

Regional Studies in Romania

Regional Studies in Romania have been established during the last ten years mainly at universities as research centres. There is no bachelor curricula for this field but some universities offers master degree in regional studies or in connected fields like territorial planning and regional geography. A second institutional framework is provided by the Regional Development Agencies. They were created in 1999 as a consequence of Romania's EU accession process, for the implementation of the regional policy in Romania. Some of them have provided useful basic research in the field of regional studies.

The list below is not comprehensive, suggestions for further inclusion should be sent on e-mail to the country representative, prof. dr. Benedek Jozsef jozsef@geografie.ubbcluj.ro.

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www.uaic.ro/uaic/bin/view/Research/Centers+of+Research+and+Excellency or contact Alexandru Ungureanu on geoiasi@uaic.ro.

Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Centre for Population Studies.

Functions inside Babes-Bolyai University since 2002 and aims at the optimization of the main programs of scientific research at the national level and the involvement in international research programs, as well as a more active presence of the university in the public life.

For more information see www.csp.ubbcluj.ro/index_en or contact Mihaela Hărăguș on csp_cluj@yahoo.com.

Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Centre for Regional Studies.

A research centre focusing on studies and projects of regional development within the confines of European Programs. For more information contact Liviu Ilieș on lilies@econ.ubbcluj.ro.

Babeș-Bolyai University Cluj-Napoca, Centre for Regional Geography.

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Romanian Regional Science Association (RRSA). The association was set up in 2001 and at present it counts more than 120 dedicated members (economists, sociologists, geographers, architects, engineers, mathematicians), with a mature and deep interest in regional science as well as in the association's activities. For more information, see www.rrsa.ro/en or contact Daniela-Luminița Constantin on romanian_rsa@yahoo.com.

University of Bucharest, Research Centre in the Field of Population, Human Settlement Ecology and Political Geography.

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University of Oradea, Institute for Euroregional Studies (IERS).

European Excellence Centre with longstanding research interest in borders, cross-border cooperation and regionalism. IERS main fields: historic and demographic regional bases, administrative and geographical bases, the economic issue of Euroregional cooperation, borderless Europe, new identity forms. For more information see www.iser.rdsor.ro/index.htm or contact Ioan Horga on ihorga@uoradea.ro.

North-West Regional Development Agency (RDA).

It was set up in the North-West Development Region, as a public service organism, which operates in specific fields of regional development. For more information www.nord-vest.ro or contact Claudiu Coşier adrnv@mail.dntcj.ro