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WELCOME TO THE FACULTY OF EUROPEAN STUDIES!

Hi! My name is Adrian and, in the following paragraphs, I'll help you to become acquainted with the Faculty of European Studies, as its former BA, MA and Ph.D graduate, and now, as an Associate Professor here, and Dean since 2020.

Although it's one of the youngest in UBB, the Faculty of European Studies is particularly dynamic, given its international breadth, multicultural atmosphere and rich academic life, all of which match its objective of building the knowledge and skills needed for the management of EU integration chiefly in the Central and Eastern European area. This is in keeping with the three pillars the mission of our University relies upon: education, research and openness to society. Let me tell you what I mean by this!

In our 1500-strong academic community, we experience an amazing level of diversity, with 20% of our students coming from other countries, and Romanian students joining us from all of our regions. This is because our Faculty is the only

one in this part of Europe that provides a complete academic experience in the areas of International Relations and European Studies (distance learning too!), with the possibility to opt for Management, European Administration and Business Diplomacy at the BA level.

Multilingualism is key in our BA, MA & Ph.D courses, with English, French and German in the limelight. Their curriculum is constantly being adapted to the requirements of our institutional partners and embraces a multidisciplinary core of subjects, with international relations, EU integration, political science, communication, economics, project management, law, history, digital skills and anthropology at the forefront. Add to that lots of practical experience in our network of future employers (public institutions, multinationals, consultancy companies, NGOs and many more) and you'll have the picture of a modern, skill-based approach to higher education.

One thing that I've always liked about the Faculty of European Studies is that there's always something important happening in terms of scientific or social events, extracurriculars and projects. The research conducted by our teams of professors, students and Ph.D candidates, often within our Doctoral School, enables the participants to focus on a potential academic career. This is why most of our young staff are recruited from within the Faculty's extended alumni community, based on their experience with the EU, or in some cases the diplomatic corps, the economic milieu and other relevant career paths that enable a good practitioner to turn into an equally good teacher and researcher. The international conferences, academic journals and EU-funded projects (some student-led) are just some of the outputs that endow our research with the visibility that makes the Faculty part of the current debate on EU integration and international relations in our region and often beyond.

When I chose to apply for this Faculty, what I had in mind was that I needed one that was well connected to society, to professional outcomes and, of course, to the international university community. These features of any ambitious academic institution are very much present at the Faculty of European Studies, where decision-makers in our area of expertise (EU representatives, national & local leaders, diplomats, as well as successful entrepreneurs) are frequently invited to interact with our students and staff, so that we may play our part in shaping relevant policies and agendas. Our Faculty is a prominent contributor to the field of EU-funded projects, which are key to institutional growth and enable our students to benefit from Erasmus mobilities in our network of 120 universities, as well as from lucrative internships and multiple-degree MA programmes, all with the support of the EU.

Student life is vibrant, much like the Transylvanian city of Cluj that is home to our University, with festivals, exciting trips, sporting activities, social events focusing on our multicultural tradition and other creative activities, many of which are hosted by our student societies. Seldom will you encounter more opportunities to learn, do research, engage with people from such a diversity of cultural and professional backgrounds, and have fun as within our growing academic environment! By browsing through this brochure, you'll find out much more about what the Faculty of European Studies has to offer and how it's grown into the community that it is today, ready to welcome you!



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STUDY PROGRAMMES

BACHELOR / UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL:

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND EUROPEAN STUDIES

Field: International Relations and European Studies

The graduate's title: BA in International Relations and European Studies

Duration of studies: 6 semesters

Type of enrolment: full-time

Lines of study: Romanian (full-time and distance learning), English, German

MANAGEMENT

Field: Management

The graduate's title: BA in Economic Sciences

Duration of studies: 6 semesters

Type of enrolment: full-time

Line of study: Romanian

DIPLOMACY IN BUSINESS

Field: International Relations and European Studies

The graduate's title: BA in International Relations and European Studies

Duration of studies: 6 semesters

Type of enrolment: full-time

Line of study: Romanian

EUROPEAN ADMINISTRATION

Field: Administrative Science

The graduate's title: BA in Administrative Science

Duration of studies: 6 semesters

Type of enrolment: full-time

Line of study: Romanian

MASTER / POSTGRADUATE LEVEL

CULTURAL DIPLOMACY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Erasmus Mundus

Field: International Relations and European Studies

Duration of studies: 4 semesters

Type of enrolment: full-time

Line of study: English

Quadruple diploma programme with Jean Monnet University of Saint-Etienne, France, Polytechnic Institute of Tomar, Portugal, Babeş-Bolyai University, Romania and University of Naples Federico II, Italy.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, FOREIGN POLICY AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT

Field: International Relations and European Studies

Duration of studies: 4 semesters

Type of enrolment: full-time

Line of study: English

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION

Field: International Relations and European Studies

Duration of studies: 4 semesters

Type of enrolment: full-time

Line of study: Romanian and English

COMPARATIVE POLITICAL EUROPEAN STUDIES

Erasmus Mundus

Field: International Relations and European Studies

Duration of studies: 4 semesters

Type of enrolment: full-time

Line of study: French (2nd diploma issued by Paris Est – Créteil University, France or University of Szeged, Hungary)

POLITICAL CULTURE AND GLOBAL STUDIES

Field: International Relations and European Studies

Duration of studies: 4 semesters

Type of enrolment: full-time

Line of study: German (some courses taught in English)

EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AND PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

Field: International Relations and European Studies

Duration of studies: 4 semesters

Type of enrolment: full-time

Line of study: Romanian

ADVANCED MANAGEMENT

Field: Management

Duration of studies: 4 semesters

Type of enrolment: full-time

Line of study: Romanian



PH.D PROGRAMMES

The Ph.D School of the Faculty of European Studies, "International Relations and European Studies", offers doctoral studies in several disciplines. Moreover, it boasts a framework for the multi- and inter-disciplinary research on current European social, economic and political issues, placed at the crossroads of history, political science, economics and international relations. Besides supervising Ph.D theses and offering training on specific subjects, our School organizes events open to a broader audience and, thus, it participates in the public life of the city. Ph.D programmes are also offered in foreign languages: English, French and German.

The collaboration with A.D. Atid Lekidum (Haifa, Israel) for the recruitment of international candidates for our Ph.D Programme enhances the internalization of the doctoral school. Its reputation goes beyond the European area.



The doctoral stage implies a mentorship system based on methodological innovation, practical applications and exploitation of results in renowned publications and conferences. Our faculty's trans-disciplinary conferences include Ph.D students' panels. After earning a Ph.D degree at the Faculty of European Studies, one can enroll in a post-doctoral programme at Babeş-Bolyai University, which is subsidized by the European Social Fund through The Romanian Operational Programme "Human Capital". Our faculty was part of the post-doctoral European project entitled Innovative quality doctoral and post-doctoral research relevant for the labour market, which aims to increase the employment of Ph.D and post-Ph.D students, mainly those in the field of human sciences, through customised entrepreneurial programmes, counseling sessions and professional orientation. Within the project, students gained transversal skills convergent with the requirements of the labour market and were supported to share the results of their research by means of conferences, internships and publications.

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DISTANCE LEARNING



Taking into consideration the increased demand for flexible higher education programmes in its area of expertise, the Faculty of European Studies has developed the distance learning programme in International Relations and European Studies. The distance learning facilities offered by our faculty have become complementary to our traditional educational system, meeting the needs of a large group of students aiming to have flexible timetables and attendance requirements, adapted to their own schedules, at the same high quality standards as traditional learning programmes.

The faculty's distance learning programme is coordinated by Lect. Dr. Monica Burcă-Voicu.

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Romania's integration into the EU requires a significant number of trained specialists. Many of the European Studies Alumni have been employed by prominent European

and Euro-Atlantic institutions, where they have proven the measure of their training and commitment. European Studies graduates are trained to become specialists in European integration (consultancy, evaluation, analysis, economic, juridical, socio-political expertise).

They can develop career paths in the following potential occupations:

- ✓ Specialist/counsellor/expert/adviser/consultant on European affairs within local, national, European institutions or in different international institutions, with attributions in: programmes administration, policies administration, evaluation, economic-judicial auditing and consultancy and public relations;
- ✓ Specialist/counsellor/expert/adviser/consultant within the departments of European integration from mayor offices, local councils, prefectures, county councils, ministries and public agencies;
- ✓ Counsellor/expert/parliamentary consultant;
- ✓ Specialist/counsellor/expert/adviser/consultant in regional development agencies, non-governmental organizations, research institutions or private companies;

- ✓ Specialist/counsellor/expert/adviser/consultant for interest groups/lobby;
- ✓ Specialist/counsellor/expert/inspector/adviser/consultant/commentator/publicist/special correspondent/editorialist on European integration issues in the field of mass media;
- ✓ Adviser/secretary/diplomatic counsellor/consular counsellor;
- ✓ Teacher in the field of humanities and social sciences: European integration, regional development, history of Europe etc.;
- ✓ Trainer within lifelong learning programmes that target specific domains of European administration and project management;
- ✓ Project manager, European projects consultant, adviser in accessing European structural and cohesion funds.



CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

ALUMNI

By way of the Alumni project within the Babeş-Bolyai University Alumni Association, the Faculty of European Studies has the purpose of keeping in touch with its former students. The beneficiaries of this project are both the graduates of the faculty, as they are informed about our academic activities, and the Faculty of European Studies itself, through the feedback received on the professional evolution of its graduates.

Due to the variety of courses offered and to the interdisciplinary approach, the graduates of the Faculty of European Studies are employed in various areas of activity, both within the country and abroad: EU institutions, public administration, cultural institutes from Romania, the business environment and NGOs.



Alumni testimonials

I am Cristina Blaj and I graduated from the Faculty of European Studies (International Relations and European Studies – in English), in 2015. In 2017 I earned my MA Degree in Transatlantic Studies at the same faculty. While studying at FES, I enrolled in Law School and graduated in 2018.



Cristina Blaj

BA: International Relations
and European Studies,
MA: Transatlantic Studies

My curiosity led me to a more dynamic field, although equally formal as the legal one, the IT. I started as a project assistant manager with the company OSF Digital and two years later, I achieved my goal, the project manager position. I was given the opportunity to experience a completely new environment which welcomed me with open arms. My desire to perform in a merit-based field was fully met there. My personal experience has taught me to easily adjust to new challenges, to be vocal with my opinions and to celebrate my achievements. I strongly believe that all energies work together when you find your path and know exactly what you want in life. It might have taken longer for me to find my way but I never lost my courage and determination.

If I were to talk to the person I was 5-6 years ago, I would tell her to never lose curiosity and to acknowledge that success must be celebrated and failure must be accepted because it builds character. It is more valuable to ask questions and to admit that you do not know everything than to claim to own the ultimate truth. I have no doubt that one will be rewarded for the courage to face injustice and that rewards will seem fully deserved.



Dalila Ciucan

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My name is Dalila Ciucan and I am a graduate of the Faculty of European Studies. I earned my BA degree in International Relations and European Studies and my MA degree in European Affairs and Programme Management.

I am a consultant-project manager at Cluj-Napoca City Hall. I joined the development team at this institution in 2017 and currently coordinate European projects such as Orizont 2020, Interreg, URBACT, POCA and Urban Innovative Actions. I am also a member of the writing team for internationally funded projects.

I am involved in the Civic Innovation and Imagination Centre and a member of the urban mobility group within the City Science Initiative (a Joint Research Centre project) and liaison with all project consortiums where the city has acquired membership.

Among my accomplishments is the contribution to the application for the European Innovation Capital 2020 project, where Cluj-Napoca was one of the six finalists.

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KEY EVENTS

CRISIS COMMUNICATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION



In crisis situations, good communication and conflict resolution strategies are important aspects that cannot be disregarded. In order to address these challenges, the international conference Crisis Communication and Conflict Resolution aims to support academics, researchers and Ph.D students by offering them an opportunity to present their latest research results in the fields of:

- Crisis and Risk Communication
- Conflict Transformation and Resolution
- The United Nations and Conflict Resolution,
- The European Union and Conflict Resolution
- Dealing with Ethnic and Religious Conflicts
- Political Communication
- Institutional and Corporate Communication
- Environmental Communication
- Mass-media Communication
- Discourse Analysis
- Education and Learning
- Mediation in International Conflicts

TRANSFERENCE OF THE EU INTEGRATION MODEL FROM EAST-CENTRAL EUROPE TO THE WESTERN BALKANS

The conference focused on the European Union's negotiations with the Western Balkan countries and on the possibility of transferring an integration model from East-Central Europe to the Western Balkans. The main goal was to identify specificities of EU-Western Balkan processes of negotiation, based on findings from field research conducted in Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia, but also on secondary data. The discussions

included various methodological approaches and multidisciplinary endeavours. The topics of the conference included (but were not necessarily restricted to):

- History of European integration
- East-Central European states and their experience with EU integration
- The Western Balkans: political, economic, historical and anthropological approaches
- Post-socialist and post-conflict developments in the Western Balkans
- Democratization and civil society in the Western Balkans

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND AREA STUDIES: FOCUS ON WESTERN BALKANS

The international conference aimed to bring together experts, professors and researchers preoccupied with the Western Balkans. The conference was meant to be a platform for multi-disciplinary approaches to the politics, history, and society in the Western Balkan countries. The topics of the conference included (but were not limited to):

- EU and the integration of the Western Balkans
- Europeanization in the Western Balkans: challenges and trends
- Post-communist developments in the Western Balkans (politics, society, economy)
- Anthropological and sociological approaches to (Western) Balkan identity
- The role of ethnicity in post-war Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia
- Populism and nationalism in the Western Balkan countries



EUROPEAN PROJECTS

The Faculty of European Studies has been conducting projects funded by the European Union since its establishment. Among the most recent endeavours that our students have benefitted from, in areas covering the convergence between education and active life, cooperation with the business and public environment, academic networking and curriculum development, one should note:

- Two Erasmus Mundus projects awarding multiple degrees, for the master programmes Études Politiques Européennes Comparées (MITRA) and Cultural Diplomacy and International Relations (DYCLAM+). They have contributed to the internationalisation of our masters programmes and have led to the enrolment of 78 foreign students between 2020-2023.
- Two Marie Skłodowska-Curie projects for international doctoral students, GEM-Diamond and Vortex, implemented in the FES Doctoral School. They support the Faculty's objectives of international cotutelle and, in particular, the European Ph.D.
- The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence project "Enhancing EU's role in consolidating local democratic resilience in Moldova and Serbia" (DREMS/101085517), one of the two new Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence approved for Romania by the European Commission, and a Jean Monnet Chair on the EU Green Deal.

- The project Transference of EU Integration Model from East-Central Europe to the Western Balkans (TEAM-WB/ PN-III-P4-ID-PCE-2020-0608) was successfully concluded in December 2023. The project enabled our teaching staff to interact with academics, decision-makers and civil society representatives from EU candidate countries in the Western Balkans and provide expertise to accelerate the integration process in the region.
- The Doctoral / postdoctoral project Development of advanced and applied research skills in the logic of STEAM+Health (POCU/993/6/13/153310), with a target group of 86 doctoral students and 30 postdoctoral researchers.
- The internship project Quality and interdisciplinarity in the practice of Babeş-Bolyai University students in cultural management (CIP/POCU/626/6/13/13/132253), also involving the Faculty of Theatre and Film and the Faculty of Orthodox Theology. In the framework of the project, 339 students carried out internships in a network of 18 partner institutions.
- Two ROSE projects between 2020-2024. The first one, PROSE/104/SGU/NC/Round II, aimed to combat university dropout by further preparing first-year students, while the second one, RED ROSE/116/SGU/PV/II, a five-year programme (still under implementation), has enabled us to organise summer schools to promote our degree lines, particularly among pupils at risk.
- In collaboration with the Society of European Students we implemented the projects Academic Writing Week, Understand Europe and European Parliament Simulation. In December 2023, we won the project Building an informed and engaged European electorate for voting in the 2024 European Elections - Romania, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria (101159812-EP-COMM-SUBV-NAT-E-2023), at the European Parliament. Won in partnership with The Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences and Europe Direct Romania, the project aims at funding a public awareness campaign on the importance of the 2024 European Parliamentary Elections.

ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION

The Faculty of European Studies is constantly strengthening its international presence by taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the internationalization policies of Babeş-Bolyai University (active presence in Eutopia, The Guild), by the collaboration with the university's Cultural Centres (e.g. the African Studies Centre, hosted by FES) and by programmes such as Erasmus Plus, Horizon Europe, CEEPUS, EEA Grants etc. Some of the most notable achievements in this area are mentioned below.

- We have been part of the CEEPUS network "Border and Regional Studies" (PL-1604-02-2223) since 2021. The network consists of 17 universities from 10 countries in Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans, whose research and educational interests are focused on border and regional studies. The thematic framework of the network addresses topics such as migration, multi-ethnic societies, revitalisation of regional identities, dynamisation of borders, quality of governance at local and regional level.
- Along with the Faculty of Theatre and Film, FES represents BBU in The Guild SSH and participates in the regular meetings of the association ("Deans"), as well as in the drafting of position papers aimed at strengthening the role of social sciences and humanities in the implementation of the Horizon programme. The Dean is a member of the organisation's societal readiness working group.
- As part of the EUTOPIA university alliance, FES is piloting a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) titled "Collective Intelligence" under the coordination of the University of Paris-Cergy.

- FES collaborates with the European Security and Defence College/ESDC (Brussels) to extend the research conducted under the auspices of the Faculty's Doctoral School. The Erasmus agreement with ESDC will allow us to run short-term Ph.D student mobilities to promote cotutelle and the European Ph.D.
- We have concluded research agreements with the universities of Aix-Marseille (Institut d'études politiques), Nova (Lisbon), The Hague (University of Applied Sciences), Warsaw, Debrecen, Akko and Istanbul (Kültür).
- Among the national/international partners with whom the Faculty has prepared conferences and publications in the period 2020-2024, we mention London School of Economics, University of Warsaw (through the Centre for Europe), University of Debrecen, the Institute of Political Studies of the University of Aix-Marseille, University of Belgrade, University of Bordeaux, Ege University/Izmir, SNSPA, University of Oradea, the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Romania, the EU Embassy in Iceland, ICDE, Montesquieu Centre for Political Science etc.
- The Memorandum of Understanding with the Institute of Cultural Diplomacy in Athens has reopened the prospects for partnership in this field of interest, particularly for Master's studies (Cultural Diplomacy and International Relations programme). We will organise joint events and exchanges of best practices for the curricular development of our Master's programme in this field.



The ERASMUS+ NETWORK

The Faculty of European Studies has one of the most extended networks of partner universities in the framework of the Erasmus Programme (over 100 at this time). This allows our students to study abroad for one semester or one academic year, in universities from all over Europe.

Offering a wide range of courses in foreign languages (German, English, French), our faculty has proved to be very attractive to students coming from abroad, within the Erasmus programme or other exchange programmes. Their number has increased steadily over the past years.

The Erasmus programme also enables the exchange of teaching and administrative staff. Our faculty encourages its staff to visit partner universities and to conduct teaching activities there. Another major benefit is the fact that our partner universities actively participate in the exchange programmes. Each year, several European visiting professors hold seminars and lectures on issues of interest for our students.

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DOUBLE DEGREE PROGRAMMES

University of Szeged (Hungary) and Paris Est – Créteil University (France)

- For the MA Programme Comparative Political European Studies (in French)

Jean Monnet University of Saint-Etienne (France), Polytechnic Institute of Tomar (Portugal) and University of Naples Federico II (Italy)

- For the MA Programme Cultural Diplomacy and International Relations (in English).

LIBRARIES AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR STUDENTS

The European Studies Library

The European Studies Library was founded in 1994 and owns over 12,000 volumes (books and periodicals); it offers recent information on economics, management, history, philosophy, political science, law, anthropology and European integration. The library has three reading rooms and a reference room.

The online catalogue of the Lucian Blaga Central University Library and several online databases such as EBSCO, ProQuest and Springer can be accessed from the library.

The American Studies Library

The “John Fitzgerald Kennedy” American Studies Library was founded in 1991. The library owns 7,300 books and journals specialized in literature, history, law, political science, economics and American philosophy, as well as encyclopedias and dictionaries.

The “Georg Weber” German Studies Library

The German Studies Library was founded in 2001 and has 5,000 volumes, 30 periodicals and 140 e-resources on philosophy, sociology, politics, economics, law, European Union, public administration, literature and history, as well as dictionaries, encyclopedias and biographies.

The computer network

The Faculty of European Studies provides 4 IT labs with 85 high-performance workstations and 4 servers. The faculty’s network is part of the BBU network (UBB Net), which is connected to the ROmanian EDUcational NETwork (ROEDUNET), and to the Internet. The network is also used for library activities. The faculty’s computer resources are used as IT tools by full-time students within their educational and research activities, and for e-learning courses.

The faculty also has lecture and seminar rooms and laboratories equipped for hybrid teaching activities.



INTERNSHIPS



The Faculty of European Studies emphasizes the importance of internships, which have become a compulsory part of its curriculum, so as to foster the constant development of students' practical skills and to enable them to gain access to the labour market in an effective manner. Hence, we have concluded numerous partnerships and implemented European projects in order to provide our students with optimal access to prominent public institutions, private companies and NGOs in the areas covered by our educational programmes.

One of these projects is titled Quality and interdisciplinarity in the practice of UBB students in the area of cultural management and its purpose is to facilitate the transition from education to work for 324 students of Babeş-Bolyai University, from the Faculty of European Studies, the Faculty of Orthodox Theology and the Faculty of Theatre and Film, by implementing an innovative learning programme at a potential job in the field of cultural management.

Another relevant initiative is RED ROSE - Remain in Education! Rise and Opt for Studies about Europe!, a three-year project implemented by the Faculty of European Studies and funded by the Romanian Ministry of Education with support from the World Bank. Its main objective is to enable 150 high school students to make the right choice of university education, based on their abilities and preferences, so as to facilitate their access to the labour market.

PROSE is a two-year project implemented by the Faculty of European Studies and funded by the Romanian Ministry of Education with support from the World Bank. It aims to fight against the university dropout phenomenon, by enabling 120 of our first-year students to enhance their academic performance and integrate into the labour market.

Moreover, recent endeavours have enabled us to develop an internship network for BA and MA students, centered on the challenging subject of Project Management.

The students' practical training comprises two levels:

- field trips to EU institutions - Brussels, Strasbourg, Luxembourg, Paris, for first-year students (partly subsidized);
- internships in national and local institutions for third-year students: the Presidency of Romania, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Economy, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, the National Institute of Statistics, Prefectures, Chambers of Commerce and Industry, companies.

At all levels, evaluations are finalized through a grade, which is a graduation requirement.



STUDENTS' ORGANIZATIONS

The Faculty of European Studies is an institution that strives to offer a comprehensive image of the European Union through its study programmes. Students are taught to understand the European Project from a historical, philosophical, political and economic perspective. European values are meticulously analyzed, compared and legitimized, in order to be embraced. We are also aware that we can leave our own imprint on Project Europe: Romania has values which have not faded in spite of unfortunate historical periods.

STUDENT LIFE

THE SOCIETY OF EUROPEAN STUDENTS (SSE)

The Society of European Students is a non-governmental organization mainly created for the students of the Faculty of European Studies, but not exclusively. It was founded in December 1995, in Cluj-Napoca, with the purpose of establishing contacts with other organizations from Europe and promoting European values. Moreover, the organization implements its activities under the patronage of the Faculty of European Studies. The Society of European Students (SSE) is well connected, both nationally and internationally: it is a member of FASER (The Federation of Student Associations in Economics from Romania), ANOSR (The National Alliance of Student Organizations from Romania) at national level, IAPSS (International Association for Political Science Students) and ESN (Erasmus Student Network), at international level.

The Society of European Students embraces its mission to develop the civil society in a European context, by stimulating youth initiative in order for its beneficiaries to achieve high performance in a competitive environment.

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