

Higher Education Evidence Based Policy Making

MUTUAL LEARNING WORKSHOP - ROMANIA'S COMMITMENTS AS A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN HIGHER EDUCATION AREA AND THEIR IMPACT ON HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCING

The third Mutual Learning Workshop on Romania's commitments as an EHEA member state and their impact on higher education financing was organized within the framework of project activity 7.7.

The event took place on 22 - 23 March 2013, bringing together former Romanian Bologna Follow-Up Group (BFUG) representatives and members of the 2010 - 2012 BFUG Secretariat, hosted by Romania.

The meeting started with a brief presentation on the topic and the background materials from Ligia Deca, coordinator of Module IV, and Liviu Matei, coordinator of the study on Romania's commitments in the EHEA. The two outlined the importance of such meetings for the elaboration of a comprehensive study designed to assist the policy makers in their decision making process. Further on, Cristina Fit described the main elements of the analysis on internationalization of education and mobility, with an emphasis on national measures.

The experts present in the meeting debated the Bologna Process Ministerial Communiqués, in order to come up with proposals of recommendations to fully implement them at national level. Thus, the measures taken so far by specialized institutions were outlined, as well as future actions to increase the attractiveness of Romanian universities at global level. Issues like student and staff mobility, incoming versus outgoing mobility or the 2012 EHEA Mobility Strategy have also been approached.

The second day of the Mutual Learning Workshop stemmed new debates amongst the experts on the given topic, but also on the structure and content of the mobility and internationalization chapter. The experts agreed to continue the discussions in the future, in order to finalize the general study on Romania's commitments in the EHEA.

