

ANOSR urges the Government to prioritize investments in education

On the 9th of December 2019, the **National Alliance of Student Organizations in Romania (ANOSR)** had a meeting with Prime Minister - Ludovic Orban, Vice Prime Minister - Raluca Turcan, Minister of Public Finances - Florin Cîțu and Minister of Education and Research - Monica Anisie.

As government representatives have publicly stated that the Law of State Budget is being outlined, **ANOSR has presented a series of proposals** that should be included in the next year's budget. We also discussed topics on ethics and academic integrity and the quality of study programs.

Regarding **financing of higher education**, we have presented students' requests that should be implemented for the Law of State Budget in 2020:

- Raise of the public scholarships fund in order to cover the necessity of increasing grants' amount for Romanian ethnic students from abroad;
- Significant increase of housing and meal services subsidy;
- Supplemented budget for student camps in order to prolong the period of stay;
- Maintenance of students' facilities for public railway transport.

Regarding **ethics and academic integrity**, ANOSR requested the adoption of a legal framework which would make possible sanctioning of doctoral schools regardless of the number of doctoral theses discovered as being plagiarized. Moreover, we have highlighted the defective activity of the University Ethics and Management Council (CEMU), which carried out an audit process of the university Ethics Committees in the country, but so far **no conclusions have been presented**, nor recommendations have been made in order to improve the work of these Committees. In addition, we urge decision makers to draft and adopt a National Code of Ethics and Academic Integrity, as provided by Law no. 1/2011 of national education.

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