

ANOSR proposals for operationalizing the priorities established with the Minister of Education

On **Thursday, January 7th, 2021**, ANOSR representatives participated in the consultations initiated by the Ministry of Education on the priorities in the field of higher education.

Following the discussions, **8 actions were taken**, as ANOSR launches a set of proposals for the concrete operationalization of the targets announced by the ministry a day before.

ANOSR considered the meeting an exploratory discussion to identify consensus points that governments can implement in the short and medium term. Starting from the results of the ["Educated Romania" project](#) and from the objectives established in the Government Program - analyzed by ANOSR in the document ["Higher education in the government program, between necessary measures and forgotten priorities"](#), we consider that in the next period it is fundamental to set priorities in programmatic documents, as follows:

- **A new strategy in the field of education**, including the objectives proposed by ANOSR, to set national objectives based on the priorities of the European Higher Education Area, European Education Area, Digital Education Action Plan, EU Skills Agenda, that should be correlated with investments in education, mentioned in the Education and Employment Operational Program and the National Recovery and Resilience Plan;
- **A new education law**, based on specific data regarding the education sector and with a modern vision, strengthened around student-centered education and student participation in decision-making, developed by specialists, coherent and based on a broad consensus, in order to ensure its sustainability;
- **An annual action plan of the ministry**, based on the strategic program, with clear, measurable targets, evaluated and monitored together with the social partners.

The meeting resulted in 8 actions that represent a small set of necessary points, but not covering the full range of student problems and requests to improve the higher education system; still, they are a solid starting point. The 8 objectives that resulted from the discussion are:

- The desire to open the second semester in physical format was reiterated, subject to epidemiological developments, while understanding the importance of protecting the health of students and teachers, reducing risks, but also the need to organize remedial

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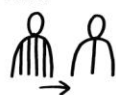
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actions and logistical problems specific to students (especially in the case of those who live in other localities in relation to the university where they study);

- Supporting the increase in absolute value of the education budget, so that subsequent consultations can support students' expectations regarding the increase in the amount and number of student scholarships, including for Romanian state scholarship holders;
- Enhancing students' access to specialized publications useful for their studies;
- The importance of funding institutional research in universities and providing financial resources for universities in order to continue investments and conduct their activities safely;
- Offering a constant, correct and complete information on the act of vaccination, without the obligation to vaccinate;
- Development of a single platform at national level for enrollment and admission to higher education institutions;
- Supporting the Single Integrated National Register of Diplomas and Study Documents;
- Operationalization and consolidation of students' access to health insurance.

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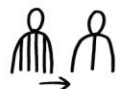
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