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In the context of nationwide budgetary austerity, in the second half of 2025, Babeş–Bolyai University adopted a set of cost-cutting measures, including reorganizing departmental structures, centralizing certain services, adjusting budgets, increasing teaching loads, and limiting hiring.

The implementation of these measures requires additional effort to ensure the quality of activities across the entire academic community.

Competitiveness and internationalization

Babeş–Bolyai University once again stands out for its remarkable achievements in sustainability and sustainable development, earning recognition as the national leader in two of the most respected international rankings:

- In the [UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2025](#), UBB ranks first in Romania and 287th globally among 1,745 universities evaluated.
- In the [QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2026](#), UBB also holds first place nationally and ranks 318th worldwide out of 2,022 universities included.

Activities

- By Decision no. 114/21.07.2025, UBB's Senate approved the [revised operational procedure for the evaluation of the professional activity of academic staff and researchers by the management](#).
- In August, the report on the [Peer Evaluation Process for the 2024/2025 academic year](#) was finalized and published. A total of 586 academic and research staff were evaluated by their peers. The institution-wide weighted average was 4.79.
- The Report on the [Assessment of the Doctoral Program by UBB Doctoral Candidates](#) for the 2024/2025 academic year was published. Compared to the previous years' evaluation, the response rate increased to 37.25% (from 27.2%), while the average score remained almost identical: 4.24.
- The Report on [Students' Evaluation of Teaching Performance](#) for the second semester of the 2024/2025 academic year was finalized and published.
- The report on the [Dynamics of Student Numbers and University Dropout Rates](#) was finalized. The data show a slight reduction in dropout, particularly among first-year students.
- The [operational procedure for organizing and conducting the evaluation of student satisfaction at bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels](#) was revised (Senate Decision no. 122/09.09.2025).
- The [Quality Assurance Policy of Babeş-Bolyai \(UBB\)](#) was developed (Senate Decision no. 200/24.11.2025). The document defines the principles and mechanisms for developing and promoting a culture of quality and provides the general framework for the evaluation, monitoring, and continuous improvement of institutional performance.



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.

- Due to the increasing number of universities involved in the HRS4R process, the administrative procedures for granting or renewing the [HR Excellence in Research Award](#) are progressing more slowly. In this context, UBB is awaiting confirmation of the administrative eligibility, a mandatory step prior to the site visit.
- The implementation of actions outlined in the [2025-2027 Action Plan](#) has been initiated, including meetings with the coordinators of working groups and other academic structures.
- Additional information and documents related to the HRS4R process are available [here](#).
- UBB is participating in the European [NextTechTalents](#) project, which aims to develop the skills of early-career researchers in advanced technological fields.
- UBB established an [endowment fund](#), as a long-term strategic financing mechanism to support research projects and university investments.
- UBB provides researchers with access to the [Digital Commons Data \(DCD-UBB\)](#) repository, a platform dedicated to collecting, storing and sharing scientific data across disciplines.

Events and recommendations

- [Kick-off meeting of the Working Group on Cross-border Quality Assurance in the EHEA](#) - Brussels, Belgium, **27-28 January 2026**
- [INQAHE Forum 2026](#) - on the role of quality assurance in improving access, inclusion and quality in tertiary education - Sun City, South Africa, **3-6 February 2026**
- [Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Conference 2026](#) - “[Embedding EDI in Higher Education: Tradition Retold, Borrowed Insights, and Bold Innovations](#)” - Manchester, UK, **25-26 March 2026**
- [ENQA Member's Forum 2026](#) - on strengthening trust, transparency and efficiency in QA processes across Europe - Budapest, Hungary, **22-24 April 2026**



Diversity and inclusion

The consultation process for developing the UBB Inclusion Strategy continued with the organization of three thematic meetings with representatives of student organizations and the administrative centers involved. As a result, in addition to the Strategy, two operational outcomes were outlined: a Guide for organizing inclusive events and the Calendar of inclusion at UBB.

During EUTOPIA Inclusion Month, [an online awarenessraising campaign](#) was launched, aimed at clarifying the concept of social inclusion in relation to the various protected characteristics.

Based on an inter-institutional collaboration agreement, four [workshops were organized for 90 students](#), facilitated by the FILIA Center, on recognizing and addressing street harassment.



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

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