

The Foreign Languages Center of the
University of Bucharest

**„The History Goes on“
(Testing, assessing, research
projects, publications,)**

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MISSION AND VISION

- The Foreign Languages Center was founded by the rector's decision, no 2245 on the 20th of December, 1994.

Mission:

- Teaching, learning and a better acquisition of the foreign languages.
- Coordination and construction of programmes of language skills evaluation.
- Establishing partnerships with other language institutions, administrative or government bodies, NGOs, embassies and multinational companies.
- Involvement in both national and international grants, research projects.

MISSION

- MISSION: to research, to serve, to support and to promote the learning/teaching of foreign languages, within a multilingual framework in order to facilitate the European citizen adjust and integrate in the European Space.

OBJECTIVE

Language evaluation for 17 languages:

English, French, German, Russian, Italian, Polish,
Polish, Serbian, Slovakian, Croatian, Hebrew,
Japanese, Chinese, Arabian, Swedish, Dutch,
Romanian.

INSTRUMENTS TESTING

- 2-year certification, required by :
- university students;
- adults who want to enter the Doctoral school or a master programme;
- adults who want to start a business;
- employees of different ministries who need this certificate in their promotion portfolio.
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2 YEAR- CERTIFICATES

- Romanian Tests:
- 2016-404
- 2017-756
- 2018-110
- Total : 1270
- **For all languages: 3562 (2016-2018 at present)**

EUROPEAN LANGUAGES PORTFOLIO AND PASSPORT

- European Languages Portfolio and Passport (as part and whole of any European citizen's Euro-pass documents):
- In 2000, all Education Ministries in all European Union countries agreed on introducing this evaluation instrument at the recommendation of the European Commission.

EUROPEAN LANGUAGES PORTFOLIO AND PASSPORT

This evaluation instrument was required by:

- the Romanian MPs
- by members of the Romanian Government
- by officials who wanted to access European funds or start European projects
- by the ambassadors who had/have a mission in Romania- for the Romanian language
- by students for Erasmus mobilities.

EUROPEAN LANGUAGES PORTFOLIO AND PASSPORT

- 2016-9
- 2017-51
- 2018-68
- **Total: 218**

ECL Certificates

- 2004-affiliation
- The copy-right for constructing and assessing the ECL Romanian tests.

These certificates are required by:

- students from the high-school since our Ministry of education included them in the list for the Bacalaureat exam;
- master and doctoral students;
- Adults from Italy, Greece, Hungary, Italians especially for the Romanian language.

ECL statistics

- ECL for foreign languages:
 - 2016-9
 - 2017-5
 - 2018-5+ 5 in December already enlisted
 - **Total 24**
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- ECL Romanian assessment tests:
 - 2016: 39
 - 2017: 67
 - 2018: 35
 - **Total: 131**

TESTING

TOTAL NUMBER

2016-2018(at present)

- **5205 certificates**

CLS

DOCUMENTATION RESOURCE CENTER

- a. books and e-books on Terminology Studies;
- b. books and e-books on literature, linguistics, cultural anthropology;
- c. books and e-books on communication and foreign languages approach;
- d. studies and books on foreign languages testing and assessment.

CLS SERVICES

- Teaching foreign languages
- Assessing foreign languages
- Translations
- Constructing dictionaries, glossaries, test-books.
- Designing tests for the five language skills according to the European Framework
- Designing the Romanian tests for the ECL examinations

RESEARCH PROJECTS GRANTS

a. National research projects

- 1999, Terminologie management invatamant superior, Grant CNCSIS
- 2000, Project For Creating a Common Data-base, PN2-Parteneriate
- 2004, Spatiul virtual de predare ia terminologiei UE, PNCDI, Guvernul Romaniei
- 2005, Visiting Professorship, PN2-Parteneriate
- 2006, Grant Program for Developing Networks, PN2-Parteneriate
- 2007, Dotare laborator multimedia, PN2-Parteneriate.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

INTERNATIONAL GRANTS

- 2003-2005, European Business Cultures, Liverpool Hope University, Keith Cook, European Community
- **2006-Training Early Years Managers- Learning from our European Colleagues**, Liverpool Hope University, , Petra Luck, Leonardo Mobility.
- 2006, English for Chemistry, 2007.

- **Markstrat, Marketing Simulation Game, Dukenet European Consortim**
 - 2008- at present
 - Hosts: partner universities from Scotland, Poland, Spai, The Netherlands, Hungary, Finland, Norway, Romania.
 - 90-110 participants

The game: the use of English using Marketing concepts and Advertising Campaign tools in a virtual game.

The outcome:

- our delegations have won , so far, 19 gold medals, 18 silver medals, 72 bronze medals.**
- 180 articles in the Media about our performance**
- The visibility in the media contributed to our university ranking among the first 155 universities in the international rankings and the first one on the National level.**

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS GRANS

- **2013-2015: IP Socrates Project, Social Exclusions, University of Katowice, Poland**

3 meetings and course programmes:

- ✓ lectures on Social Exclusions in the 8 participating countries,;
- ✓ presentations on different types of exclusions – financial, sexual, for disabled people, IT exclusion, the homeless.
- ✓ usage of the Google tools in advertising campaign for firms.
- ✓ Our delegation: 24 students and 2 teachers (D Protopopescu and D Ionita): 5 first prize, 4 second prize, 15 third prize.

- **2016-2019 Consume Awareness, University of Katowice, Erasmus Plus project**

The outcome:

- Mobile Applicatione
- Consume-Aware book
- Consume Aware e-book
- Terminology glossary

- Our team: D Protopopescu, M Platis and D Ionita
- A chapter in the book and e-book on Marketing
- Terminology glossary in the book and the e-book
- Three video-films on Consumer's rights
- The editing and proofreading of the book and the e-book.
- Meetings: in Katowice, Budapest, Seinajoky, Bruges.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS 2016-2018

- **41 articles**
- **121 communications**
- **11 books**
- **6 ISI publications**
- **27 EBSCO publications**
- **35 PROQUEST publications**
- **31 reviews**

PUBLICATIONS

- Topics:
 - Teaching approaches: task-based approach
 - Languages for Specific Purposes
 - Terminology Glossaries
 - Text-books for students from faculties other than Human and Arts Studies

- **The history goes on.....**