



EIR in 2009

EIR's mission is to provide expertise in the field of European affairs for the public administration, business environment, social partners and civil society, main actors of the public debate platform in Romania.

In 2009 EIR elaborated strategy and policy studies and analyses in order to support Romania's progress in the Community area, as well as to exert its role of Member State. In addition, EIR organised training programmes in the field of European affairs, coordinated the translation and the linguistic and legal revision of the pre-accession acquis, of the ECHR case-law, of certain documents of the Romanian legislation and contributed to setting up a consistent terminology.

Moreover, EIR stimulated the public debates on European issues by organising a wide range of events dedicated to European topics, events in which took part on one hand, high officials in the field of EU affairs and, on the other hand, representatives of the Romanian society, interested in the tackled subjects.

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Two actions in cooperation with the Department for European Affairs

How efficient is the communication in the field of structural funds? This was the question to which the speakers and the guests of the EIR conference organised in **March** tried to answer. The dual structure of the conference consisted, on one hand, in presentations of key representatives of the public administration and, on the other hand, in two workshops about the "European Social Fund" and the "European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund".

A unanimously held idea was that the specialised press, willing to convey balanced and objective messages could contribute essentially to the success of accessing the structural and cohesion funds.

Practical solutions were also discussed for increasing the efficiency of the access to information, for simplifying the guidelines to applicants and the procedures, for strengthening and diversifying the channels of communication between all those involved, etc.

Taking responsibility, tolerance for errors, trust and cooperation between various categories of players involved are the most certain steps towards making good use of the opportunities provided by the absorption of the Community funds.

In September, EIR and DEA co-organised the conference on **"The post-2010 Lisbon Strategy: options and national priorities of reform"**.

The Conference aimed to analyse the stage in the implementation of the objectives set out in the Lisbon Strategy, by highlighting the difficulties met so far, the areas in which Romania still has to achieve significant structural reforms, as well as the reform targets of the current Lisbon Strategy at European level.

Four international conferences

Between 15 and 16 October the Austro French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe (OEFZ) and the French Institute for International Relations (IFRI), together with the European Institute of Romania organised the international conference **"The Black Sea Region: Link between an Enlarged Europe and its New Neighbourhood"**.

The conference provided a favourable framework for discussions about the role of the Black Sea Region, an energy source and an important transportation route for many EU states as well as about the promotion of regional cooperation, an essential way to deal with urgent issues such as frozen conflicts, instability of new democracies or unclear border regulation.

The topic of the international conference organised between 18 and 19 December by the Representation of the European

Commission in cooperation with the European Institute of Romania was **"Overcoming the economic and financial crisis. Seizing the opportunity for reforming the global economy."**

The event aimed to facilitate the expression of the points of view of well-known foreign and Romanian analysts and of the representatives of international economic organisations, as well as the opinions of several decision-makers from the Romanian economic environment as regards the causes and consequences of the economic and financial crisis. The discussions dealt with problems and solutions specific to the new EU Member States, with a particular relevance for Romania.

On 25 November EIR and the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Bucharest organised the international conference



"Strengthening financial supervision in Europe and its importance for macroeconomic stability and a sound business environment".

In the context of the efforts to strengthen the Community framework of financial supervision through the adoption by the European Commission of a package of legislative proposals, the conference aimed to convene experts and representatives of Romanian and Polish supervision authorities, of the banking and business environment on the implications of creating a new structure as well as of strengthening the cooperation and coordination mechanism in the area of financial supervision at European level.

On 11 December EIR and the Swedish Embassy in Romania organised under the aegis of the Swedish Presidency the conference on **"European Union as a security player and its global role"**.

Concerning Moldova

On 16 November EIR and the Institute for Political Science and International Relations organised the debate on **"The Republic of Moldova between eternal neighbourhood and European integration"**.

The event aimed to discuss the alternatives of the process of bringing the Republic of Moldova closer to the European area, as well as of fundamentally restructuring the state institutions as part of the transition towards a functional democracy.

"Romania France: together in Europe"

The partnership with the French Embassy in Bucharest materialised in 2009 in 8 conferences with the participation of important French personalities from the field of European affairs. The topics covered an extremely vast area, from promoting the cultural diversity as an European target – speech delivered by Mr. **Jean Musitelli**, permanent representative of France to UNESCO –, to the perspectives on European security and defence in the view of the former French minister of European affairs Mr. **Hubert Vedrine**.

Mr. **Jean-Dominique Giuliani**, President of the Robert Schuman Foundation Paris/Bruelles spoke about the European institutions at crossroads. In June, the series "Romania France: together in Europe" hosted the speech delivered by the President of the Delegation for the European Union of the French Senate, Mr. **Hubert Haenel**, who presented an evaluation of the Community enlargements as well as the perspectives of the enlargement process.

Gilles Briata, Secretary General for European Affairs, Office of the Prime Minister of France delivered a speech on the challenges of the European Union in 2009 and 2010.

The regulation regarding the internet and numerical networks was a subject launched for debate by Mr. **Olivier Japiot**, General Director of the High Council of Audiovisual.

Mr. **Bernard Stirn**, President of the Litigation Division of the State Council of France was the key guest of the event on the national and European law, organised in cooperation with the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest, while **Jean-Louis Bourlanges**, Associate Professor at the Institute of Political Studies and former MEP, opened the discussions about the way towards partnership between EU and Russia at the last 2009 event from this series.

For the summaries of the 2009 events please see the section [Previous events](#).

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The main source language of the translations was French as this is the ECJ language of the case. A translation memory was used by means of a software (Trados) which facilitates the translation activity and allows the improvement of its quality by providing terminological consistency and increasing the work efficiency. At the end of 2009, the 4 types of Trados memory exceeded 150 000 translation units.

Available free of charge on the EIR website, the terminological database includes over 26 600 validated entries, in eight languages. Over 2 000 terminology entries were validated in 2009.

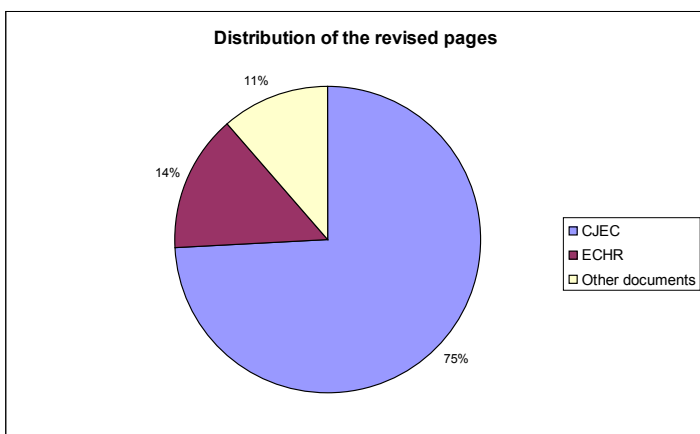
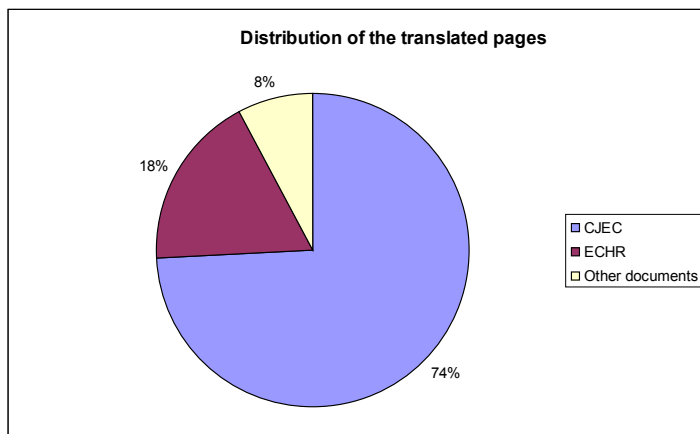
Interns from the Romanian universities were involved in the translation and terminology research activity with a total of over 2 500 hours of internship in 2009.

Partnerships and Communication

On 14 January 2009, the partnership with the European Observatory for Plurilingualism joined the partnerships already concluded in 2008 (with the Directorate-General for Translation of the European Commission and SCM).

Moreover, actions were taken for the conclusion of a partnership with the Society of Legal Science, the Institute for Legal Research "Acad. Andrei Rădulescu" of the Romanian Academy – the Centre for European Law Studies in and the Romanian Society of Community Law.

In 2009, both the presentations delivered during the round tables, workshops, conferences, and the interviews mainly regarded terminology issues. Thus, the **Glossary on the Treaty of Lisbon** (authors Mariana Bara, Anca Alice Olaru) was launched in cooperation with the Representation of the European Commission, at its seat, on 23 November, in the presence of Mr. Leonard Orban, European Commissioner for Multilingualism, of Mr. Nicolae Idu, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Romania and of Academician Marius Sala, Vice-President of the Romanian Academy. The work was also the main subject of the debate **Multilingualism in European context**, held at EIR seat on 18 December with the attendance of Mr. Christian Tremblay, president of the European Observatory for Plurilingualism.





A series of presentations were delivered by Mariana Bara at several scientific events on terminology and translation: **Adaptation of neologisms. Case study: e-**, at the eighth edition of the National Colloquium on Terminology – Terminography – Terminotics 3T organised by the Romanian Association of Terminology, the Romanian Academy of Technical Sciences, the Romanian Electrotechnical Committee, the National Institute for Research and Development in Electrical Engineering ICPE-CA and the Latin Union, 5 – 6 October; **Enseigner la traduction spécialisée**, during the colloquium “The theory, practice and teaching of the specialized translation”, organized by the Faculty of Letters, the University of Craiova and by the Latin Union, 28 – 29 May; **Defence terminology in the Treaty of Lisbon**, during the Annual session of scientific papers “Strategies XXI” on “Regional stability and security”, organised by the National Defence University “Carol I”, 9 – 10 April.

Publications and important projects

The activity of producing specialised publications resulted in three books with a total of over 1 000 pages.

2009 saw the continuation of the project begun in 2008, of summarising the 1011 judgements and orders given by the Court of Justice of the European Communities and by the Court of First Instance during 1952 – 2006. Following the chronological order of the project, the second volume of the **Historical Case-law of the Community Courts – reports of summaries** (Elena Bodea, Violeta Ștefănescu et alii) includes 141 summaries of the judgements given during 1973 – 1978.



In a print-run of 400 copies, the first volume of the **European Court of Human Rights Reports – recent cases against Romania** (authors Gabriela Andreea Andreica, Oana Gherăsoiu Roșu, Costin Leonard Fălcuță, Daniela Rădulescu) includes some of the most important judgements given by the European Court of Human Rights during December 2008 – July 2009, selected by the Superior Council of Magistracy to be translated and revised by EIR.



Glossary on the Treaty of Lisbon includes a series of fundamental concepts from the Treaty of Lisbon, which entered into force on 1 December 2009. Over 600 terminology entries, indexes in three languages (Romanian, French and English), the introductory study and the annexes facilitate the understanding of the text of the amending treaty.

All the TCU publications are listed on the website www.ier.ro in the section *Translation Coordination*, accessing the link *Publications*, some of them being available for purchase.

In the fall of 2009, TCU sent the public institutions an assessment questionnaire aiming to obtain a general picture of the volume and types of documents which need to be translated in the public institutions and of the way the translation is carried out.

The analysis of the answers highlighted the importance of the translation activity for the institutions concerned, but also the deficiencies related to carrying out the translations in the institutions and to the coordination in this area. The institutions included in the survey support the TCU idea to develop a database of all the translations of the legal documents carried out or planned to be carried out at national level, a database which would eliminate or at least significantly reduce the number of different parallel translations of the same document, hence leading to an improved use of the financial and human resources involved in this process.

Also in 2009, the procedure for obtaining resources from translations was drawn up and actions for designing a training course for translators of legislative documents have started.

We believe that TCU shall strengthen its role of expert in fulfilling the needs of translating and coordinating the translations of the documents which are essential for Romania, by developing a consistent terminological database and training translators in the area of legal documents.

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Translation Coordination Unit

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The training activity in European Affairs of the European Institute of Romania in 2009 recorded a progress as compared to the previous year from the perspective of two important performance indicators – the number of training programmes offered (which increased from 7 to 8) and the number of sessions organised (from 13 to 15). The training offer is more varied from the point of view of the themes as well as of the working languages and partners involved in the elaboration and development of the training programmes.

Traditional, as well as non-traditional courses

The course with the longest history in the training services offered by EIR is the programme **General training in European Affairs**, which by the diversity and complexity of the themes gives the participants a thorough introduction in the European affairs. This programme comprised three sessions which cumulated a number of 105 participants. A novelty regarding this programme is the fact that it was authorised by the National Council of Professional Training for Adults. Other programmes have already become traditional in EIR's offer: **The legal system of the European Union**, (2 sessions, 72 participants) and **Justice and home affairs** (1 session, 34 participants).



Two of the programmes offered previously were subject to modifications. Thus, the **Environment policy of the European Union** programme was transformed in order to serve especially the local authorities. In 2009 two sessions (a pilot-session financed from EIR's budget and the second one with a participation fee) of the programme **Implementation of EU's environment policies by the local administration** were organised. In addition, the **Economic and Monetary Union course** had a wider topic, benefiting from the participation of a specialist from the National Bank of Romania who presented to the participants the implications of adopting the Euro currency by Romania.

The collaboration with the Centre for European Studies in Strasbourg, with the French Institute and the Embassy of France continued successfully throughout 2009 with the organisation of three **seminars of preparation for the competitions of employment in the European institutions**; these seminars

cumulated a number of 79 participants. The seminars were financed by the **Training plan for European officials** proposed and financed by the International Organisation of Francophonie.

One of the objectives proposed for 2009, the concretization of the collaboration with the European Institute of Public Administration from Maastricht, has been achieved by the organisation, in May, of a seminar on the **Procedure of infringement of the Community law**. Another premiere was the course of **Training for trainers**, by which benefited also employees of the European Institute of Romania. The course was organised in collaboration with the Association for Professional Training for Adults.

Beneficiaries

The representatives of the public administration at central as well as at local level are, traditionally, beneficiaries of the training programmes offered by EIR. As in the previous years, ministries, national agencies, town halls, county councils and prefectures benefited from these programmes, among other types of institutions whose representatives attended the EIR courses. Some of the institutions with the greatest number of participants are the Ministry of Environment and Forests, the Ministry of Transports and Infrastructure, the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Protection, the National Agency for Environment Protection, the National Agency of Civil Servants, the National Council for Combatting Discrimination, or the National Institute of Statistics, Prahova County Council, Bucharest City Hall.

As regards the positions held by the participants, most of them have executive positions (consultant or expert), but there are also participants with management positions. The great majority of the participants to the EIR's training programmes have graduate and post-graduate studies.

Change of "paradigm"

The modification of the legal functioning framework of EIR allowed it to obtain and use its own funds. As a consequence, part of the training offer from the previous year was not financed from the institution's budget, it was offered to the beneficiaries with a participation fee. The organisation of two of the programmes initially established with the European Institute of Public Administration from Maastricht met difficulties caused by the precarious resources in the field of professional training in the administration.

The actual economic context, as well as the budgetary pressures imposed by the austerity conditions force us to offer the programmes this year for a participation fee, but with competitive tariffs which reflect the quality/cost ratio to the advantage of the beneficiaries.

Perspectives for 2010

The training offer presented by EIR for the current year has been substantiated by the necessity analysis following the survey taken at the level of the public administration at the end of 2009. It will



include the programmes which are already traditional as well as a series of new courses on current themes such as: climate change and waste management, project management, structural funds.

As regards the authorisation of the former programme of **General training in European affairs** several clarifications need to be brought. Because of the lack of an occupational standard for

the position of consultant in European affairs, we proposed this course under the title **Civic and social competences**, the only category of common competences which included the European curriculum. Thus, starting with 2010 the programme will be extended to a period of 5 days and at its conclusion, after passing the exam, the participants will receive a certificate recognised by the Ministry of labour, Family and Social Protection and by the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports.

The Training in European Affairs Unit (TEAU) wishes to develop its partnerships and training activities, therefore, in 2010 we intend to put into practice new partnerships with institutions such as the Ministry of Environment, the National Agency for Environment Protection, the Christian University "Dimitrie Cantemir", EurActiv. We are also open to any collaboration for applying to programmes of non-reimbursable financing and we can offer courses on demand from EIR's offer as well as new programmes. We invite you to visit the Unit's webpage which will be constantly updated. For further information and collaboration offers, feel free to use the e-mail address: formare@ier.ro.

Training in European Affairs Unit

Studies

EUROPEAN STUDIES AND ANALYSIS

The activity of the European Studies and Analysis Unit (ESAU) represents one of the priority axis of the European Institute of Romania, being intended to respond to the present and future needs of the authorities responsible for the substantiation and coordination of Romania's process of integration in the European Union. The activities of research and development of ESAU result in studies, analysis and points of view regarding the activities in the field of European Affairs for the purpose of substantiating the positions expressed by Romania within the European Union, the measures necessary in order to fulfil its obligations arising from the statute of Member State and the representation of its interests before the Community institutions.

The main dimension of ESAU's activity has been the **SPOS 2008 Strategy and Policy Studies project**. Various themes such as the **Impact generated by the dynamics of the milk quota on the Romanian farmers in the context**



of the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy; Directions regarding Romania's energetic security; the Legal system of the preliminary judgements of CJEC and their impact on the national legal system, and European perspectives of approaching asylum and migration. The studies were launched on 9 May 2009 within a press conference held by Mr Leonard Orban, European Commissioner for Multilingualism, Mr Niculae Idu, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Romania and Mr Andrei Popescu, Under-Secretary of State in the Department for European Affairs. The studies of the SPOS 2008 project were subject to public debate such as the one from 29 April 2009 which had as a starting point the theme approached in the study **Directions regarding Romania's energetic security** elaborated under aegis of EIR in 2008.

The participants to the debate presented their opinions related to a series of questions imposed by the latest evolutions in the energy sector on the national and European level. At the same time, the four studies of EIR undertaken under the **SPOS 2008 Strategy and Policy Studies project** have been reunited in an unique volume in Romanian and have been printed in 200 copies. The works have been distributed to the institutions of the central administration, to the special parliamentary commissions and to the Presidency.

In 2009, EIR's **Strategy and Policy Studies project** continued with a new series of studies. The research needs have been identified by a process of consultation of the main central institutions with responsibilities in the field of European Affairs and the studies assigned to EIR have been endorsed by DEA. The themes concern subjects such as: **Public finance: introduction of a fiscal and budgetary framework on a medium term; the Future of the European Communities' own resources, from the perspective of implications on Romania's contribution to the EU budget; Flexicurity and social dialogue in Romania - perspectives on the implementation of flexicurity principles in Romanian undertakings; Improving professional competencies among youth and graduates: a chance for the future** and the **Impact of the implementation of the energy and climate change package on the Romanian economy**. All the studies have been discussed within the reflection groups which were attended by representatives of the beneficiaries.

SASE was actively involved in the organisation of communication events intended to sustain the development of the research process in the **Romania's Policies** debate session. With the participation of partners from the research institutes, the private and the academic environment and, last but not least, from the central public administration, these debates improved the success potential of the research activity. Thus, in June 2009, starting from a research theme approached within the **SPOS 2009 project**, the **Flexicurity and social dialogue in Romania** conference was

organised. It brought together renowned specialists from the field of social policies and it proved to be a fertile ground for the exchange of ideas.

EIR's quarterly review, **Romanian Journal of European Affairs**, is on an ascendant trend on the international scene. The review's national position is strengthened as a result of the editorial team's policy of ensuring continuity in the review's issuing. In addition, the quality of articles is recognised by their recording in international databases such as Social Science Research Network (SSRN). The CNCSIS classification has been reconfirmed to B+.

The coordination of EIR's **Working Papers** micro-studies series has been reorganised and strengthened in order to increase its academic prestige, increase attractiveness and achieve a better visibility. During this year, the **Working Papers** series published three more issues. A first work on competition and cohesion policy, entitled **Formulating the operational concepts of a cohesion and competitiveness policy**, has been posted on EIR's website; the **European Neighbourhood Policy – New initiatives. Romania's contributions** has been finalised, posted online and printed during the third quarter and the **Impact studies – Instruments for a better regulation of the public policies in the European Union** micro-study will be published online and printed.

In addition to the main activities mentioned above, in March 2009, in the context of a public debate on the **Additional actions plan** arisen from the analysis of the country report (2008) of COM and requested by DEA, EIR issued a point of view containing a series of proposals and comments with the purpose of improving the document. Separately, at the initiative of the European Studies and Analysis Unit - EIR, independent points of view expressed by collaborators of EIR, researchers of the Romanian Academy institutes and academics have been obtained and transmitted to DEA.



Romanian Journal of European Affairs

The year 2009 was for the Romanian Journal of European Affairs, first of all, an anniversary year, as in March 2009 its 30th issue was published. The review thus proved its vitality by winning a loyal public and a well deserved appreciation in the academic and scientific environment.

Faithful to its mission of reflecting the evolutions in the European Affairs environment, the review widely presented the evolution of the economic crisis as well as the answers given to this global problem.

The current financial crisis, and especially the perspective of its prolongation, raises numerous problems related to the capacity of the Monetary Union's mechanisms to respond to the challenges of a real economic storm. An area which is relatively calm during the time of crisis, the Euro zone is being desired by the new Member States which want to join it in a not too distant future. **Daniel Dăianu**, former member of the European Parliament and **Laurian Lungu**, professor at Cardiff Business School, try to establish whether the new Member States are being affected in the process by the current economic and financial crisis and if their process of accession will be a rapid one (with benefits for these states, as well as for the Euro Zone) or, on the contrary, a long one (keeping in view the difficulties met by these states in fulfilling the Maastricht criteria).

Also, in the context of studying the effects of the current economic crisis, **Anton Comănescu**, economist at the National Bank of Romania, draws attention on the importance of communication at the level of central banks. Restoring trust on the financial markets is a priority in times of crisis and the transparency which the central banks must show in their messages regarding the monetary policy increases the importance of communication in this field.

An interesting perspective in approaching the crisis is brought by **Eugen Dijmărescu**. In his opinion the current crisis must not affect democracy. The major challenge at present is the need to reconcile democracy with the market. People have been disappointed by the liberty assumed by different financial instruments only to the purpose of increasing profits, while politicians started lately to

support the necessity of a more rigorous control, requesting at the same time the increase of taxes in order to protect deposits. The economic freedom thus becomes a constituent of the future political debates on the internal as well as the international plan.

Although important, the economic crisis was not the only theme approached. EU's enlargement policy also constitutes an open theme, approached from a theoretical perspective by **Bogdana Petrică**, assistant professor at the University of Bucharest (European Studies and International Relations), who studies the connection between the integration process and the successive enlargement waves in the light of the "differentiation" concept, an important concept in the

history of the fundamental legal acts of the Union, which promises to solve the sensitive issue of the diversity of visions and national interests which cannot be ignored in the context of the elaboration of a new fundamental act of the EU. The neighbouring policy continues to be a subject of major interest for the academic environment, but not limited to this environment, as it is shown in the article **The Eastern Partnership – a premise for an Enhanced EU-Eastern Neighbours Cooperation Relationship** by **Oana Mocanu**. The article comprises a synthetical presentation which clarifies the main stages of this political project. This analysis is all the more necessary while there still are questions among the wide public regarding the Partnership and its role within the EU's foreign policy.

All through the year 2009 the review also approached subjects regarding the issues of structural funds, migration and the role of the informational society

as well as an analysis of the elections for the European Parliament centred on the Romanian case.

All the issues of the review are available at the address: www.ier.ro/rjea.

On the occasion of the New Year, RJEA's current team wishes to thank the initiators of the review's project, the authors of articles hosted during these years, as well as those who made up RJEA's team at the different stages of development of the publication.

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