

Research and integration

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Abstract. I intend to draw attention to two aspects related to the specific field of Jewish Studies in Romania. The first aspect regards the main problems we are facing of which I will attempt a short inventory. The second aspect will focus on proposals that may be taken into consideration by a programme aimed at attaining European standards in the field of Romanian research.

1. Inventory of the main problems:

- the lack of a functional framework;
- the lack of an adequate infrastructure;
- the lack of necessary equipment and resources (for supporting the Romanian researchers and for inviting specialists from abroad as well);
- the lack of (didactic) material;
- the lack of an appropriate research methodology corresponding to European standards;
- the lack of specialists and of trained academics in this very field;
- the lack of a real contact with the universities and the research bodies throughout the world.

2. Help could be offered by:

- creating a functional infrastructure;
- developing plans for teaching and research in new areas;
- responding to academic needs by creating new programmes with the object of tightening academic integration;
- mediating and intensifying the dialogue with the scholars and the researchers from abroad;
- facilitating, on the one hand, the access to information in this field and on the other hand, the formation of academic specialists in the institutions abroad;
- promoting large collective projects and organizing lectures, symposia and conferences;
- facilitating the dissemination of research results through printed and other media.