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External evaluation report for the setting up (establishment) of a doctoral study domain

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I. Introduction[1]

This external evaluation report has been prepared regarding the possibility to set up (establish) the doctoral study domain in the field "Law" at the Ecological University of Bucharest (hereinafter, EUB).

It is the result of my participation as the international expert of the evaluation Panel, which was carried out on site at the EUB's venue on 15-17 July 2024 according to the programme approved by Vasilica NEGRUT (in her capacity as the Coordinator of the ARACIS Expert Panel) and Gabriel MANU (who is the EUB's Rector). The ARACIS Expert Panel was made up by four members, namely: Vasilica NEGRUT (full professor, "Lower" University of Galati), Gabriel-Liviu ISPAS (associate professor, University of Bucharest), Alina IONASCU (PhD student, West University of Timisoara) and myself (Gabriela Alexandra OANTA OANTA, associate professor of public international law and international relations at the University of A Coruña (Spain) and Holder of the Jean Monnet Chair "European Union law of the sea" cofinanced by the European Union). All meetings took place at the EUB's headquarters.

[1] When applicable, gendered information will be presented as well.

The overall objective of the evaluation visit at this academic institution was the assessment on the fulfilment of the criteria, standards, performance indicators and critical performance indicators for the authorization of a doctoral study domain in the field of "Law" at the EUB.[2] The external evaluation was carried out by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (in Romanian, ARACIS).

The external evaluation process of the proposal for the setting up (establishment) of a new doctoral study domain is based on the provisions of: (1) the Romanian Law of University Education no 199/2023 on 4 July 2023, especially the Title I – Higher Education, Chapter V – Organization of University Studies, Section 12 – Doctoral Studies, Articles 61-71; (2) the Romanian Government Decision No 681 of 29 June 2011 on the approval of the Code of Doctoral Studies, with subsequent amendments and additions; (3) the Romanian Government Emergency Ordinance No 75/2005 on Quality Assurance of Education, approved with amendments and additions by Law No 87/2006, with subsequent amendments and additions, in particular Articles 10, 13 and 29; and (4) the Order 3651 of 12.04.2021 of the Romanian Minister of Education for the approval of the Methodology on conducting the evaluation of university doctoral studies and of the systems of criteria, standards and performance indicators used in the evaluation. Furthermore, the ARACIS Guidelines for carrying out the external quality evaluation process for the setting up (establishment) of a new doctoral study domain were especially useful for the preparation of my external evaluation report.

According to Article 2(2) of the civil agreement signed with the ARACIS for the EUB's request on the establishment of the doctoral study programme in the field of Law, I had to use my own knowledge and intellectual capacity, skills and experience in order to perform this report. I moreover used the qualitative and quantitative data available in the documents provided by the ARACIS and EUB, both before and during the evaluation on-site visit.

The doctoral domain under review would be part of the institution organizing doctoral studies (in Romanian, IOSUD) within the EUB as well as its first domain for doctoral studies. This University has not therefore organized university studies at 3rd level yet.

During various meetings scheduled for 15 and 16 July 2024, I had the opportunity to see the willingness of this University to offer specialised 3rd cycle training in the field of Law, especially to its graduates. In relation to this, I would like to mention that the EUB counts on alumni of various master's degree programmes that are conducted in different faculties of this University, who can be interested in acquiring a higher specialization in the field of the domestic, European Union and international law, with a special focus on the doctoral supervisors' fields of specialization. In this regard, mention should be made, above all, to

[2] As set out in Annex No. 4 of the Guidelines for carrying out the external quality evaluation process for the setting up (establishment) of a new doctoral study domain.

the alumni of the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Ecology and Environmental Protection, and the Faculty of Communication Sciences. Additionally, the EUB has a relevant degree of specialization on interdisciplinary topics, such as the environment, climate change and urban-related issues, which could be of interest to Romanian civil servants to continue their training in a subject that could be useful for career enhancement or to specialise in a field where there are not yet many specialists in Romania.

II. Methods used

Before the evaluation visit, I revised the internal evaluation report for the doctoral study domain under review and its annexes, which were prepared by the EUB and provided to me by the ARACIS. I also reviewed the documents, data and information available on the EUB's website (in Romanian, https://www.ueb.ro/; and in English, https://www.ueb.ro/en/).

The on-site visit of the Panel was carried out at the EUB's venue according to the programme of the evaluation visit (see the Annex 1 of the external evaluation report for the setting up (establishment) of a doctoral study domain). It was an excellent opportunity to address the reports and annexes that accompanied the EUB's request for the establishment of the doctoral study domain in Law. Additional documents, which are annexed to this report, have been prepared with diligence and provided to carry out the assessment of the ARACIS's indicators in the best possible scenario.

During the evaluation mission, I received all the explanations I asked for a better understanding on how this University was working as well as all the necessary documentation to complete the information initially included in the evaluation dossier. A clear and transparent dialogue existed in any moment during the evaluation mission. At this point, I would like to thank the EUB's President, Prof. PhD Mircea Dutu; the EUB's Rector, Dr. Gabriel Manu; and the whole their team that was present during the visit. I really enjoyed our conversations and/or meetings, and I appreciated a lot their openness and wish for interchanging information and experiences.

III. Analysis of ARACIS's performance indicators

Domain A. INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

The domain analysis was carried out in accordance with the Romanian legislation and ARACIS's standards and indicators. The facts and documents provided by the EUB before and during the evaluation mission have been taken into consideration for the assessment of this domain.

As a general description of the domain analysis, the finding is that the IOSUD – EUB meets all the conditions required on its institutional capacity regarding the administrative and managenerial institutional structures and financial resources, the research infrastructure, and the quality of human resources.

Criterion A.1. Administrative and managerial institutional structures, and financial resources

As a general description of this criterion's analysis, it is noted that the IOSUD – EUB has implemented the necessary administrative and managerial institutional structures and financial resources laid down in the specific legislation on the organisation of doctoral studies.

Standard A.1.1. The institution organising doctoral studies (IOSUD) has implemented the effective functioning mechanisms provided for in the specific legislation on the organisation of doctoral studies.

The IOSUD – EUB has implemented all the effective operating mechanisms provided for in the specific legislation on the organisation of doctoral studies, as shown by the analysis of the following two performance indicators. Both indicators have been fulfilled.

Performance indicator A.1.1.1. The existence of specific regulations and their application at the level of the doctoral school that the doctoral domain is a part of:

a) the internal regulations of the doctoral school;

The normative framework regarding the organization and development of doctoral university study programs within the EUB has been approved by the Senate Decision no 4 on 29 February 2024. See the Annex 1.1.2.a) of the internal assessment report.

b) the methodology for conducting elections for the position of director of the Council of doctoral school (CSD), as well as elections by the students of their representative in the CSD, and evidence that such elections were conducted;

The EUB's Senate Decision no 4 on 29 February 2024 has approved the Methodology on the selection process of the IOSUD's director and of the students' representatives in the CSD at the EUB. See the Annexes 1.1.2.a and A.1.1.1.a of the internal assessment report.

c) methodologies for organising and conducting doctoral studies (admission of doctoral students, completion of doctoral studies);

The proper methodology for organising and conducting doctoral studies within IOSUD-EUB is regulated by an adequate normative framework, which details and explains the

whole process on the admission of doctoral students and the completion of doctoral studies. It has been approved by the Senate Decision no 4 on 29 February 2024. See the Annexes 1.1.2.a and A.1.1.1.b of the internal assessment report.

d) existence of mechanisms for recognising the status of a doctoral advisor and the equivalence of a doctoral degree obtained abroad;

On 29 February 2024 the EUB's Senate approved its Decision whose Article 3 sets out the methodology on the automatic recognition by the EUB of the status of doctoral supervisor got at a foreign accredited university. This Decision moreover provides the approval of the recognition at the EUB of the doctoral diploma and doctoral degree in sciences or in a professional domain obtained abroad. These methodologies are contained by the Annexes A.1.1.1.f and A.1.1.1.g of the internal evaluation report.

e) functional management structures (Council of the doctoral school), including proof of the regular frequency of convening their meetings;

The EUB counts on a specific methodology on the organization and conduct of the process of selection and election of the management structures of its IOSUD. See the Annexes 1.1.2.a and 1.1.1.g.

Should the EUB's request for the establishment of the Doctoral School in Law is approved, there is an appropriate legal mechanism for convening meetings of the Council pf the Doctoral School.

f) the contract for doctoral studies;

The relation between the doctoral student, the doctoral supervisor and the IOSUD-EUB would be established in accordance with the provisions of the *Contract of doctoral studies*. It contains the rights and duties of each part and sets forth the research path of the doctoral student. This document would be signed by the EUB's Rector, the doctoral supervisor and the doctoral student. See the Annex A.1.1.1.b of the internal evaluation report.

g) internal procedures for the analysis and approval of proposals regarding the training for doctoral study programs based on advanced academic studies.

The EUB counts on a specific internal procedure for the analysis and approval of proposals regarding the training for doctoral study programs based on advanced academic studies. These procedures are according to the Romanian Law of University Education no 199/2023 on 4 July 2023, the Order no 3020/2024 for the approval of the framework Regulation on doctoral studies, the EUB's Regulation on the organization, functioning and ending of doctoral studies, and the Regulation of the IOSUD-EUB. In this regard, see the Annex A.1.1.1.i of the internal evaluation report.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Performance indicator A.1.1.2. The doctoral school's Regulations include mandatory criteria, procedures and standards concerning the aspects specified in art. 17, para. (5) of Government Decision no. 681/2011 on the approval of the Code of Doctoral Studies, as further amended and supplemented.

Based on the internal evaluation report prepared by the EUB and its annexes, as well as the assessment carried out on site at the EUB's venue, I consider that that the IOSUD – EUB provides plenty of norms regarding the fulfilment of this requirement. These norms set out, for instance: the acceptance of new doctoral supervisors and the manner how a doctoral supervisor may be appointed to a doctoral programme and how he/she may be excluded from such a school; the procedures for changing the doctoral supervisor of a precise doctoral student and procedures for mediating conflicts between such persons; the conditions under which the doctoral programme may be interrupted; arrangements for the prevention of fraud in scientific research, including plagiarism; the access to research resources; and the requirements on doctoral students' attendance according to the methodology developed in this regards by the Romanian authorities with competences in this field. See the Annexes A.1.1.1.d, 1.1.1.g, 1.2.2.a, A.1.1.2.a, and A.1.1.2.b of the internal evaluation report.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Standard A.1.2. The IOSUD has the necessary logistic resources to carry out the mission of the doctoral studies.

As a general description of the standard's analysis, it is noted that the IOSUD – EUB has the necessary logistical resources in order to carry out the mission of the doctoral studies, as shown by the analysis of the following two performance indicators indicators. Both indicators have been fulfilled.

Performance indicator A.1.2.1. The existence and effectiveness of an appropriate IT system to keep track of doctoral students and their academic background.

The IOSUD-EUB supports the implementation of the IT solutions necessary for the optimization and development of the administrative activities related to doctoral students. Thus, it has the capacity to keep records of the doctoral students should this Doctoral School is established.

It has to be mentioned that on 12 September 2016 the EUB has signed a contract of services with the S.C. Red Point Software Solutions S.R.L, which is settled in Iasi. This contract is on upgrade software, services of analysis, training and assistance for the University Management System. See the Annex A.1.2.1.a of the internal evaluation report.

The description on how the University Management System (UMS) works can be found in the Annex A.1.2.1.b of the internal evaluation report.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Performance indicator A.1.2.2. The existence and use of an appropriate software and evidence of its use to verify the percentage of similarity in all doctoral theses.

The EUB counts on an operational procedure on the verification of anti-plagiarism in order to check the students' dissertation papers as well as the scientific papers to be published by the EUB's journals and volumes. It is expected this system would be also applied for the doctoral thesis should this Doctoral School be established. In this regard, the EUB uses www.sistemantiplagiat.ro. See the Annex A.1.2.2.a of the internal evaluation report.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Criterion A.2. Research infrastructure

As a general description of the analysis of this criterion, it is noted that the IOSUD-EUB has implemented the necessary administrative, managerial institutional structures and the financial resources laid down in the specific legislation on the organisation of doctoral studies, which allows it to have the necessary research infrastructure for doctoral sudies.

Standard A.2.1. The IOSUD has a modern research infrastructure to support the performance of specific doctoral study activities.

As a general description of the standard's analysis, the IOSUD-EUB has a modern research infrastructure to suppport the conduct of doctoral studies' specific activities, as shown by the analysis of the following indicator, which I consider fulfilled.

Performance indicator A.2.1.1. The venues and the material equipment available to the doctoral school enable the research activities in the evaluated domain to be carried out, in line with the assumed mission and objectives (computers, specific software, equipment, laboratory equipment, library, access to international databases etc.). The research infrastructure and the provision of research services are presented to the public through a specific platform. The research infrastructure described above, which was purchased and developed within the past 5 years will be presented distinctly.

I consider the IOSUD-EUB has the venues and the material equipment necessary for carrying out doctoral research in this field. The detailed information is contained by the Annex A.2.1.1.a of the internal evaluation report.

Additionally, the EUB counts on a specific strategy of research for the period 2020-2024 where there are lots of evidence on this University's commitment to support the research. See the Annex 1.1.1.i of the internal evaluation report and https://www.ueb.ro/cercetare/Strategia_de_cercetare_UEB_2020-2024_v0.2.pdf

There also are different research centres of which the doctoral students could benefit from. Thus, the Research Centre of the Faculty of Ecology and Environmental Protection, the Centre of Economics Faculty, and the Centre of Law Faculty can be of great interest for these students. The EUB furthermore has partnerships with various research institutes, such as the National Institute of Statistics from Bucharest, the Institute of Economic Prognosis from Bucharest, and the "Victor Slavescu" Center for Financial and Monetary Research. For more details, see: https://www.ueb.ro/en/cercetare_prezentare.php

However, according to the EUB's website in Romanian, it seems this University counts on more research centres, such as the Aarhus Romania Centre; the Centre for Digitalization, Education, Cultural Diversity; the Centre for Transdisciplinary Research for Ecoclimate and Digital Transition and Training of Specialists on Environment; the Centre for Ergophysiological Research and Performance in Sport; the Centre for institutional development and expertise; and fourteen research labs. For more details, see: https://www.ueb.ro/cercetare_prezentare.php

The indicator is fulfilled.

Criterion A.3. Quality of human resources

Standard A.3.1. For each domain, there is qualified staff having the experience required for carrying out the doctoral program.

As a general description of this criterion's analysis, it is considered that the IOSUD – EUB fulfills all the requierements on quality of human resources, which allows it to count on quealified staff with the experience requiered for conducting doctoral supervision activity. The three performance indicators are fulfilled.

Performance indicator A.3.1.1. Minimum three doctoral thesis advisors work within that doctoral domain, and at least 50% of them (but no less than three) meet the minimum standards of the National Council for Attestation of University Degrees, Diplomas and

Certificates (CNATDCU) in force at the time when the evaluation is carried out, which standards are required and mandatory for obtaining the enabling certification.

According to the internal evaluation report and its Annexes, especially Annexes A.3.1.1.a, A.3.1.1.c and A.3.1.2.a, as well as the Annex 3 of my report, the IOSUD – EUB would be made up by five doctoral supervisors, namely: Professor Petre Buneci, Professor Mircea Dutu, Professor Gheorghe Iancu, Professor Iulian Nedelcu, and Professor Alexandru Ticlea. All of them work in the field of law, which is the doctoral domain for which the IOSUD – EUB has requested for being set out. At least 50% of them and no less than three meet the CNATDCU's minimum standards in force at the time of writing this report and that are required and mandatory for obtaining the enabling certification.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Performance indicator* A.3.1.2. At least 50% of the doctoral advisors in the doctoral domain under review are tenured professors within the IOSUD and have a full-time employment contract for an indefinite period.

Three out of the five doctoral supervisors, who would compose the IOSUD – EUB are tenured professors within the IOSUD and have a full-time employment contract for an indefinite period. I am referring to the Professor Petre Buneci, the Professor Mircea Dutu, and the Professor Alexandru Ticlea. For more details, see the Annex A.3.1.2.a of the internal evaluation report and the Annex 3 of my report.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Performance indicator A.3.1.3. The study subjects in the education program based on advanced higher education studies pertaining to the doctoral domain are taught by teaching staff or researchers who are doctoral thesis advisors / certified doctoral thesis advisors, professors / CS I or associate professors / CS II, with proved expertise in the field of the study subjects they teach, or other specialists in the field who meet the standards established by the institution in relation with the aforementioned teaching and research functions, as provided by the law.

The internal evaluation report and various of the annexes that accompany it (especially the Annexes A.3.1.1.a, A.3.1.1.c, A.3.1.3.b, and A.3.1.3.c) contain enough information that allow me to assess that the doctoral supervisors that would be part of the IOSUD – EUB have proved expertise in the fields of the study they teach.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Standard A.3.2. The doctoral advisors within the doctoral domain are carrying out a scientific activity that is visible at international level.
As a general description of this standard's analysis, I consider the doctoral supervisors within the doctoral domain of Law are carrying out a scientific activity visible at international level, as shown by the analysis of the following two indicators that are fulfilled.

Performance indicator A.3.2.1. At least 50% of the doctoral thesis advisors in the evaluated domain have at least 5 Web of Science- or ERIH-indexed publications in magazines of impact, or other achievements of relevant significance for that domain, including international-level contributions that indicate progress in scientific research - development - innovation for the evaluated domain. The aforementioned doctoral thesis advisors enjoy international visibility within the past 5 years, consisting of: membership on scientific boards of international publications and conferences; membership on boards of international professional associations; guests in conferences or expert groups working abroad, or membership on doctoral commissions at universities abroad or co-leading with universities abroad. For Arts and Sports and Physical Education Sciences, doctoral thesis advisors shall prove their international visibility within the past 5 years by their membership on the boards of professional associations, membership in organising committees of arts events and international competitions, membership on juries or umpire teams in artistic events or international competitions.

The internal evaluation report and various of the annexes that accompany it (especially the Annexes A.3.1.1.a, A.3.1.1.c, A.3.1.3.b, and A.3.1.3.c) contain enough information that highlights at least 50% of them: on the one hand, have enough indexed publications, including international-level contribution; and, on the other hand, enjoy international visibility within the past 5 years.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Performance indicator * A.3.2.2. At least 50% of the doctoral thesis advisors in a specific doctoral study domain continue to be active in their scientific field, and acquire at least 25% of the score requested by the minimal CNATDCU standards in force at the time of the evaluation, which are required and mandatory for acquiring their enabling certificate, based on their scientific results within the past 5 years.

Based on the internal evaluation report and various of the annexes that accompany it (especially the Annexes A.3.1.1.a, A.3.1.1.c, A.3.1.3.b, and A.3.1.3.c), I can assess that, within the past five years (2019-2024), at least three out of the five doctoral supervisors are still active at a high level in their scientific fields. They enjoy therefore at least 25% of

the score requested by the minimal CNATDCU standards, which are in force at the time of writing this evaluation.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Domain B. EDUCATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS.

As a general description of this domain's analysis, at this stage of its existence, it is considered that the EUB meets all the folowing criteria, standards and performance indicators.

Criterion B.1. The number, quality and diversity of the candidates enrolled for the admission contest

As a general description of the analysis of the criterion, I consider that it is not the case for its assessment. So far, no candidate could be enrolled for the admission contest.

Standard B.1.2. Candidates admitted to doctoral studies demonstrate academic, research and professional performance.

As a general description of the standard's analysis, it has to be mentioned that, so far, no candidate could be admitted for doctoral within the IOSUD – EUB. Against this background, it is considered that this standard can be respected this IOSUD should it be established.

Performance indicator* B.1.2.1. Admission in the doctoral study programmes is based on selection criteria including the academic, research and professional performance of the candidates; their interest for scientific or artistic/sports research; publications in the domain, and a proposal of a research subject. Interviewing the candidate is mandatory as part of the admission procedure.

So far, no candidate could be admitted by the IOSUD – EUB. In order to prepare the organization of the doctoral studies in Law in case it will be established, this University has already adopted the necessary methodology for admission to doctoral studies. In this regard, see the Annex A.1.1.1.b and the draft website, which has been prepared by the EUB, but it is not visible for the public as the IOSUD – EUB has not been established yet (see the Annex 2 of my report).

The indicator is fulfilled.

Criterion B.2. The content of the doctoral programs

As a general description of the analysis of this criterion on the content of doctoral programs, it is observed that the IOSUD – EUB fulfills the standard and the three performance indicators, as shown below.

Standard B.2.1. The training program based on advanced academic studies is appropriate to improve the doctoral students' research skills and strengthen ethical behaviour in science.

Performance indicator B.2.1.1. The training program based on advanced academic studies includes at least 3 disciplines relevant for the scientific research training of doctoral students, out of which at least one discipline focuses on the in-depth study of research methodology and/or statistical data processing.

The training program is based on advanced academic studies. Thus, the doctoral students would have the opportunity to choose from twelve different courses, namely: Ethics and academic integrity; Methodology of legal research; Fundamental concepts of law theory; European Union's normative system; International protection of human rights; Institutions and fundamental principles of civil law; Law on digital transition and artificial intelligence; Institutions and fundamental principles of environmental law and of climate law; Fundamental institutions of criminal law and of criminal proceedings law; Concepts and fundamental institutions of labour law and social security; Norms and fundamental principles of administrative law; and Norms and fundamental principles of constitutional law. For detailed information on each of these courses, see the Annex 1.2.2.b of the internal evaluation report.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Performance indicator B.2.1.2. At least one discipline is dedicated to ethics in scientific research and intellectual property, or there are well-defined topics on these subjects within a discipline taught in the doctoral program.

The training program includes a discipline that is dedicated to ethics, namely "Ethics and academic integrity". Tudor Avrigeanu, PhD, would be in charge with this course should the IOSUD – EUB in Law be established. See the Annex 1.2.2.b of the internal evaluation report.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Performance indicator B.2.1.3. The IOSUD has the mechanisms in place to ensure that the academic training program based on advanced higher education studies related to the evaluated domain addresses the "learning outcomes", specifying the knowledge, skills, and the responsibility and autonomy that doctoral students should acquire after completing each discipline or through the research activities[3].

The IOSUD-EUB has created the mechanisms to ensure that the training programme based on advanced university studies, related to the evaluated field, would aim at "learning outcomes", would specify the competencies, skills and attitudes that doctoral students should acquire after completing each discipline or through research activities.

In principle, this University has already adopted all the necessary mechanism required in relation to this performance indicator to prepare itself if its IOSUD would be established. The effectivity of this framework would however be assessed once the IOSUD – EUB is established and starts to be in place. In this regard, see the Annexes 1.1.3.b, 1.2.2.a, A.1.1.1.b, A.1.1.1.c of the internal evaluation report, as well as the Annex 2 of my report.

The indicator is fulfilled.

DOMAIN C. QUALITY MANAGEMENT

The assesment of the domain dedicated to the quality management has been carried out in accordance with the Romanian legislation and ARACIS standards and performance standards. The facts, the documents provided by the ARACIS and the EUB (before and during the evaluation mission), and results of the meetings according to the visit programme (see the Annex 1 of my report) have been taken into consideration for this domain analysis.

As a general description of the assessment made, the finding is that the IOSUD – EUB meets all the conditions required on its quality management for the doctoral studies, as it results from the analysis of the following criteria, standards and performance indicators.

Criterion C.1. Existence and periodic implementation of the internal quality assurance system

As a general description of the analysis of this criterion, it is noted that the IOSUD – EUB counts on an internal quality assurance system, which is periodically implemented.

[3] Or by what the graduate should know, understand and be able to do, according to the provisions of the Methodology for the listing and registration of higher education qualifications in the National Register of Qualifications in Higher Education (RNCIS) approved by the Order of the Minister of National Education no.3475/2017 with subsequent amendments and additions.

Standard C.1.1. The institutional framework is in place, and policies and procedures are applied for the internal assurance of the relevant quality.

I consider the EUB has an institutional framework and procedures in place as well as relevant internal quality assurance policies, as shown by the assessment of the following two indicators. Both of them have been fulfilled.

Performance indicator C.1.1.1. The doctoral school to which the doctoral study domain belongs demonstrates that the internal evaluation and quality assurance process of the study domain is carried out constantly, according to a procedure developed and applied at the level of the IOSUD, including an evaluation of the following mandatory criteria:

a) the scientific work of doctoral advisors;

b) b) the infrastructure and logistics needed for carrying out the research activity;

c) c) the regulations and procedures based on which doctoral studies are organised;

d) the scientific activity of doctoral students;

e) the training program based on advanced higher education studies of doctoral students;

f) social and academic support services (including for participation in various events, publishing papers, etc.) and counselling services available for the doctoral students.

In relation to this performance indicator, I would like to underline I consider it irrelevant in the case of the EUB's application for the establishment of the School for Doctoral Studies in Law. So far, no domain has been authorized or accredited for the organization of doctoral studies within this University.

I would also like to mention that the EUB has adopted plenty of procedures on doctoral studies, which could be enforced once the IOSUD would be established. For more details, see the Annex 2 of my report.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Performance indicator* C.1.1.2. Mechanisms are implemented during the doctoral study program to enable identification of the doctoral students' needs, as well as their overall level of satisfaction with the doctoral study program in order to ensure continuous improvement of the academic and administrative processes. Following the analysis of the results, there is evidence that an action plan was drafted and implemented.

In my opinion, the different Faculties within the EUB have mechanisms dedicated to the identification of the undergraduate and master students' needs. They also have adequate mechanisms in order to identify their students' overall level of satisfaction with the programs are in charge with, in order to ensure continuous improvement of the academic and administrative processes.
Therefore, it is expected that this strategy will be followed in the case of the doctoral studies in Law should this request for organizing doctoral studies be positively evaluated. See also the Annexes C.1.1.1.b, C.1.1.1.c, C.1.1.1.d, C.1.1.1.e and C.1.1.2.a of the internal evaluation report as well as the Annex 2 of my report.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Criterion C.2. Transparency of information and accessibility of learning resources
As a general description of the criterion analysis, there is evidence that there is transparency of information and accessibility of learning resources within the IOSUD-EUB. This may be assessed according to the criteria, standards and indicators analysed below.

Standard C.2.1. Information of interest to doctoral students, future candidates, and information of public relevance is available for consultation in electronic format.

The IOSUD-EUB has implemented an accurate system in order to provide information of interest to future doctoral students as well as to future doctoral candidates. Moreover, public interest information is available for consultation in electronic format. This standard has been assessed on the basis of the performance indicator mentioned below, which has been fulfilled by this academic institution.

Performance indicator C.2.1.1. Subject to compliance with the data protection regulations in force, the IOSUD publishes the following types of information on the website of the higher education institution:

a) the regulations of the doctoral school;
b) the admission regulations;
c) the doctoral study contract;
d) the study completion regulation including the procedure for the public presentation of the thesis;

e) the content of the training programs based on advanced academic studies;
f) the academic and scientific profile, thematic areas/research themes of the doctoral advisors within the domain, as well as their institutional contact data;
g) the list of doctoral students in the domain concerned, with basic information (year of enrolment; advisor);
h) information on the standards for developing the doctoral thesis;
i) links to the summaries of the doctoral theses to be presented publicly, as well as the day, time and place where they will be presented, at least 20 days before the presentation.

I consider that this performance indicator is not relevant to the EUB's application for authorization in order to conduct doctoral studies. At present, there is no domain authorized or accredited for organizing studies at 3rd level within this University. The domain in Law would be the first field where the IOSUD-EUB would carry out doctoral studies.

However, the EUB has already created a draft website on doctoral studies in Law that it would be activated in case these studies would be established. This draft website contains the regulations that any IOSUD has to count on in order to develop its activity according to the Romanian legislation in force in this field. See the Annex 2 of my report.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Standard C.2.2. The IOSUD / Doctoral School provides doctoral students with access to the resources needed for conducting doctoral studies.

As a general description of the standard's analysis, the IOSUD-EUB could provide all doctoral students with access to the resources needed for conducting doctoral studies, as shown by the analysis of the following three performance indicators. Each of these indicators has been fulfilled.

Performance indicator C.2.2.1. All doctoral students have free access to one platform providing academic databases relevant to the doctoral studies domain of their thesis.

Since the 2020-2021 academic year, the EUB uses the "G Suite for Education platform" for all its educational aspects. It is expected that this platform will be used in the case of the doctoral students should the Doctoral School of the Faculty of Law be established within the IOSUD – EUB. At this point there is not other evidence that could be used in order to assess this performance indicator.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Performance indicator C.2.2.2. Each doctoral student, upon request, has access to an electronic system for verifying the degree of similarity with other existing scientific or artistic works.

The Annex C.2.2.1.a of the internal evaluation report contains the contract signed by the EUB and Wolters Kluwer Romania S.R.L. This contract was signed on 23 March 2023 and, according to its Article 4, it was valid until 1 May 2024. By virtue of Article 8, this contact could be extended automatically. There is no evidence that could allow me to assess on the existence or the inexistence of this contract at present. My assessment is therefore positive on this performance indicator.

The indicator is fulfilled.

Performance indicator C.2.2.3. All doctoral students have access to scientific research laboratories or other facilities depending on the specific domain / domains within the doctoral school, according to a set of internal regulations.

The internal evaluation report and my impressions based on my on-site visit at the EUB's venue on 15-17 July 2024 support my conviction that the doctoral students' scientific needs can be met for conducting their doctoral research.

The indicator is fulfilled.

SWOT analysis

Strengths: - Existence of a consolidated academic activity over the years. - The specialization of some of the doctoral supervisor, which could attract the research interests for the potential PhD students.	Weaknesses: - At present, the most part of the doctoral supervisors does not have extensive scientific research developed abroad or in collaboration with foreign research groups. - Weak internationalisation strategy of the EUB's Faculties.
Opportunities: - The existence of the Faculty of Law that is considered a consolidated centre in the academic landscape of a European	Threats: - The situation caused by the Ukraine's invasion by the Russian Federation and its destabilising potential.

Union's Member State. - The interest of graduates of master's programmes in further university training and specialisation in a particular field of Law. - Geographic proximity to other European countries, whose inhabitants can consider attractive the doctoral study programme in Law within the IOSUD-EUB.	- The decrease in the number of the undergraduate and master's degrees students in Romania.

Overview of judgments awarded and of the recommendations

No.	Type of indicator (PI, PI*, CPI)	Performance indicator	Judgment	Recommendations
1.	PI	A.1.1.1. The existence of specific regulations and their application at the level of the doctoral school that the doctoral domain is a part of: a) the internal regulations of the doctoral school; b) the methodology for conducting elections for the position of director of the Council of doctoral school (CSD), as well as elections by the students of their representative in the CSD, and evidence that such elections were conducted; c) methodologies for organising and conducting doctoral studies (admission of doctoral students, completion of doctoral studies); d) existence of mechanisms for recognising the status of a doctoral advisor and the equivalence of a doctoral degree obtained abroad; e) functional management structures (Council of the doctoral school), including proof of the regular frequency of convening their meetings; f) the contract for doctoral studies; g) internal procedures for the analysis and approval of proposals regarding the training for doctoral study programs based on advanced academic studies.	Fulfilled	
2.	PI	A.1.1.2. The doctoral school's Regulations include mandatory criteria,	Fulfilled	

No.	Type of indicator (PI, PI*, CPI)	Performance indicator	Judgment	Recommendations
		procedures and standards concerning the aspects specified in art. 17, para. (5) of Government Decision no. 681/2011, as further amended and supplemented.		
3.	PI	A.1.2.1. The existence and effectiveness of an appropriate IT system to keep track of doctoral students and their academic background.	Fulfilled	
4.	PI	A.1.2.2. The existence and use of an appropriate software and evidence of its use to verify the percentage of similarity in all doctoral theses.	Fulfilled	
5.	CPI	A.2.1.1. The venues and the material equipment available to the IOSUD/the doctoral school enable the research activities in the evaluated domain to be carried out, in line with the assumed mission and objectives (computers, specific software, equipment, laboratory equipment, library, access to international databases, etc.). The research infrastructure and the provision of research services are presented to the public through a specific platform. The research infrastructure described above, which was purchased and developed within the past 5 years will be presented distinctly.	Fulfilled	
6.	CPI	A.3.1.1. Minimum three doctoral thesis advisors work within that doctoral domain, and at least 50% of them (but no less than three) meet the minimum standards of the National Council for Attestation of University Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates (CNATDCU) in force at the time when the evaluation is carried out, which standards are required and mandatory for obtaining the enabling certification.	Fulfilled	
7.	PI *	A.3.1.2. At least 50% of the doctoral advisors in the doctoral domain under review are tenured professors within the IOSUD and have a full-time employment contract for an indefinite period.	Fulfilled	
8.	PI	A.3.1.3. The study subjects in the education programme based on	Fulfilled	

No.	Type of indicator (PI, PI*, CPI)	Performance indicator	Judgment	Recommendations
		advanced higher education studies pertaining to the doctoral domain are taught by teaching staff or researchers who are doctoral thesis advisors / certified doctoral thesis advisors, professors / CS I or associate professors / CS II, with proved expertise in the field of the study subjects they teach, or other specialists in the field who meet the standards established by the institution in relation with the aforementioned teaching and research functions, as provided by the law.		
9.	CPI	A.3.2.1. At least 50% of the doctoral thesis advisors in the evaluated domain have at least 5 Web of Science- or ERIH-indexed publications in magazines of impact, or other achievements of relevant significance for that domain, including international-level contributions that indicate progress in scientific research - development - innovation for the evaluated domain. The aforementioned doctoral thesis advisors enjoy international awareness within the past five years, consisting of: membership on scientific boards of international publications and conferences; membership on boards of international professional associations; guests in conferences or expert groups working abroad, or membership on doctoral commissions at universities abroad or co-leading with universities abroad. For Arts and Sports and Physical Education Sciences, doctoral thesis advisors shall prove their international visibility within the past five years by their membership on the boards of professional associations, membership in organising committees of arts events and international competitions, membership on juries or umpire teams in artistic events or international competitions.	Fulfilled	
10.	PI *	A.3.2.2. At least 50% of the doctoral thesis advisors in a specific doctoral study domain continue to be active in their scientific field, and acquire at least 25% of the score requested by the minimal CNATDCU standards in force at the time of the evaluation, which are required and mandatory for acquiring their enabling certificate, based on their scientific results within the past five years.	Fulfilled	

No.	Type of indicator (PI, PI*, CPI)	Performance indicator	Judgment	Recommendations
11.	PI *	B.1.2.1. Admission in the doctoral study programmes is based on selection criteria including the academic, research and professional performance of the candidates; their interest for scientific or artistic/sports research; publications in the domain, and a proposal of a research subject. Interviewing the candidate is mandatory as part of the admission procedure.	Fulfilled	
12.	PI	B.2.1.1. The training program based on advanced academic studies includes at least 3 disciplines relevant for the scientific research training of doctoral students, out of which at least one discipline focuses on the in-depth study of research methodology and/or statistical data processing.	Fulfilled	
13.	PI	B.2.1.2. At least one discipline is dedicated to ethics and intellectual property in scientific research, or there are well-defined topics on these subjects within a discipline taught in the doctoral program.	Fulfilled	
14.	PI	B.2.1.3. The IOSUD has the mechanisms in place to ensure that the academic training program based on advanced higher education studies related to the evaluated domain addresses the "learning outcomes", specifying the knowledge, skills, and the responsibility and autonomy that doctoral students should acquire after completing each discipline or through the research activities.	Fulfilled	
15.	PI	C.1.1.1. The doctoral school to which the doctoral study domain belongs demonstrates that the internal evaluation and quality assurance process of the study domain is carried out constantly, according to a procedure developed and applied at the level of the IOSUD, including an evaluation of the following mandatory criteria: a) the scientific work of doctoral advisors; b) the infrastructure and logistics needed for carrying out the research activity; c) the regulations and procedures based on which doctoral studies are organised; d) the scientific activity of doctoral	Fulfilled	

No.	Type of indicator (PI, PI*, CPI)	Performance indicator	Judgment	Recommendations
		students; e) the training program based on advanced higher education studies of doctoral students; f) social and academic support services (including for participation in various events, publishing papers, etc.) and counselling services available for the doctoral students.		
16.	PI *	C.1.1.2. Mechanisms are implemented during the doctoral study program to enable identification of the doctoral students' needs, as well as their overall level of satisfaction with the doctoral study program in order to ensure continuous improvement of the academic and administrative processes. Following the analysis of the results, there is evidence that an action plan was drafted and implemented.	Fulfilled	
17.	CPI	C.2.1.1. Subject to compliance with the data protection regulations in force, the IOSUD publishes the following types of information on the website of the higher education institution: a) the internal regulations of the doctoral school; b) the admission regulations; c) the doctoral study contract; d) the study completion regulation including the procedure for the public presentation of the thesis; e) the content of the training programs based on advanced academic studies; f) the academic and scientific profile, thematic areas/research themes of the doctoral advisors within the domain, as well as their institutional contact data; g) the list of doctoral students in the domain concerned, with basic information (year of enrolment; advisor); h) information on the standards for developing the doctoral thesis; i) links to the summaries of the doctoral theses to be presented publicly, as well as the day, time and place where they will be presented, at least 20 days before the presentation.	Fulfilled	
18.	PI	C.2.2.1. All doctoral students have free access to one platform providing academic databases relevant to the	Fulfilled	

No.	Type of indicator (PI, PI*, CPI)	Performance indicator	Judgment	Recommendations
		doctoral studies domain of their thesis.		
19.	PI	C.2.2.2. Each doctoral student, upon request, has access to an electronic system for verifying the degree of similarity with other existing scientific or artistic works.	Fulfilled	
20.	PI	C.2.2.3. All doctoral students have access to the scientific research laboratories or to other facilities depending on the specific domain / domains within the doctoral school, according to a set of internal regulations.	Fulfilled	

Conclusions:

The EUB is a well-established position on the Romanian academic landscape as a solid and prestigious academic institution.

The EUB has known to take advantage of the specialization of its human capital.

General recommendations:

1. To improve and diversify the internationalisation strategy of its faculties whose alumni could become its doctoral students. In this regard, the signature of agreements in the framework of the Erasmus+ programme can be an international openness.

2. To apply to international calls for research projects. In this regard, the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence cofinanced by the European Union can be a good option.

3. To establish a prize for the best doctoral thesis defended each academic year.

Annexes:

1. Schedule of the evaluation visit.
2. Screenshots of the draft website that the EUB has already prepared for its IOSUD in case the doctoral studies in the field of Law will be established.
3. Affiliation requests signed by the doctoral supervisors in case the IOSUD – EUB will be established.

Annex 1

Programul vizitei de evaluare a domeniului de studii universitare de doctorat Drept din cadrul Universității Ecologice din București

The program for the evaluation of the Law doctoral study domain at the Ecological University of Bucharest

Perioada de derulare a evaluării / *The evaluation period*: **15-17.07.2024**

Interval orar *hour*	Activitate / ***Activity***	Participanți / ***Participants***	Observații/ Locație ***Observations/ Location***
Luni / Monday, 15.07.2024			
10:00-11:00	**Întâlnire organizatorică a comisiei de experți evaluatori** *Organizational meeting of the panel evaluators*	- Membrii comisiei de experți evaluatori ARACIS / ARACIS panel members	*Amfiteatrul/ sala ..., sediul central .. (bd. nr.,).*
11:00-12:00	**Întâlnirea comisiei de experți evaluatori cu reprezentanții conducerii instituției evaluate și ai CSUD** *Panel evaluators' meeting with representatives of the institution and of the Council for Academic Doctoral Studies (CSUD)*	- Membrii comisiei de experți evaluatori ARACIS / ARACIS panel members - Reprezentanți ai conducerii universității / *Representatives of the University's management* - Reprezentanți ai CSUD și ai școlii doctorale / *Representatives of the CSUD and of the Doctoral School* - Persoana de contact / *The contact person*	*Amfiteatrul/ sala ..., sediul central .. (bd. nr.,).*
12:00-13:00	**Întâlnirea comisiei de experți evaluatori cu responsabilul domeniului de studii universitare de doctorat evaluat și cu echipa care a realizat**	- Membrii comisiei de experți evaluatori ARACIS / *ARACIS panel members* - Reprezentanți ai instituției evaluate /	*Amfiteatrul/ sala ..., sediul central .. (bd. nr.,).*

	raportul de evaluare internă *Panel evaluators` meeting with the contact person for the doctoral study domain under review and the team who drafted the internal evaluation report*	*University's representatives*	
13:00-14:00	Pauză de prânz / Lunch break		
14:00-15:00	**Întâlnirea echipei de evaluare cu personalul didactic aferent domeniului evaluat** *Panel evaluators` meeting with the academic staff corresponding to the doctoral study domain*	- Comisia de evaluare ARACIS/*ARACIS panel members* - Cadre didactice care au calitatea de conducător de doctorat/*Doctoral coordinators*	*Amfiteatrul/ sala ..., sediul central ... (bd. nr.,).*
15:00-16:00	**Întâlnirea echipei de evaluare cu membrii Comisiei de Etică a instituției de învățământ superior** *Panel evaluators` meeting with the members of the Ethics Commission*	- Membrii comisiei de experți evaluatori ARACIS / *ARACIS panel members* - Membrii Comisiei de Etică / *Ethics Commission members*	*Amfiteatrul/ sala ..., sediul central ... (bd. nr.,).*
16:00-17:00	**Vizitarea bazei materiale didactice și de cercetare** *Visiting the educational and research infrastructure*	- Membrii comisiei de experți evaluatori ARACIS / *ARACIS panel members* - Reprezentanți ai instituției evaluate / *University's representatives*	

Marți / Tuesday, 16.07.2024			
9:00-9:30	**Întâlnire tehnică a comisiei de evaluare** *Panel evaluators` technical meeting*	- Membrii comisiei de experți evaluatori ARACIS / *ARACIS panel members*	*Amfiteatrul/ sala ..., sediul central ..* *(bd. nr.,).*
9:30-10:00	**Întâlnirea membrilor comisiei de experți evaluatori cu responsabilul domeniului de studii universitare de doctorat evaluat** *Panel evaluators` meeting with the contact person for the doctoral study domain under review*	- Membrii comisiei de experți evaluatori ARACIS / *ARACIS panel members* - Reprezentanți ai instituției evaluate / *University's representatives*	*Amfiteatrul/ sala ..., sediul central ..* *(bd. nr.,).*
10:00-11:00	**Întâlnirea echipei de evaluare cu membrii Comisiei pentru Evaluarea și Asigurarea Calității (CEAC) / Departamentul de asigurare a calității** *Panel evaluators` meeting with the Commission for Quality Evaluation and Assurance (CEAC) members / Quality Assurance Department*	- Membrii comisiei de experți evaluatori ARACIS / *ARACIS panel members* - Reprezentanți ai instituției evaluate / *University's representatives*	*Amfiteatrul/ sala ..., sediul central ..* *(bd. nr.,).*
11:00 - 12:00	**Întâlnirea echipei de evaluare cu membrii Consiliului școlii doctorale în cadrul căreia va funcționa domeniul evaluat** *Panel evaluators` meeting with Doctoral Schools Council (CSD) members*	- Membrii comisiei de experți evaluatori ARACIS / *ARACIS panel members* - Membrii CSD / *CSD's members*	*Amfiteatrul/ sala ..., sediul central ..* *(bd. nr.,).*
12:00 - 13:00	**Întâlnirea echipei de evaluare cu directorii/ responsabilii centrelor/ laboratoarelor de cercetare aferente domeniului de studii universitare de doctorat evaluat** *Panel evaluators` meeting with the Directors/ persons in charge of the research centers/laboratories within the doctoral study domain*	- Membrii comisiei de experți evaluatori ARACIS / *ARACIS panel members* -Directorii centrelor / laboratoarelor de cercetare / *Directors of research centers/laboratories*	*Amfiteatrul/ sala ..., sediul central ..* *(bd. nr.,).*

13:00-14:00	Pauză de prânz / Lunch break		
14:00-16:00	Derularea activităților specifice comisiei de experți evaluatori și efectuarea de consemnări în proiectul raportului de evaluare externă. *Carrying out the specific activities of the panel evaluators and making entries in the draft of the external evaluation report.* Dacă se consideră necesare, pot avea loc întâlniri suplimentare, spre exemplu cu / *If deemed necessary, additional meetings may be held, for example with:* • reprezentanți din Senatul universitar (inclusiv studenți); / *representatives from the University Senate (including students);* • reprezentanții organizației / organizațiilor studențești; / *representatives of the student organization / organizations;* • reprezentanți ai Centrului de Consiliere și Orientare în Carieră (CCOC); / *representatives of the Career Counseling and Guidance Center (CCOC);* • reprezentanți ai bibliotecii instituției de învățământ superior; / *representatives of the library of the higher education institution;* • reprezentanți ai centrelor/laboratoarelor de cercetare din domeniul școlii / școlilor doctorale sau din domeniul evaluat; / *representatives of research centers / laboratories in the field of the doctoral school / schools or in the evaluated field;* • reprezentanți ai direcției cămine-cantine (sau echivalentă) / *representatives of the dormitory-canteen department (or equivalent);* • se pot verifica documente de studii la secretariatul IOSUD/școlii doctorale. /	- Membrii comisiei de experți evaluatori ARACIS / *ARACIS panel members* - Reprezentanți ai instituției evaluate / *University's representatives*	*Amfiteatrul/ sala ..., sediul central ...* *(bd. nr.,).*

	Education documents displayed at the IOSUD/Doctoral School secretariat may be checked.		
Miercuri / Wednesday, 17.07.2024			
09:00-10:00	**Întâlnirea membrilor comisiei de experți evaluatori cu responsabilul domeniului de studii universitare de doctorat evaluat** *Panel evaluators' meeting with the contact person for the doctoral study domain under review*	- Membrii comisiei de experți evaluatori ARACIS / *ARACIS panel members* - Reprezentanți ai instituției evaluate / *University's representatives*	*Amfiteatrul/ sala ..., sediul central .. (bd. nr.,).*
10:00 - 12:00	Derularea activității comisiei de experți evaluatori (inclusiv continuarea anumitor activități începute/stabilite în ziua precedentă, analiza documentelor suplimentare puse la dispoziție de reprezentanții instituției supuse evaluării, efectuarea de consemnări în proiectul raportului de evaluare externă sau derularea unor întâlniri cu reprezentanți ai instituției supuse evaluării). / *Carrying out the work of the panel evaluators (including the continuation of certain activities started / established in the previous day, analysis of additional documents provided by the representatives of the institution under evaluation, making notes in the draft external evaluation report or holding meetings with representatives of the institution under evaluation).* Discuții referitoare la elaborarea raportului de evaluare externă al comisiei de experți evaluatori. / *Discussions on the preparation of the external evaluation report of the panel evaluators.*	- Membrii comisiei de experți evaluatori ARACIS / *ARACIS' panel members* - Reprezentanți ai instituției evaluate / *University's representatives*	*Amfiteatrul/ sala ..., sediul central .. (bd. nr.,).*
12:00-	Întâlnirea membrilor comisiei de experți evaluatori	- Membrii comisiei de experți evaluatori	*Amfiteatrul/ sala ..., sediul central ..*

13:00	cu reprezentanții instituției evaluate pentru comunicarea concluziilor procesului de evaluare *Panel evaluators' meeting with representatives of the institution under review to discuss on the conclusions of the evaluation process.*	ARACIS / *ARACIS panel members* - Reprezentanți ai instituției evaluate / *University's representatives*	*(bd. nr.,).*

*** Toate activitățile incluse în structura programului vizitei comisiei de evaluare sunt obligatorii, însă ordinea și durata alocată acestora sunt stabilite de către comisie în funcție de specificul evaluării. / * All activities included in the structure of the panel evaluators visit program are mandatory, but the order and duration allocated to them are established by the commission according to the specifics of the evaluation.**

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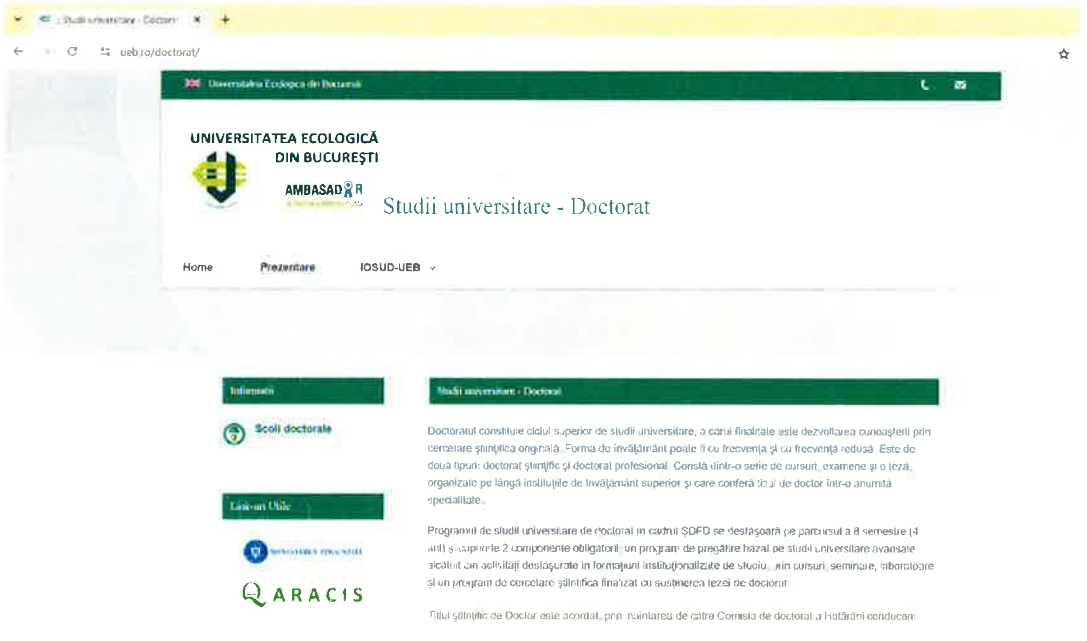
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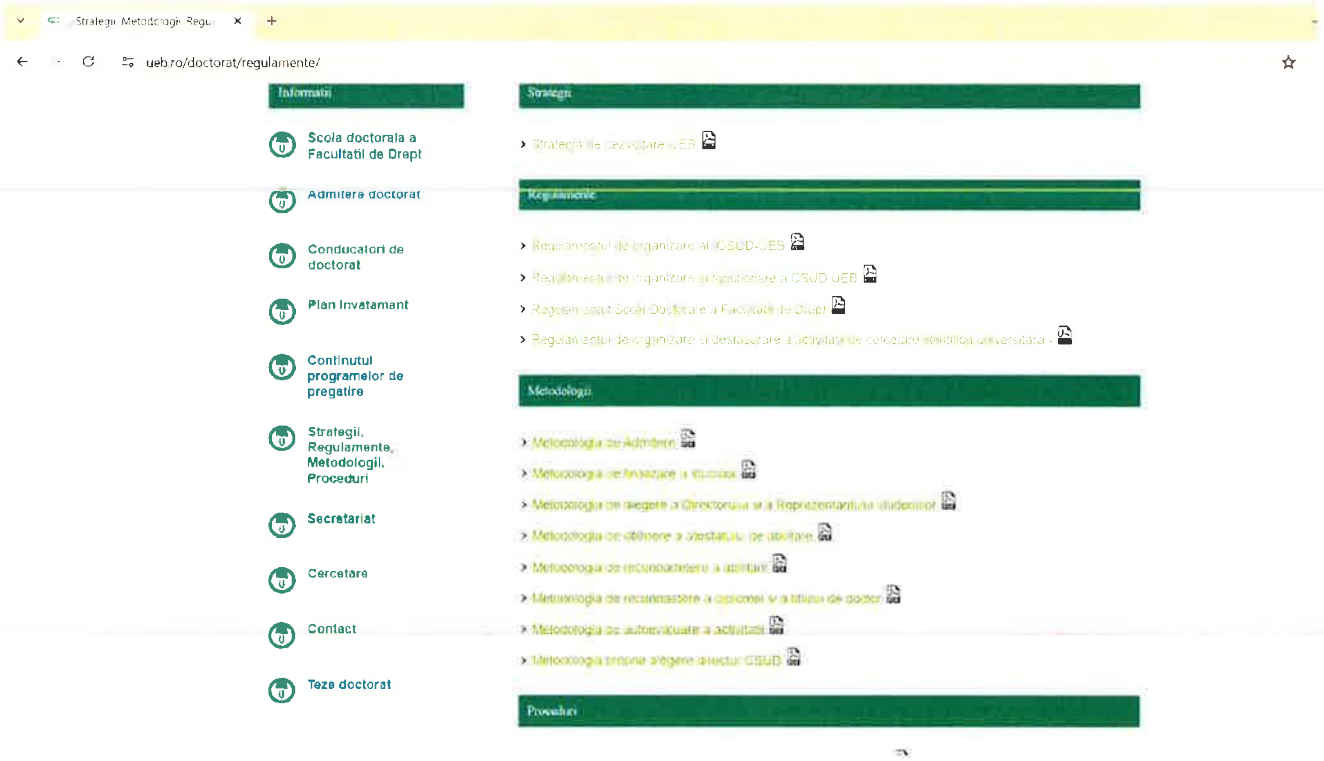
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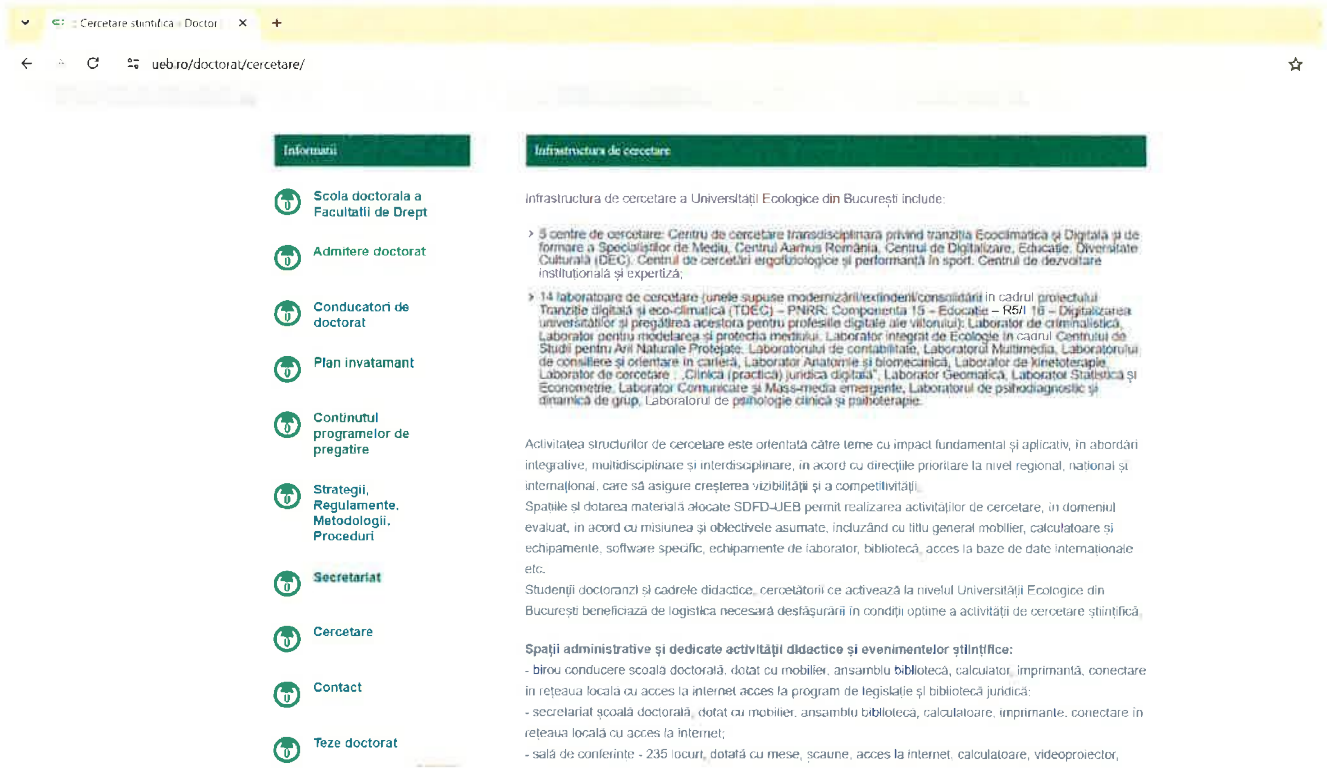
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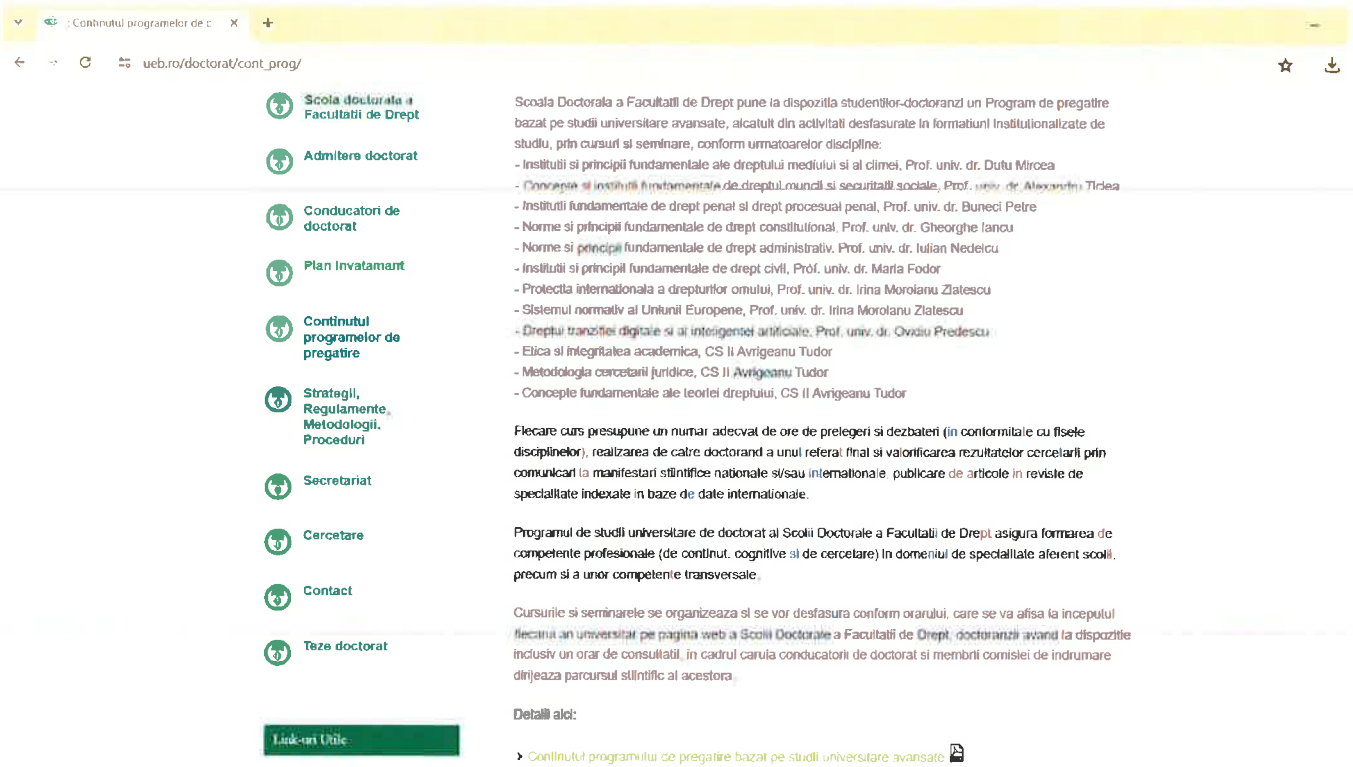
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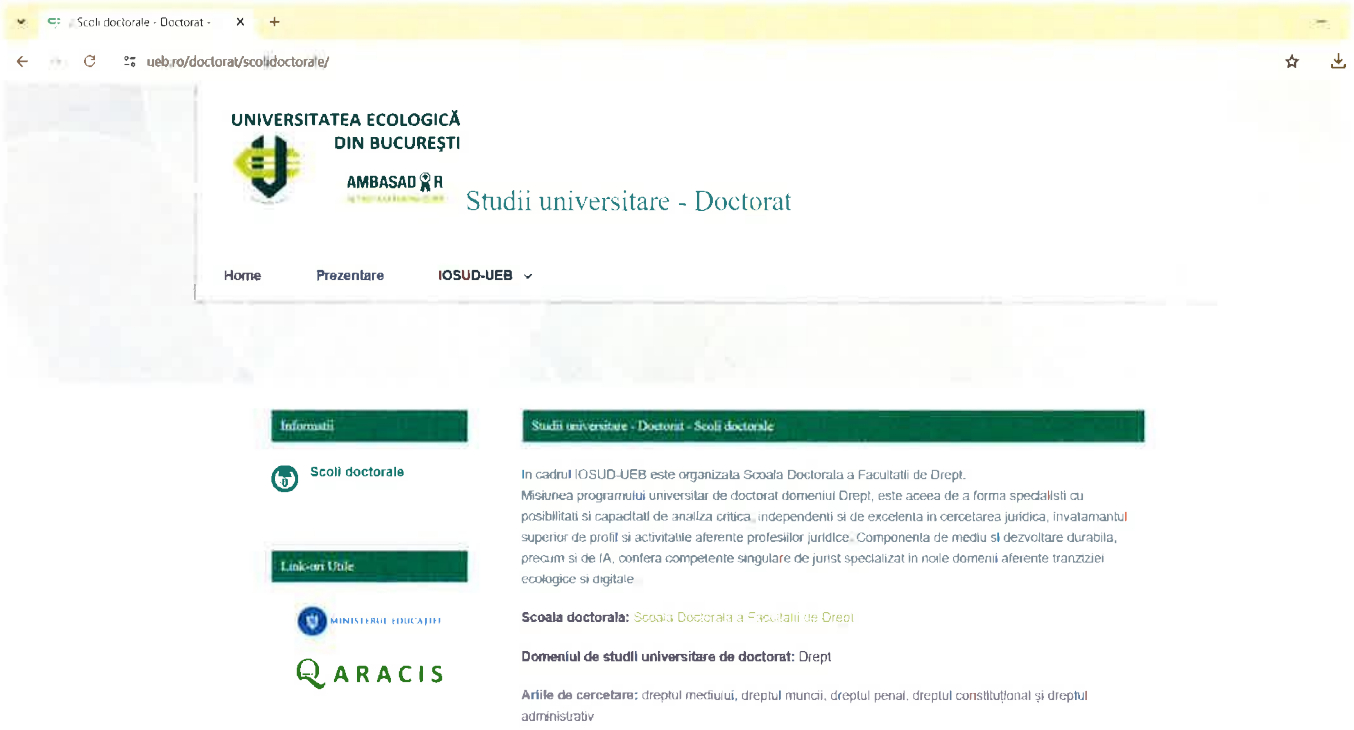

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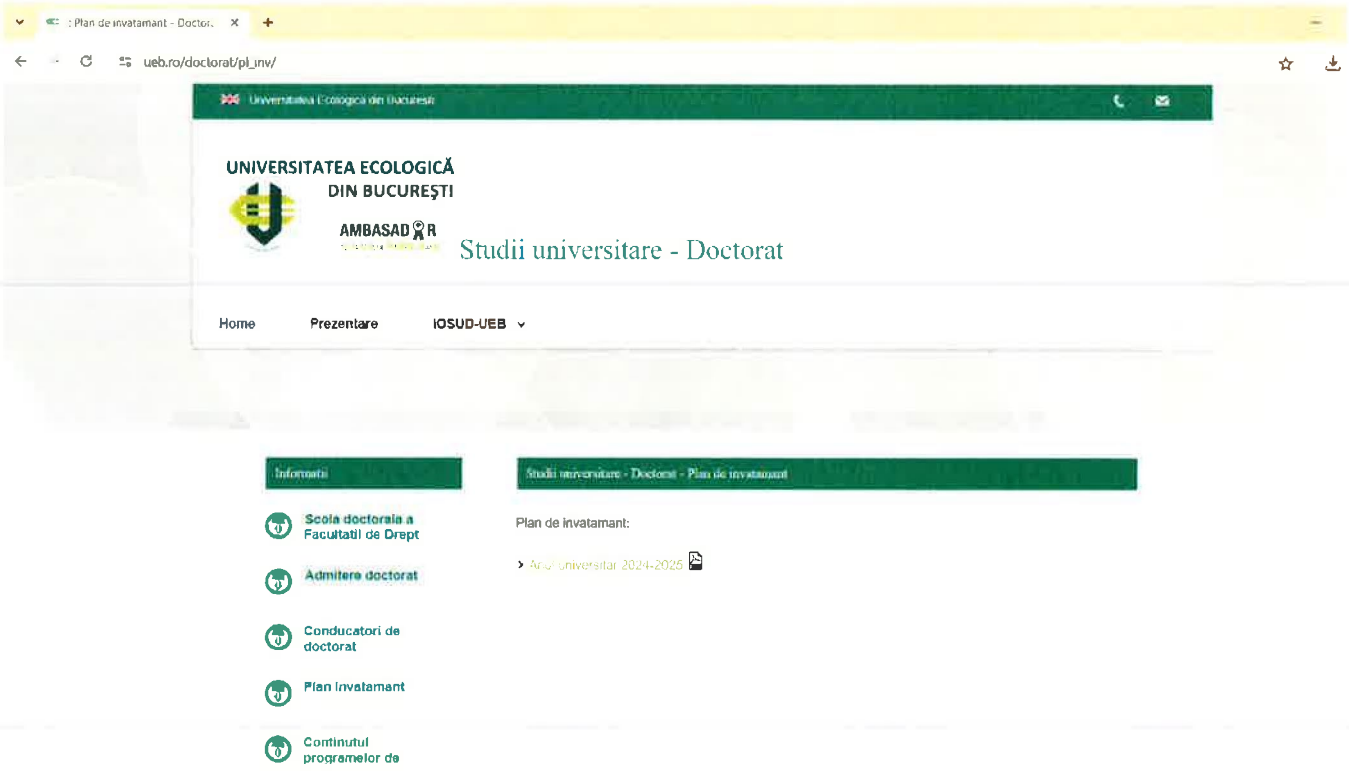

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