

# Launch of the TRRISE UNESCO Chair & Annual Meeting of the Romanian UNESCO CHAIRS *24 of September 2025*

*Creating **BONDS** for the Future: **B**uilding **O**pportunities  
through **N**etworks, **D**ialogue, and **S**ustainability in Education*

## **PROGRAM**

### **10:00 – 11:30 | Session 1: Launch Event of the UNESCO Chair on STEM Education**

**CHAIR:** *Mihaela Florea*

**10:00 – 10:15 | Welcome and presentation of the UNESCO chair on STEM Education**  
**TRRISE- *Transfer of Research Results into STEM Education***

**Ionuț Enculescu** – *Director of the National Institute of Materials Physics (NIMP)*  
**Mihaela Florea** – *Chair, UNESCO Chair on STEM Education*  
**Andrei Neacșu** – *Co-chair, UNESCO Chair on STEM Education*

### **10:15 – 10:40 | Opening Words**

**Dumitrița Gliga** – *President, Parliamentary Commission for Relations with UNESCO  
(Chamber of Deputies & Senate, Romania)*  
**Andrei Alexandru** – *President, Romanian National Research Authority*  
**Narcis Constantin** – *Mayor of Măgurele City*

### **10:40 – 11:30 | Keynote Speeches**

**Ligia Deca** – *Secretary General, Romanian National Commission for UNESCO*  
**Simona–Mirela Miculescu** – *Ambassador Extraordinary & Permanent Delegate of Romania to UNESCO*  
**Andrei Luca** – *Director, Department of Cultural Diplomacy, Education and Science,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania*  
**Inga Nichanian** – *UNESCO, Coordination & Inter-University Cooperation*  
**Keith Holmes** – *Research Coordinator, UNESCO, Education Research and Foresight*  
**Megumi Watanabe** – *UNESCO Venice Center*  
**Laure Castin** – *Regional Director for Central and Eastern Europe,  
Association Universitaire Francophone*  
**Sergiu Musteață** – *Secretary General of the National Commission for UNESCO of the  
Republic of Moldova*  
**Virgil Băran** – *Director of the Council for Doctoral Studies, University of Bucharest*

## 11:30 – 12:00 | Coffee Break

## 12:00 – 13:15 | Session 2: Panel – Building Opportunities

### **CHAIR: Andrei Neacșu | Bridging Educational and Research Sectors: Opportunities, Challenges and Equity in STEM**

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| <b>Sabin Stoica</b>      | – Director of the International Center for Advanced Training and Research in Physics (CIFRA)                            |
| <b>Ralph Kaiser</b>      | – Unit Coordinator, Programmes and Advancement, International Centre for Theoretical Physics                            |
| <b>Simona Fîrțat</b>     | – Representative, L'Oréal Romania   |
| <b>Vasile Sevestrean</b> | – Student Representative, National Students' Association  |
| <b>Răzvan Bologa</b>     | – CEO & Founder, Nextlab.tech; Head of the Innovation and Research Commission, Bucharest University of Economic Studies |
| <b>Anca Greculeac</b>    | – Teacher, National College „Petru Rareș”, Suceava, UNESCO Associated School  |
| <b>Aurelian Rotaru</b>   | – Vice-Rector, Ștefan cel Mare University of Suceava  |
| <b>Nicoleta Safca</b>    | – President of the Association of Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology   |
| <b>Eugen Gheorghiu</b>   | – Director, International Center of Biodynamics   |

## 13:15 – 14:00 | Lunch

## 14:00 – 15:30 | Session 3: Annual Meeting of the Romanian UNESCO CHAIRS

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| <b>CHAIR: Gabriela Gabor</b> | – Coordinator, Education Sub-commission, Romanian National Commission for UNESCO   |
| <b>Anca Bogdan</b>           | – Chairholder, UNESCO Chair for Business Administration, Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ASE)  |
| <b>Viorel Vizureanu</b>      | – Chairholder, UNESCO Chair for Interculturality, Good Governance and Sustainable Development, University of Bucharest   |
| <b>Adrian Curaj</b>          | – Chairholder, UNESCO Chair for Science and Innovation Policies, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest                 |
| <b>Sorin Zaharia</b>         | – Chairholder, UNESCO Chair “Engineering for Society”, National University of Science and Technology Politehnica Bucharest                                     |
| <b>Nicoleta Brișan</b>       | – Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Development and Climate Change, “Babeș-Bolyai” University, Cluj-Napoca  |
| <b>Sergiu Musteață</b>       | – Network Coordinator, UNESCO UNITWIN Network on Heritage Preservation, Science, Communication for Sustainable Communities, “Valahia” University of Târgoviște |

**Mihaela Florea**

– *Chairholder, UNESCO Chair on Transfer of Research Results into STEM Education, National Institute of Materials Physics, Bucharest*

**Otilia Hedeșan**

– *Chairholder, Aspiring UNESCO Chair “Women in Communities: Intangible Cultural Heritage and Intergenerational Transfer”, West University of Timișoara*

## **15:30 – 16:30 | Session 4: Strong Bonds Build Resilient Minds**

### **15:30 – 16:15 | Round Table: Collaboration of Romanian UNESCO CHAIRS**

**CHAIR: Alexandru Andrașanu** – *President of the National Geoparks Forum, expert on UNESCO Global Geoparks*

### **16:15 – 16:30 | Closing Remarks**

**Adrian Curaj**

– *General Director, Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding, Romania*

## **16:30 – 17:30 | Visit to NIMP and CIFRA Facilities**