

## KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON ROMANIA / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** since 27 July 1956
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last term: 2009-2011)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
  - Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (Term expires in 2019)
  - **Intergovernmental Committee for Promoting the Return of Cultural Property to its Country of Origin or its Restitution in Case of Illicit Appropriation.** (Term expires: 40th General Conference)
  - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **The Director-General's visits to Romania:** 1
  - 25-27 April 2011: official visit and award ceremony of Doctor Honoris Causa degree at the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration.
5. **The former Director-General's visits to Romania:** 3
  - 6-9 June 2007: official visit and SEE Summit of Heads of State
  - 27-28 September 2006: official visit and the XI Summit of the Francophonie
  - 18-21 September 2002: official visit
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
  - Permanent Delegate: H.E. Mr Adrian Cioroianu Ambassador, Permanent.
  - Staff: Mr Gabriel Sarafian, Second Secretary, Deputy Permanent Delegate
  - Previous Permanent Delegates: Mr Nicolae Manolescu-Apolzan (November 2006 – July 2015); Mr Andrei Magheru (July 2004 – September 2006), Mr Eugène Mihaescu (July 2001 – July 2004), Mr Dan Haulica (October 1990 – June 2001)
7. **UNESCO Office:** Romania is covered by the UNESCO Office in Venice – UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (BRESCE). The UNESCO European Centre for Higher Education (CEPES) in Budapest, established in 1972, was closed in 2011.
8. **Romanian National Commission for UNESCO:**
  - Date of establishment: 1956
  - Chairperson: Mr Sorin Cîmpeanu (since December 2014), Minister of Education
  - Secretary-General: Mr Ani Matei (since April 2011)
9. **Romanian personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
  - Ms Marina Nicolesco (soprano), UNESCO Artist for Peace (2005)
  - In April 2012, you designated Ms Angela Gheorghiu (soprano) as a UNESCO Artist for Peace for a two-year period.
10. **UNESCO Chairs:** 9 Chairs and 1 UNITWIN Network
  - UNESCO Chair on Engineering Sciences, Energy and Environment Programme, established in 1991 at the Polytechnic University of Bucharest
  - UNESCO Chair for training and research applied to business development in countries in economic transition, established in 1995 at the Academy of Economic Studies of Bucharest
  - UNESCO Chair in Integrated Rural Development, established in 1996 at the University of Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences, Bucharest
  - UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Democracy, established in 1998 at the University of the North Baia Mare

- Department-UNESCO Chair in Intercultural and Inter-religious Exchanges, established in 1999 at the University of Bucharest
  - UNESCO Chair in Information Technologies, established in 2000 at the University of Oradea
  - UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Development through Research and Education in Modern Physics, established in 2010 at the Horia Hulubei Foundation
  - UNESCO Chair in Quality Management of Higher Education and Lifelong Learning, established in 2011 at the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu.
  - UNESCO Chair on Science and Innovation Policies, established in 2012 at the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration.
  - UNESCO-Cousteau International Ecotechnie Chair/Network, established in 1993 at the University of Bucharest.
- 11. Associated Schools:** 68 (14 pre-school, 15 primary, 24 primary/secondary, 8 secondary, 1 vocational/technical education and 6 teacher-training). Romania joined the ASPnet in 1970.
- 12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres:** International Centre for Advanced Training and Research in Physics, Bucharest (approved at the 36GC).
- 13. UNESCO Clubs:** 26 Clubs
- 14. Biosphere Reserves:** 3
- Pietrosul Mare (1980)
  - Retezat (1979)
  - Danube Delta (1998), a transboundary BR with Ukraine
- 15. Global Geoparks Network:** 1
- Hațeg Country Global Geopark
- 16. World Heritage Sites:** 7 (6 cultural and 1 natural)
- Cultural*
- The Villages with Fortified Churches in Transylvania (1993, 1999)
  - Monastery of Horezu (1993)
  - Churches of Moldavia (1993)
  - Historic Centre of Sighisoara (1999)
  - The Wooden Churches of Maramures (1999)
  - The Dacian Fortresses of the Orastie Mountains (1999)
- Natural*
- Danube Delta (1991)
- 17. Tentative List:** 15 properties
- Le Monastère de Neamt (1991)
  - Eglises byzantines et post-byzantines de Curtea de Arges (1991)
  - L'ensemble monumental de Tirgu Jiu (1991)
  - L'ensemble rupestre de Basarabi (1991)
  - L'église des Trois Hiérarques de Iassy (1991)
  - Les "coules" de Petite Valachie (1991)
  - L'église de Densus (1991)
  - Le noyau historique de la ville d'Alba Julia (1991)
  - Massif du Retezat (1991)
  - Pietrosul Rodnei (sommets de montagne) (1991)
  - Sinpetru (site paléontologique) (1991)
  - Codrul secular Slatiora (forêt séculaire) (1991)
  - The Historic Centre of Sibiu and its Ensemble of Squares (2004)
  - The old villages of Hollókő and Rimetea and their surroundings (2012)

- Extension to the Joint World Heritage Property “Primeval Beech forests of the Carpathians (Slovak Republic and Ukraine) and the Ancient Beech forests of Germany (Germany) (2015)
- 18. Intangible Heritage Lists:** 4 elements on the Representative List
- The Căluș Ritual (2008)
  - Doina (2009)
  - Craftsmanship of Horezu ceramics (2012)
  - Men’s group Colindat, Christmas-time ritual (2013), jointly with the Republic of Moldova
- 19. Memory of the World Register:** no inscriptions
- 20. Creative Cities Network:** no appointments
- 21. Legal instruments:** 18 ratified and 22 non-ratified
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: acceptance (20 January 2006).
  - Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: accession (20 July 2006). Romania was the first European Member State to have deposited its instrument of accession.
  - International Convention against Doping in Sport: acceptance (23 October 2006).
  - Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: acceptance (31 July 2007).
- 22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2014-2015:** 4
- 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Prince Constantin Brâncoveanu, patron of culture and arts (1654-1714)
  - 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Elena Văcărescu, writer (1864-1947)
  - 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of George (Gogu) Constantinescu, scientist (1881-1865)
  - 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Tudor Vianu, literary and art critic, philosopher and writer (1898-1964)
- Anniversaries with which UNESCO will be associated in 2016-2017:** 2
- 100th anniversary of the death of Ștefan Luchian, painter (1868-1916)
  - 100th anniversary of the death of Titu Maiorescu, literary critic and politician (1840-1917) (with the support of Bulgaria and the Republic of Moldova)
- 23. Participation Programme:**
- 2014-2015: 2 projects request approved for a total amount of US\$ 50,000
  - From 2006 to 2014, Romania did not received project assistance under this Programme due to an outstanding sum of US\$ 35,856, which it had to reimburse to UNESCO following an audit in 2005. This sum was finally returned to UNESCO in October 2013.
- 24. Fellowships:**
- 1 fellowship awarded since 2010 for a total amount of US\$ 15,000.
  - 2 fellowships granted since 2008 for a total amount of US\$ 25,000
- 25. Payment of membership fees for 2014 - 2015:** fully paid
- Assessment rate: 0.226%
  - Contributions assessed for 2014 - 2015: US\$ 1,475,780
- 26. Voluntary contributions (equivalent in US\$):**

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	-	14,758	11,558	411,558	1,101,558	1,494,418

**27. Representation within the Secretariat: over-represented**

- 6 International professional staff in geographical posts (min. 3, max. 4)