

Executive_Agency_for_Higher_Education,_Research,_Development_&_Innovation_Funding

The **Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding** (UEFISCDI) is a public entity of the Central Administration under the ultimate authority of Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sport (MoERYS).

UEFISCDI was established in July 2010, based on the Governmental Ordinance nr. 74/2010 by merging three organisations with responsibilities for the management and administration of various programs, in the field of higher education, research, development and innovation.

UEFISCDI plays the role of executive agency for seven advisory councils of the MECTS with responsibilities in the fields of higher education, research, development and innovation, namely:

- National Council of Higher Education, Statistics and Forecast (CNSPIS);
- National Council for the Attestation of University Titles, Diplomas and Certificates (CNATDCU);
- National Scientific Research Council (CNCS);
- Advisory Board for Research, Development and Innovation (CCCDI);
- National Council for Higher Education Financing (CNFIS);
- National Council of University Libraries (CNBU);
- National Council for Development and Innovation (CNDI);

UEFISCDI implements, under the supervision of its advisory councils, four out of the six programs of the National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation 2007-2013 (PN II), i.e.: Human Resources (exploratory research), Ideas (exploratory research), Partnerships in Priority S&T Areas (applied research), Innovation (innovation and technology transfer).

Between December 2008 and November 2011, UEFISCDI implemented six Strategic Projects for Higher Education (funded through European Social Fund).

Externally, UEFISCDI acts for the promotion of Romanian R&D and its integration in the international scientific community, by:

- Cooperating with similar organizations in Europe and worldwide
- Supporting to Romanian R&D actors to develop international partnerships

UEFISCDI is involved in 17 international projects, most of them under ERA-NET Scheme/FP6 and FP7.

UEFISCDI has strategic partnerships & cooperation agreements with the following organizations:

- European Science Foundation ? ESF
- Swiss National Science Foundation ? SNSF
- L'Agence nationale de la recherche ? ANR
- Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft ?DFG
- National Science Foundation ? NSF , USA
- Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research.

UEFISCDI is member of different European associations (EARMA, EARTO), offers support to SMEs by EUREKA, EUROSTARS, and administrates the Romanian participation to the Joint Technology initiatives ? JTI/JU (ENIAC, Artemis, Clean Sky, Fuel Cells, IMI).