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# **QualiNews**

#### Competitiveness

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Babeș-Bolyai University is once again ranked first in the country, according to the 2022 edition of the University Metaranking, published on November 24. In total, 31 Romanian universities were included in this year's edition, and the ranking was published with support of Qualitas

According to the last edition (2023) of the US News Global Universities Rankings, Babeş-Bolyai University is the second best university in Romania, out of the 15 Romanian universities included, while ranking #717 internationally, and 292# in Best Global Universities in Europe. UBB holds the following positions by subject:

Subject	Global Rank	National Rank
Chemistry	660	1
Engineering	487	1
Geology	350	1
Mathematics	111	1
Physics	333	2
Psychiatry/Psychology	341	1

In the 2023 edition of *Times Higher Education* World University Rankings, Babeş-Bolyai University ranks 1001-1200 internationally and third in the top national universities.

UBB has once again reconfirmed its position as one of the leading universities at a global level, as shown by the 2023 editon of Times Higher Education World University Rankings by subject. According to the ranking, UBB holds impressive positions in the following academic fields.

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Subject	Global Rank	National Rank
Arts and humanities	501-600	2
Business and economics	501-600	1
Education	401-500	1
Social sciences	501-600	1
Computer science	601-800	1
Engineering	501-600	1
Life sciences	601-800	2
Physical sciences	801-1000	1
Psychology	401-500	1

In the 2023 edition of QS Sustainability Rankings, introduced for the first time in 2022 and published on October 26, Babeş-Bolyai University was ranked 321-340 internationally. Only two Romanian institutions entered this ranking and UBB holds the first position.

## **News**

By decision no. 15 452/08.11.2022 UBB's Administration Council approved the operational plan for the 2022-2023 academic year. The decision was approved by UBB's Senate in the meeting of November 14, 2022.

By decision no. 15 453/08.11.2022 UBB's Administration Council approved the composition of the Councils elected at the level of the Doctoral Schools (CSD). The decision was approved by UBB's Senate in the meeting of November 14, 2022.

By decision no. 15 455/08.11.2022, UBB's Administration Council has updated the composition of the Ethics Commission of the Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca. The decision was approved by UBB's Senate in the meeting of November 14, 2022.

According to the decision no. 823/14.11.2022 of Administration Council, all journals in the UBB portfolio will have to analyze the submitted manuscripts for antiplagiarism, based on their own procedure, which will have to be developed, publicly posted and implemented starting from January 1, 2023.

#### **Activities**

The 2022 European Quality Assurance Forum (EQAF) 2022, entitled "Shaping or sharing? QA in a value-driven EHEA", took place in Timișoara, from November 17 to 19. Professor Ioana BICAN, PhD (director of Qualitas Centre) and secretary Iulia GRECU (Curriculum Office) participated on behalf of UBB.

The multiplier event of the Euni4ALL Project, Guide of Universities that work for inclusion, in Porto. The Guide for Standards of Inclusion for Students with Disabilities, a selfassessment tool of the university's performance regarding the inclusion of students with disabilities was presented. Sociologist ref. dr. Júlia Szabó participated online on behalf of Qualitas Centre.

The report on the assessment of teaching performance by students in the academic year 2021-2022 was published.

In the calendar of QA activities of the UBB, the following data will be collected from the faculties: the planning of the interevaluations for the academic year 2022-2023 and the reports on the inter-evaluations carried out in the academic year 2021-2022; the reports on the evaluation of the professional activity of CD and CS for the academic years 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022; the quality assurance programme for the academic year 2022-2023 and the evaluation of the same programme for 2021-2022.

ARACIS organized an information session on October 22 regarding the Procedure for resolving appeals and notifications submitted within the external quality assessment processes, as well as the Code of Ethics and the Rules of professional conduct in the activities carried out by ARACIS regarding the assurance and quality assessment in higher education in Romania.

## **Events**

**Qualitas Centre** recommends the upcoming events:

- EUA Conference "Deepening, widening, focusing: How to navigate transnational university cooperation <u>into the future?</u>" - Bruxelles – **December 12, 2022** (deadline for registration: **December 4, 2022**)
- EURASHE Workshop <u>University-business cooperation</u> Bruxelles, hybrid format **November 25, 2022**
- CGHE online seminar Language and intercultural student interactions: Insights from a cosmopolitan agency perspective - December 15, 2022
- SRHE Webinar "Relational Pedagogies: Connections And Mattering In Higher Education" March 7, 2023
- ENQA Members' Forum 2023, hosted by the National Center for Educational Quality Enhancement (NCEQE) in Tbilisi, Georgia - April 20-21, 2023

# **Digital library**

**Qualitas Centre** recommends the following publications:

- ARACIS Newsletter, Volume II / 2022, No. 3 (2022 July September)
- CGHE Influences on and dimensions of English university governing body roles
- OECD The Climate Action Monitor 2022
- OECD International Migration Outlook 2022
- European Journal of Education Special issue: Futures of artificial intelligence in education
- EUA <u>Leading through disruptive transformations in higher education</u>

The Issue no. 2/2022 (Vol. VI) of the <u>JRHE</u> – <u>Research</u>, <u>pedagogy</u> and <u>practice</u> of translation and <u>interpretation</u> (special issue) – was published and can be accessed <u>online</u>.

## Dear Colleagues,

If you have / organise / create / participate in tutorials / demonstrations / tools regarding online teaching, which you think would be useful to share with the UBB community, please send us a link to them, so we

can include them in the next issue of Qualinews. Qualitas Centre is willing to assist fellow members of the UBB staff with information regarding quality assurance, university rankings and graduate market employability overviews. You can contact us at

qualitas@ubbcluj.ro or at the extensions: 7021 and 7022, every day from 8am to 4 pm.