

## **1. The scientific content of the event.**

The workshop focused on a wide theme: the economics of accession - the Romanian case. The approach was multidisciplinary including macroeconomics, political economy, and public policies, which have the purpose to resolve the structural handicaps of Romania. The workshop aimed to lay down the bases for several debates, which would conclude with useful suggestions for developing and improving the Romanian public policies.

This workshop brought together Romanian researchers and analysts from Romania and from abroad with the aim of learning lessons, improving research standards and fostering communication between national based researchers and those who study and work abroad, some excelling in their careers at well-known research centers.

The accession of Romania into the European Union is an exceptional moment in its modern history, whose significance can only be surpassed by the fall of communism two decades ago. The situation of Romania during accession and after EU accession offers exceptional and diverse topics for analysis; these topics are of concern both for academics in their scientific pursuits, but even more so for policy-makers. These topics relate, to a great extent, to economic aspects, but also to various subjects of social science, among which politics, sociology, and cultural anthropology, just to mention a few.

It is true that Romania finds itself just at the beginning of its journey inside the European Union. However this is not an argument not to examine analytically the Romanian situation post-accession. Symptomatic traits of the social and economic body that needed to change radically, in order to function properly within the Union were detectable prior to accession, when Romania had to work hard in order to fulfil basic conditions asked for by the European standards.

The purpose of this workshop was to analyse Romania's economy after its accession to the EU, by highlighting the main challenges brought by this accession. The main goal was to use applied research, and consequently the results of the debates within the workshop, for improving policy-making in Romania.

The topics of discussion ranged from macroeconomics - disinflation, exchange rate dynamics, the macroeconomic policy mix, - to issues concerning structural flaws of the Romanian society. More concretely, these flaws were related to rural overpopulation and the backwardness of the countryside, a quite precarious infrastructure, the weak public administration, ageing population, and the peculiar situation of the labour market with a cohabitation of labour force surpluses and shortages, the utilization of structural funds. Other issues like energy supply, negotiations mechanisms in the EU, and not least, competitiveness were also debated.

The conclusions are that Romania has to continue the economic and social reforms, especially to further improve its administrative capacity and efficiency in the use of public funds, to continue the fight against fraud and corruption, to make a better use of European funds and to provide a greater support to SMEs' development. Being a member of the EU is a chance for Romania, but, at the same time, in order to make the most of its accession, Romania has to make more reforms, otherwise the accession will not provide the expected positive effects. Moreover, Romania has to have a clear position concerning the future European challenges: taxation, monetary policy, climate change, competitiveness, migration.

## 2. General information on the workshop organization

The workshop was the result of scientific and organizational effort of the project manager Prof.Univ. Daniel Daianu together with the Organizing Committee under his coordination. The exploratory workshop untitled 'Romania After Accession to European Union. Problems and Perspectives' took place between 17-19 September 2008, in Bucharest in the building of national Bank of Romania.

## 3. Final program of the workshop.

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*Wednesday, 17 September 2008*

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- 10.30 – 11.00**      **Opening remarks: Daniel Daianu (profesor SNSPA si Academia Romana)**  
**Keynote speech: Mugur Isarescu (Guvernator BNR si Academia Romana)**
- 11:00 – 13:00**      ***Panel 1: Dinamici macroeconomice***  
***Moderator Daniel Daianu***
- Lucian Albu** (Institutul de Prognostica Economica, Bucuresti): "Ce spun previziunile despre economia Romaniei"  
**Laurian Lungu** (Cardiff Business School, Cardiff): "Provocari ale politicii fiscale in noul context"  
**Florin Citu** (ING, Bucuresti): "Dinamici ale desinflatiei in Romania"  
**Ionut Dumitru** (Raiffeisen Bank, Bucuresti): "O evaluare a sustenabilitatii deficitului de cont curent in Romania"  
**Alina Carare** (FMI, Washington DC): "Provocarile actuale ale politici monetare: sursele asupra inflatiei si tintirea inflatiei"
- 13:00 – 14:30**      Pauza
- 14:30 – 16:00**      ***Panel 2: Economia Romaniei in contextul international***  
***Moderator Lucian Croitoru, BNR***
- Tony Iordache** (Consilier Financiar Independent, New York): "Criza financiara - efecte pe pietele de credit din UE"  
**Siegfried Muresan** (Parlamentul German, Berlin): "Contributia Romaniei la Securitatea Energetica a Uniunii Europene"  
**Geomina Turlea** (Joint Research Centre, Comisia Europeana, Bruxelles): "Politici industriale in UE si Romania"

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*Joi, 18 Septembrie 2008*

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- 9:30 – 11:30**      ***Panel 3: Competitivitate si probleme structurale***  
***Moderator Valentin Lazea, BNR***
- Lucian Croitoru** (BNR, Bucuresti): "Puterea de negociere a angajatilor si relatia inflatie-somaj pe termen mediu"  
**Ella Kalai** (Alphabank Romania, Bucuresti): "Politica fiscala si cresterea economica"  
**Bianca Pauna** (Institutul National de Cercetari Economice, Bucuresti): "Tendinte recente ale pietei muncii"  
**Flaviu Mihaescu** (GlobeOp Risk Services Ltd, Londra): "Economiiile populatiei si modele de consum in Romania"  
**Andreea Vass** (Institut National de Economie, Bucuresti)  
**Liviu Voinea** (Grupul de Economie Aplicata, Bucuresti): "Provocari pentru competitivitate. Economia romaneasca si ce-a ramas din Agenda Lisabona"
- 11:30 – 13:00**      ***Panel 4: Fondurile structurale si modernizarea economica***  
***Moderator Aurelian Dochia, Societatea Romana de Economie***
- Cojanu Valentin** (Academia de Studii Economice, Bucuresti): "Institutiile si performanta economica"  
**Catalin Pauna** (Banca Mondiala, Bucuresti): "Productivitatea agriculturii romanesti"  
**Cristina Cionga** (Monsanto Romania SRL, Bucuresti) si **Lucian Luca** (Institutul de Economie

Agrara, Bucuresti): "Imbunatatirea performantelor agriculturii romanesti cu sprijinul fondurilor europene"

**Andrei Stancu** (Ernst & Young, Paris): "Fondurile structurale si finantele publice in Romania"

**Dragos Paslaru** (GEA Consulting, Bucuresti): "Absorbția fondurilor UE post-aderare in Romania: probleme institutionale si solutii de optimizare la finele primei serii de apeluri de proiecte"

**Florin Aftalion** (ESSEC Business School, Paris)- "Dinamica Uniunii Europene si viitorul acesteia"

**Cu incepere de la  
ora 13:00**

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