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Babeș-Bolyai University continued its efforts throughout the first half of 2026 to enhance the quality of its study programmes, research activities, and civic engagement for the benefit of the community. In particular, this period was marked by preparations for the evaluation visit aimed at maintaining the [HR Award for Excellence in Research](#), which was successfully completed.

Competitiveness and internationalization

During the first half of this year, Babeș-Bolyai University was included in several prestigious international university rankings:

- In the 2026 edition of the [Times Higher Education World University Rankings](#), Babeș-Bolyai University was placed in the 1201–1500 band worldwide. Its strongest performance was recorded in the Research Quality indicator.
- In the latest edition of the [CWTS Leiden Open Edition](#) ranking, Babeș-Bolyai University ranked 1,045th among 2,773 universities worldwide.
- According to the [Webometrics Ranking of World Universities](#), Babeș-Bolyai University maintained its position as Romania's leading university, ranking 675th globally.

[Babeș-Bolyai University](#) decided to withdraw from the Times Higher Education Sustainability Impact Rankings. This decision follows the example set by the top 25 universities in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, of which only one also participates in the Times Higher Education Sustainability Impact Rankings.

News

- By [Resolution No. 107/15.06.2026](#), the Babeş-Bolyai University Senate approved the Quality Assurance Strategy of Babeş-Bolyai University for the 2026–2030 period.
- By [Resolution No. 70/27.04.2026](#), the Babeş-Bolyai University Senate approved the Methodology for Evaluating the Quality of Academic Mobility Placements for Students and Doctoral Candidates.
- The Babeş-Bolyai University [Internal Self-Evaluation Report](#) was prepared in anticipation of the periodic external institutional evaluation to be conducted by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ARACIS) during 2026.

Activities

- The Report on the Labour Market Insertion of Babeş-Bolyai University Graduates, Class of 2023 was prepared and published on the [Qualitas Centre website](#).
- The 2025 "Why We Choose Babeş-Bolyai University" Student Motivation Report was published on the [Qualitas Centre website](#), together with the longitudinal study "Why We Choose Babeş-Bolyai University" (2019–2025).
- The 2025 Report on the Evaluation of the Professional Activity of Academic and Research Staff by the Management was prepared and published on the [Qualitas Centre website](#).
- The Qualitas Centre also prepared and published the report on [Dropout from Bachelor's Degree Programmes](#) and the Social Profile of Students: An Exploratory Longitudinal Analysis, 2019–2023.
- Representatives of the Qualitas Centre, together with representatives of the BBU Quality Assurance and Evaluation Committee (CEAC-UBB), participated in numerous periodic ARACIS evaluation visits for bachelor's, master's, and doctoral study programmes.



HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AWARD

Receiving the HR Excellence in Research award represents UBB's commitment to implement the principles of the [Code and Charter for Researchers](#) in order to foster research careers since 2018.

The European Commission recognizes with the HR Excellence in Research Award the institutions that make progress in aligning their human resources policies to the 40 principles of the Charter & Code, based on a customized action plan/HR strategy.

- On 11 June 2026, three European evaluators — Inga Staškevičiūtė-Butienė (Lithuania), Mónica Moreno (Spain), and Milan Zdravkovic (Serbia) — visited Babeş-Bolyai University (UBB) to conduct the renewal audit for the [HR Excellence in Research Award](#).
- Throughout the day, the evaluators met with members of the HR Award Coordination Committee, the four working groups, representatives of the administrative units, and three groups of researchers — from early-career to senior level — bringing together a total of 43 participants. The discussions focused on the extent to which the principles of the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers have been embedded in UBB's organizational culture, as well as on the measures planned for the next three years under the [Action Plan](#).
- The official evaluation report is still pending. However, the public feedback provided by the evaluators was encouraging: UBB made a positive impression and was encouraged to continue its efforts in implementing the HR Excellence in Research process.

Events and recommendations

- [2026 EUA Council for Doctoral Education \(EUA-CDE\) Annual Meeting](#) – European University Association Council for Doctoral Education, University of Galway, Galway, **17–19 June 2026**.
- [2026 European University Association \(EUA\) General Assembly](#) – European University Association, Yeditepe University, Istanbul, **16 April 2026**.
- [2026 ENQA Members' Forum](#) – focused on strengthening trust, transparency, and the effectiveness of quality assurance processes across the European Higher Education Area; Budapest, **22–24 April 2026**.
- ENQA Webinar: [Quality Assurance and Learning for Sustainability](#) – This webinar presented the findings of a recent survey of quality assurance agencies on the role of quality assurance in supporting learning for sustainability in higher education.
- [The Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education \(ARACIS\)](#) will organize a seminar on quality assurance and quality evaluation in higher education in Sibiu on **15–16 October 2026**.



Diversity and inclusion

During this period, we focused on developing our communication channels in this area. We expanded the Centre's website to include, alongside the [institutional documents](#), a dedicated section featuring both [internal](#) and [external](#) support services, including organizations based in Cluj and operating at the national level. These services are organized into three categories — physical and mental health, representation, and social recognition — to facilitate easier navigation. All organizations included on the website have agreed to be part of this collaboration, and we encourage members of our community to contact them with confidence whenever needed. We are currently preparing Hungarian and English versions of this information to ensure that it is accessible to our entire academic community.



Dear colleagues, if you organize activities or events relevant to quality assurance, please send us information about them at qualitas@ubbcluj.ro.

Qualitas Center is at your disposal with information on quality assurance, university rankings and graduates' career progression: qa.ubbcluj.ro.