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Current trends in academic cooperation

For several years, the Ministry of Education has been investing in various measures to increase the visibility and attractiveness of Romanian higher education, and employability is also playing an increasingly important role. Among other things, the Study in Romania - SiR platform for attracting international students was comprehensively modernised in 2020. Romania has 53 public and 34 private universities. All types of higher education institutions are generally represented in the major university centres of Bucharest, Cluj-Napoca, Iași and Timișoara. The largest university centre is Bucharest (35 universities) followed by Cluj-Napoca (11 universities). The university with the highest number of students is the Babeș-Bolyai University (BBU) in Cluj-Napoca.

In October 2024, 516 German-Romanian university partnerships are reported (a significant increase compared to 2022 with 461 partnerships, according to the HRK Higher Education Compass).

Germany is the second most important destination region for Romanian students after the UK. In fifth place after Moldova, France, Israel and Italy, German students are the largest cohort of international students in Romania. In the winter semester 2022/23, 4,217 Romanian students studied in Germany.

DAAD Activities

There are many DAAD programmes and projects running with and in Romania. The European University Networks (EUN), for example, are particularly important, with 21 Romanian universities currently involved in 16 alliances, 13 of which are joint programmes with German partners. In addition, there are two German-language degree programmes (DSG) at Babeș-Bolyai University (UBB) and the Technical University in Cluj-Napoca, which are funded by the DAAD. A range of German-language degree programmes are also offered, which are part of a German-language education system. In Romania, the programmes of the



- 260 funding recipients from Romania (2023)
- ← 741 funding recipients from Germany (2023)

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PASCH initiative therefore generate high numbers of scholarship holders and long-standing partnerships in the 'Support Initiative for German Schools Abroad and Partner Schools - BIDS' programme.

The DAAD has been represented by an Information centre in Bucharest since 2002; the management is currently vacant. In October 2024, the DAAD is funding one specialised lecturer and six regular lecturers in Romania. The DAAD's strategic priorities in Romania include:

- Information and marketing for Germany as a centre of higher education and research
- Scholarship programmes for high performing students and young academics

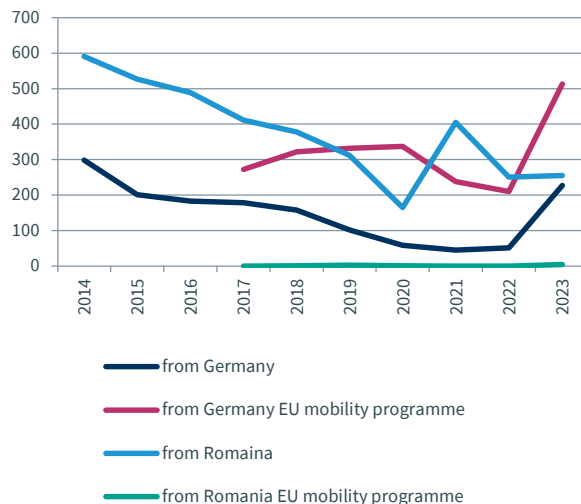
- Promotion of German-Romanian university cooperation programmes
- European University Networks (EUN)

- German language support in the context of German studies and in the study-related area
- Support for alumnae and alumni

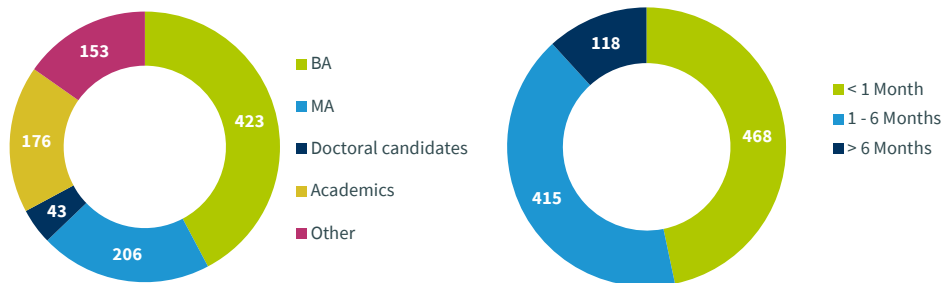
Selected funding programmes by number of DAAD funding recipients 2023

Individual funding	Romania	Germany
Scholarships for graduates of German schools abroad (PASCH schools)	38	-
Study Scholarships for foreign Graduates and Artists	14	-
'Go East' mobility grants	-	11
Deutschlehren.International	-	3
Project funding	Romania	Germany
Increasing the mobility of students at German universities PROMOS	-	125
German-language degree programmes (DSG); specialised courses in CEE/CIS	33	16
Internationalisation of universities of applied sciences (FH/HAW)	25	20
EU	Romania	Germany
ERASMUS mobility grants	5	514

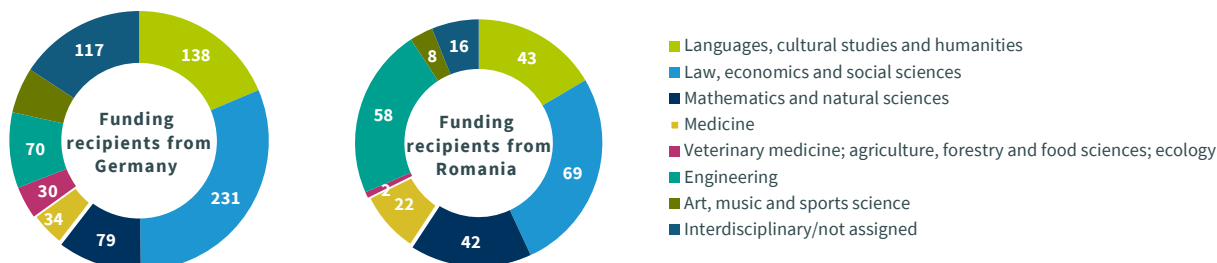
DAAD funding recipients Romania 2014–2023 (since 2017 incl. EU mobility programmes)



Distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2023 (including EU mobility programmes)



Subject distribution of DAAD funding recipients 2023 (incl. EU mobility programmes)



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