

**Decision of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies to adopt the
Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the
Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the
Regions**

on a European strategy for universities

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The Chamber of Deputies supports the European Commission's initiative for a European strategy for universities and stresses the need for joint efforts at Union level to identify best practices to safeguard fundamental and democratic values, as well as to protect real academic autonomy.

In this regard, it recommends supporting exchanges of experience with a view to diversifying the profile and forms of organization of universities, with an extensive use of modern, digital and modular learning methods, adapted to scientific and technical advances, considering that appropriate funding for universities is necessary in order to harness their potential as a driver in economic growth, to provide responses to societal challenges and to facilitate the twin digital and environmental transition.

The Chamber of Deputies makes some recommendations on:

- Supporting partnerships with local authorities and civil society organisations and establishing a permanent consultation mechanism;
- Developing study programmes accessible to persons with disabilities, refugees and other disadvantaged or vulnerable persons;
- Establishing a harmonised financial education framework in the European Union;
- Encourage research on the development and application of experimental teaching methods;
- Step up efforts to extend the facilities of the "Study in Europe" portal and integrate it to other data portals relevant for attending the courses of a university in a Member State other than that of residence.