

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 in 2019)
 - International Bioethics Committee of UNESCO (term expires in 2019)
 - 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 (since 26 October 2015)
 - Deputy Permanent Delegate: Mr Flavio Pironea
 - 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 Pavel Nastase, Minister of National Education and Scientific Research (since January 2017)
 - 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:** 6 Chairs
 - UNESCO Chair on Science and Innovation Policies, established in 2012 at the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration.
 - UNESCO Chair in Quality Management of Higher Education and Lifelong Learning, established in 2011 at the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu.
 - UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Development through Research and Education in Modern Physics, established in 2010 at the Horia Hulubei Foundation
 - UNESCO Chair in Information Technologies, established in 2000 at the University of Oradea

- Department-UNESCO Chair in Intercultural and Inter-religious Exchanges, established in 1999 at the University of Bucharest
 - UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Democracy, established in 1998 at the University of the North Baia Mare
 - UNESCO Chair in Integrated Rural Development, established in 1996 at the University of Agricultural and Veterinary Sciences, 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-Cousteau International Ecotechnie Chair/Network, established in 1993 at the University of Bucharest.
 - UNESCO Chair on Engineering Sciences, Energy and Environment Programme, established in 1991 at the Polytechnic 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
- Danube Delta (1998), a transboundary BR with Ukraine
 - Pietrosul Mare (1979)
 - Retezat (1979)
- 15. UNESCO Global Geoparks Network:** 1
- Hațeg Country Global Geopark
- 16. World Heritage Sites:** 7 (6 cultural and 1 natural)
- Cultural*
- Historic Centre of Sighisoara (1999)
 - The Wooden Churches of Maramures (1999)
 - The Dacian Fortresses of the Orastie Mountains (1999)
 - The Villages with Fortified Churches in Transylvania (1993, 1999)
 - Monastery of Horezu (1993)
 - Churches of Moldavia (1993)
- Natural*
- Danube Delta (1991)
- 17. Tentative List:** 16 properties
- Roșia Montană Mining Cultural Landscape (2016)
 - 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)
 - The old villages of Hollókő and Rimetea and their surroundings (2012)
 - The Historic Centre of Sibiu and its Ensemble of Squares (2004)
 - 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)

18. Intangible Heritage Lists: 6 elements on the Representative List

- Traditional wall-carpet craftsmanship (2016), jointly with the Republic of Moldova
- Lad's dances (2015)
- Men's group Colindat, Christmas-time ritual (2013), jointly with the Republic of Moldova
- Craftsmanship of Horezu ceramics (2012)
- Doina (2009)
- The Căluș Ritual (2008)

19. Memory of the World Register: no inscriptions

20. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

21. Legal instruments: 18 ratified and 22 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: acceptance (31 July 2007).
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: acceptance (23 October 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.
- Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: acceptance (20 January 2006).

22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is 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:

- 2016-2017: 2 projects approved for a total amount of US\$ 61,000
- 2014-2015: 2 projects request approved for a total amount of US\$ 50,000
- From 2006 to 2014, Romania did not receive 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: 3 fellowships granted since 2008 for a total amount of US\$ 35,000

25. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: none

26. Payment of assessed membership fees 2016-2017: fully paid

Assessment rate for 2016-2017: 0.184%

Contributions assessed for 2016-2017: US\$ 1,201,520

27. Voluntary contributions (equivalent in US\$):

Year	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	-	-	-	14,758	11,558	411,558	1,101,558	1,494,418

28. Representation within the Secretariat: over-represented

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