin Tatui, Ph.D tackles rip currents on the Romanian beaches of the Black Sea, a hidden and generally ignored danger. It emphasised the need for increased awareness and education to prevent tragedies.

RESEARCH

Research stations

- The Danube International Research Centre – Faculty of Geography
- Research Centre for Animal Taxonomy, Ichthyology and Aquaculture – Faculty of Biology

Research projects

- The response of climate-sensitive environments to global warming, sea-level rise and increasing extremes: The Carpathians and Danube Delta
- DANUBIUS Implementation Phase Project - DANUBIUS-IP
- Challenges to Ocean Governance: Regional Disputes, Global Consequences

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Partnerships/ Affiliations

- The National Institute for Research and Development Danube Delta (INCDDD)

Social engaging

- The Coastal Research Group of the Faculty of Geography at the University of Bucharest contributed to the ESA Coastal Erosion initiative, which aims to monitor and prevent coastal erosion using satellite data. The project was carried out in six European countries under the aegis of the European Space Agency, covered over 4,500 km of shoreline and used artificial intelligence to analyse and manage erosion risks in the context of climate change. The UB Coastal Research Group is carrying out research projects on the Romanian Black Sea coast, the Danube Delta and the Lower Danube Valley, focusing on the central coast of the Danube Delta.

15 LIFE ON LAND



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's Degree Programme "Integrated Management of Natural Capital" – Faculty of Biology
- Master's Degree Programme "Intelligent Territorial Development" – Faculty of Geography

Courses

- "Territory and sustainable development" – Faculty of Law
- "Biodiversity conservation" – Faculty of Geology and Geophysics
- "Land improvement systems. Organising the territory" – Faculty of Geography

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- Research Centre for Systems Ecology and Sustainability
- Ecological Research Resort in Sinaia

KEY DATA

57 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

17,08% of the total number of R&D projects are relevant

21 relevant study programmes (6 bachelor + 15 masters)

4 research stations

1,7 % partnership and internship agreements with relevant institutions, associations, and foundations

1023 students enrolled in relevant study programmes

216 graduates of specific study programmes

SOCIAL ENGAGING

Researchers and teachers from UB are actively involved in initiatives dedicated to protecting and conserving ecosystems, contributing to SDG 15 (Earth Life). A group of researchers affiliated to the Geology and Geophysics and Biology faculties initiated an observer of critical areas in Apuseni – Central Valley of Mureş and collaborated on the first evaluation of the factors risk in domestic animal predation by bears in Romania (along with Ohio University), while students and teachers from the Faculty of Geography participated in actions related to managing invasive alogene species in the Iron Gates Natural Park. Such applied research contributes significantly to the conservation of biodiversity and the protection of ecosystems.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

On September 18, 2023, the UB's Faculty of Biology hosted the third edition of the "Conference Dedicated to the International Day of Microorganisms". The event, organised in collaboration with the Research Institute of the University of Bucharest (ICUB), the National Institute for Research and Development in Biological Sciences, Bucharest (INCDSB) and the Romanian Academy. The conference brought together researchers and experts from various fields, organised on five thematic areas: medical biology, ecology, biotechnologies, cultural heritage, and varia.

RESEARCH

Research centers and stations

- **Centre for Botanical Research, Innovation and Technology Transfer** – Faculty of Biology
- **Research Centre "Land Degradation and Geomorphological Dynamics"** – Faculty of Geography

Research projects

- Spatial planning of allogeneic species management activities in Romania
- The effects of grazing on surface runoff and soil erosion: A hydrological approach to the microscale based on field experiments

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Partnerships/ Affiliations

- WWF Romania World Fund for Nature Association

GOOD PRACTICES

The University of Bucharest has been running since 2022 through the Research Centre in Systemic Ecology and Sustainability, the European "Bio Knowledge Agora project: Developing the Science Service for European Research and Biodiversity Policymaking"/BioAgora. It aims to connect the results of research on biodiversity with the needs of policymakers through a dialogue between academia, other knowledge holders and policymakers. The project's main result will be developing a platform of scientific services supporting biodiversity conservation that will coordinate processes and initiatives at the interface of science – policies at the European level. The consortium managing the project financed by the European HORIZON programme comprises of 22 partners from 13 European countries.

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's degree programme "Crisis Management" – Faculty of Business and Administration
- Master's degree programme "International development studies and ethics of international relations" – Faculty of Philosophy

Courses

- "Evidence-based politics" – Faculty of Philosophy
- "Intercultural dialogue and translation" – Faculty of Letters
- "International humanitarian law and international refugee law - case-law developments" – Faculty of Law

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- Strategic Orientation, Evaluation, Monitoring and Public Policies Direction

KEY DATA

4 scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

13,33% of the total number of R&D projects are relevant

31 relevant study programmes

4633 students enrolled in relevant study programmes

80 tenured teachers in relevant study programmes

11,7 % partnership and internship agreements with relevant institutions, associations, and foundations

1245 graduates of specific study programmes

The UB Senate is comprised of 25% students and 75% teaching staff

GOOD PRACTICES

The University of Bucharest conducted the first substantial research on national resilience in Romania, using an innovative tool developed by its researchers. The research was carried out between September 14 and October 5, 2022, using a new instrument created within a project financed by the CNCS-UEFISCDI grant and implemented by INSCOP Research. This tool is aligned with international standards and allows the collection of annual statistically relevant data on national resilience.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

The University of Bucharest, as a partner, hosted in November 2023 the launch of the first study results from the "Agenda Romania 2050" project. This project brings together experts from academia and the private sector, it aims to start a national conversation about public policies essential for Romania's long-term future, starting with the opinions of Romanians collected through a series of national opinion polls.

RESEARCH

Research centers

- European Centre for Research, Analysis and Modeling of Political Culture – Faculty of Political Science
- The Research Centre for Contemporary History "Cont*texte"- Faculty of History

Research projects

- Interdisciplinary Research on the Russian Geopolitics in the Black Sea and the Arctic Ocean
- Electoral rights: a rational approach
- Analysis of the way of communicating fake news

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Partnerships/ Affiliations

- The Bureau of the European Parliament in Romania

Social engaging

- While supporting the development of a culture of ethics and academic integrity, while also following the new legislative regulations in the field of education and research, UB organised in 2022 both a "Autumn training school for ethics and integrity counsellors in pre-university education" (Third Edition), as well as a training module entitled "Economic integrity. Ethical, legal and psycho-pedagogical aspects", intended for ethics and integrity counsellors in pre-university education.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



EDUCATION

Study programmes

- Master's degree programme "Environmental Policies for Sustainable Development" - Faculty of Geography
- Master's degree programme "Sustainability of Socio-Ecological Systems" - Faculty of Geography

Courses

- "Education for sustainable development" – Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences
- "Policies for a sustainable economy" – Faculty of Business and Administration
- "Political Ecology" – Faculty of Political Sciences
- "Risk, safety, governance and humanitarian intervention" – Faculty of Geography

INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES

- Institutional Sustainability Service

KEY DATA

73% scientific articles indexed in Web of Science

81,44% of the total number of R&D projects are relevant

62,81% partnership and internship agreements with relevant institutions, associations, and foundations (out of the total number)

60% of students enrolled in specific study programmes

59% relevant programmes (out of the total)

4 thematic workshops organised in order to create a Sustainability Strategy

GOOD PRACTICES

Between 3-10 April 2023, the University of Bucharest organised, as part of the project "[#UB4friends](#)", supported by the Embassy of the United States of America and the American Councils for International Education, as part of the project "4/4 for friends", a series of activities that aim to recognise the involvement of volunteers for the benefit of their peers. These activities included, among other things, green space cleaning, gender equality information sessions, activities to prevent school dropout and support actions in placement centres.

EVENTS UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

Between 12-15 October 2022, the UB hosted the BSUN-BUA International Congress "[Dialog and Cooperation in the Black Sea and Balkan Regions](#)". Organised in partnership with the Network of Black Sea Universities and the Association of Balkan Universities, the congress brought together in Bucharest over 100 global experts on topics of strategic interest, representatives of the Government of Romania, ambassadors, rectors, representatives of the academic environment and of public and private institutions in the field, who participated in discussions on the challenges of cooperation in the Black Sea and Balkan Regions.

RESEARCH

Research centers

- Centre for International Development and Cooperation Studies (IDC) – Faculty of Political Sciences
- Doctoral Centre for Interdisciplinary Research, Innovation and Sustainable Development - Faculty of Psychology and Education Sciences

Research projects

- ReCoNnect: Research Communication for active learning
- Benefits and constraints of joint decision making in Romania. From public participation to collaborative Environmental Impact Assessment

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Partnerships/ Affiliations

- The Network of Black Sea Universities (BSUN)
- The Balkan Universities Association (BUA)

Social engaging

- The European Conference on Transformation of Education, "[Promoting transversal competencies of young people in the new EU and in view of the UN SDG 2030 vision](#)", it was organised at the University at the initiative of the Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences, in partnership with the European Centre "Robert Schuman" in Scy-Chazelles (France), with the financial support of the European Programme "Citizens, equality, rights and values – CERV". The event addressed issues related to professional integration and post-pandemic social inclusion, emphasising the importance of "soft" skills education and assessment as a way to enable social transformation and collective resilience.

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