



Press release

President of Romania, HE Klaus Iohannis at the Faculty of European Studies

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The Faculty of European Studies, which is part of the Babeş-Bolyai University as the only faculty with this profile throughout the country, has the mission of providing a framework for debate on the main European issues. In this context of sharing opinions, visions, political strategies and policies, the approach of decision makers in central government on the current situation of the European project and its future represents an opportunity for the teaching staff and students to better identify their own approaches and to develop new ones.

The reaffirmation of Romania's European engagement, the intensification of European integration and the support in the reformation of European institutions outline the main directions currently followed by our country.

After accepting the invitation of the Faculty of European Studies, His Excellency, President Klaus Iohannis, was present yesterday, the 17th of November 2016 at the debate "The European Union between disintegration and reformation. Romania's contribution at the consolidation of the European construction". He underlined that: "During the past two years, the matters related to the European Union were matters deeply addressed by me. The Union finds itself in a complicated situation and we all need to find answers. Besides that, of course, my ambition is to find the best solutions for Romania."

The Dean of the Faculty of European Studies, prof. dr. Nicolae Păun reckons that: "Now, at the end of the year 2016, Europe shows signs of disorientation and significant hesitation concerning the development of the process of European integration. It is obvious that during recent years, the European Union could not find the resources to continue the process of reforms. Frequently, an institutional crisis is invoked and the realities record an enlargement of euroscepticism, based on the criticism related to Bruxelles. However, I do not find it right for anyone neither to question what has been achieved throughout the European Union so far nor to challenge the chances of the European project. Here, in Romania, the European project is still considered as being extremely important."