

POST EVENT REPORT

3 editions:

Bucharest, Timisoara, Iasi

15,000 Visitors

High-School & Undergraduate Students
Young Working Professionals
Teachers, Counsellors, Family &
Friends
Rectors & Deans

130+ Exhibitors

Universities / Colleges
Master & MBA Programs
Language Courses
Professional Education
Financial Institutions
Student Organizations



RIUF 2009

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RIUF 2008 – Event Summary

The 4th edition of the ROMANIAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FAIR – RIUF organized by EDUCATIVA was a great success, achieving record attendance from both exhibitors and visitors and thus remaining the event of choice for all those interested in the Romanian higher education market. 2008 was an important year for RIUF as, after the traditional edition in Bucharest (March 15th and 16th), we organized the event in two very important cities in the Western and Eastern parts of Romania: Timisoara (March 19th), respectively Iasi (March 21st). Almost every major city in Romania is now within 200 km from one of the locations. The success of the two regional editions demonstrates there is a large and growing interest for information about study-abroad opportunities and also shows that Romania starts to become a mature market for higher education institutions interested in international students.

The three editions attracted 15,000 visitors in 2008, representing an increase of 50% over the 2007 attendance and a remarkable 100% increase since 2005. The number of exhibitors (132) and the variety of their offers also boomed. One of the most important reasons that led to an important increase in the number of exhibiting European universities is that tuition fees are now more accessible to a larger number of potential students: 1) public institution fees are the same for Romanian students as for home students and 2) due to the past 8 years of economic growth (in 2008 8.8% increase in GDP) there are more and more families able to afford private institution fees.

Highlights of RIUF 2008:

- More group participations, some of them organized with the contribution of prestigious institutions: UK Pavilion, French Pavilion – with the help of Campus France, German Language pavilion – with the help of DAAD and OEAD, the Netherlands Pavilion.
- First ever SPOT Admissions – 50+ applicants admitted on the spot during RIUF – more details in the Presentations, Seminars and Spot-Admissions section of this report
- Changes in the general profile of the visitors (more informed, more focused, with specific questions and many already knowledgeable about the application process of several of the institutions present at the fair) were noticed by exhibitors that attended previous editions of RIUF. This is due mainly to better media coverage in national and local newspapers and magazines with articles meant to inform and help prepare young Romanians for their visit at RIUF. New exhibitors continue to be visibly impressed by the proficiency of young Romanians in foreign languages.
- Many exhibitors develop and improve the efficiency of their activities at the fair. Having adapted to the Romanian families specifics of decision making on studying abroad, a number of universities are now in the position of capitalizing on the contacts they have made in the previous editions – with students that they have enticed previously and that now have submitted applications. Some are leveraging their past recruitment successes, by bringing along in their team current Romanian students that were accepted in the previous years. Others are finding the right mix of direct efforts and working with agents for promotional activities.

Exhibitors' feedback:
General organization



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"Definitely worth going, but
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Merel van der Wal,
Radboud University

"Very worthwhile in terms of
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John Mellor
University of Bradford

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■ Increasingly important presence of agents: at least 5 universities were represented by their Romanian agents. This was also the first year of activity for EDMUNDO – the marketing, recruitment and counselling agency of EDUCATIVA

■ Competition between exhibitors becomes more intense, with several institutions offering the same type of studies / coming from the same region – Ex: tourism programs in Switzerland or MBA programs in Greece.

■ 2,400 visitors attended 48 Seminars, Workshops and Private Presentations held by university representatives, professional education counselors and Romanian students & graduates of international universities

In the next pages you will find detailed information about the **Promotional Activities** we employed for the fair and their efficiency; the **Exhibitors** - their contribution to the event and their evaluation of the fair's success and the **Seminars, Workshops and Spot-Admissions** that help exhibitors to leverage their presence and visitors to better prepare themselves. You will also find basic information about **RIUF 2009**.

This year we would like to extend our special thanks to Mr. Mike Costache and Rockstar Energy Drink. With their material support we managed to survey 5,600 of our **Visitors** and thus we are able to tell you more about their background, interests, plans and other insights.

To learn more about RIUF we encourage you to explore www.riuf.ro, the official website of the event, documenting its past editions and keeping you up-to-date with what's to come.

Each year, as organizers of RIUF, we make special efforts to understand the needs of our partners and clients, to learn from previous mistakes and do what is needed to improve our event. Your opinions and suggestions are always welcomed.

RIUF is the main project of EDUCATIVA but only one of many. To find out more about what we do for Romanian youth and for institutions that target them we invite you to read the last page of this document and browse our website www.educativa.ro.

If you would like to become involved with this special event or with other initiatives we have for the youth of Romania or if you need help with you activities focused on the Romanian educational market, I encourage you to contact us. We would be more than happy to discuss how we can work together.

Best Regards,

Alexandru Ghita
President
EDUCATIVA Group



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"It's one of my *favorite fairs*"
Ita O'Callaghan
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne

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Promotional, Advertising and Public Relation tools used in 2008

The campaign organized with the help of our media partners consisted of:

- Ads in the main national and regional newspapers and magazines
- Radio spots on the main national youth radio station
- TV spots on the main regional TV stations
- Online Banners on several of the main Romanian websites – leaders in their categories: general and business news, jobs, information, community and fun for high-school and university students, local portals
- News and Banners inserts in the top press-releases feed for professional communicators
- A detailed list of our partners is available on the website of the event – www.riuf.ro

In addition, we also used:

- 5 Press releases distributed on all media feeds (10 news agencies and another 3 online news distribution services) and directly to more than 200 journalists and specialist focused on education issues
- Several Announcements and promotional messages on more than 250 online discussion lists and community groups with readers/subscribers ranging from youths interested in study abroad, high-school and university students, to education professionals, journalists and so on
- Direct promotion to about 5,000 students of the best Romanian high-schools and universities
- 4,500 posters and 75,000 flyers
- Direct mail to more than 12,000 persons interested to receive information about studying abroad

Results of the promotional campaign

- Google score for “RIUF 2008” – more than 30,000 references
- 45 news, editorials and interviews in the main national newspapers and magazine
- 15 news, interviews and shows, on all the main TV channels: ProTV, Antena1, Antena3, Realitatea TV, TVR1, TVR2, TVR Cultural, TVR International and on several regional / local TV Stations
- Live transmissions by all the national TV stations
- More than 20 news and interviews on the main national radio stations: 21, România Internațional, București, România Actualități, Mix FM, România Cultural, Romantic, Europa FM, Delta RFI, Guerrilla, Total
- Hundreds of news and articles on tens of different websites and blogs
- Increased traffic on the event’s website – 30,000+ unique visitors and 50,000+ visits
- and of course....15,000 visitors at the fair – 50% more than estimated

MORE for 2009!

Learning from the above, the media campaign for RIUF 2009 will build on the effective mechanisms of the previous campaigns and will focus on three performance-improving areas:

- Expand the direct promotion campaign taking place in high-schools and universities – we will have presentations in more than 70% of the best institutions on a 150 km radius area around each location and will use posters and flyers in more than 1,000 spots.
- Develop the partnership relationships with bloggers and local media channels (newspapers, radios etc), especially taking into consideration the impact that the regional editions of the fair will have on the local communities
- Start the promotional efforts earlier in the year, to allow more time for word-of-mouth advertising



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**PROMOTIONAL
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72%
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Exhibitors

The increasing number of exhibitors (132) and their feedback after the event confirms that RIUF is the solution of choice for those institutions interested in a national coverage but with limited time available and for whom the return on investment is very important.

RIUF benefits from its association with prestigious institutions representing important European educational systems (Campus France, DAAD and OEAD), our partners in organizing group participation and country pavilions.

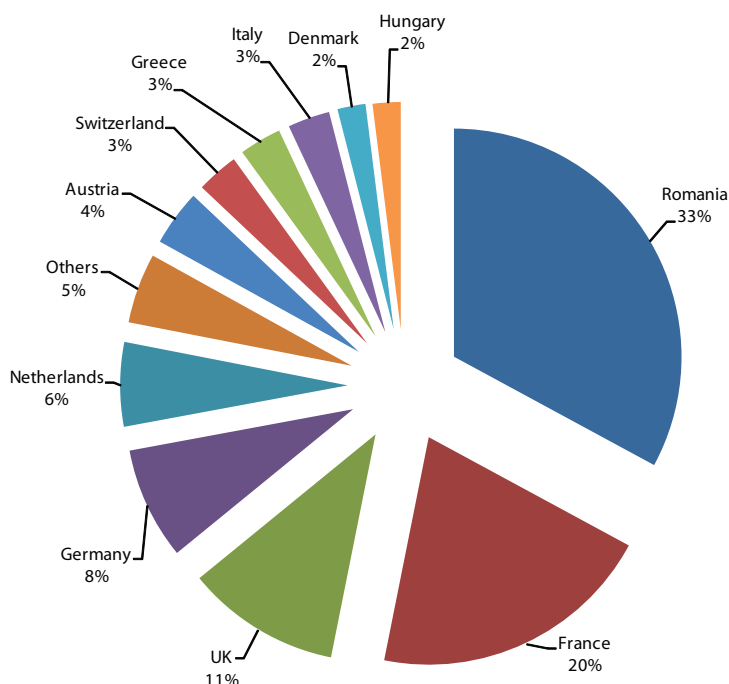
As the three national editions increase the accessibility of the event for local/regional visitors and consequently their interest for the event, an increasingly diverse array of private and public, international, Romanian and regional institutions are interested in participating: 101 Universities and Business Schools; 11 Language schools and providers of professional education; 20 others: governmental and non-governmental organizations, financing institutions, agents etc. The entire list is available on the next page.

Exhibitors / International / Romanian / Countries

Total	132	88	44	17
Bucharest	113	85	28	17
Timișoara	53	33	20	12
Iași	34	19	15	14

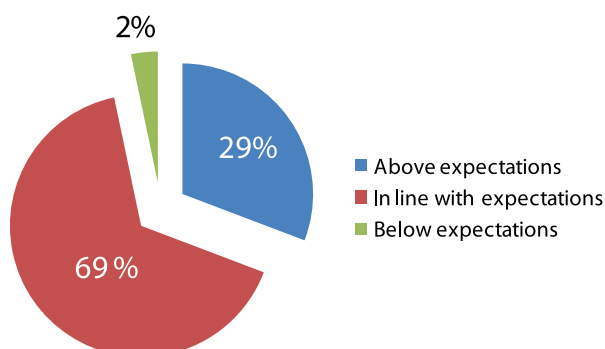
Country representation RIUF 2008

*Others: USA; Norway; Monaco; Malta; Estonia; Bulgaria



Exhibitor satisfaction

90% of the exhibitors gave us feedback and rated their satisfaction with the event and the organizing team. This is what they say:



Bucharest edition highlights:

- Special country pavilions
- French Pavilion – 26 institutions
- United Kingdom Pavilion – 15 institutions
- German Language Pavilion – 14 institutions: 9 German & 5 Austrian
- The Netherlands Pavilion – 8 institutions

Other editions highlights

- First ever International University Fair in the West and East part of the country
- Acknowledged as great potential markets by the exhibitors

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Austria

Campus 02 University of Applied Sciences
Diplomatische Akademie Wien
OEAD-Welcome in Austria
Student Intelligence - Your Partner for Romania
Webster University

Bulgaria

International University College

Denmark

Aarhus School of Business, University of Aarhus
Professional Higher Education in Denmark
VIA University College Denmark

Estonia

Study in Estonia

France

3iL Limoges
Agence universitaire de la Francophonie
Ambassade de France en Roumanie
Bucharest Business School Groupe ESA Paris
C.I.E.L. de Brest
CampusFrance
CERAM Business School
EM Lyon - Ecole de Management de Lyon
EPF Ecole d'ingénieurs - Sceaux
ESCP EAP Paris
ESIGELEC Rouen
Euromed Marseille - Ecole de Management
Formations francophones en Roumanie
Groupe HEC Paris
INSA Lyon
Institut Supérieur d'Agriculture - Lille
Institut TELECOM
Istituto Marangoni Paris
IUP Management Clermont Ferrand
Pôle Universitaire Européen de Strasbourg
Reims Management School
Sciences Po - Paris
The American University of Paris
Université d'Orléans
Université Jean Monnet - Saint Etienne
Université Montesquieu - Bordeaux 4
UT Belfort-Montbéliard

Germany

Centrul Cultural German si Consulatul Germaniei
Esslingen - University of Applied Sciences
Globe Business College Munich
International University in Germany
Jacobs University Bremen
Murmman School of Global Management and Economics
Serviciul German de Schimb Academic (DAAD)
Study in Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany
TU Bergakademie Freiberg
Universitaet Freiburg

Greece

Alpine Center & DCT Swiss Business School
American College of Thessaloniki
CITY - University of Sheffield
TRINITY International School of Tourism Management

Hungary

Central European University
CEU Business School

Italy

Accademia della Moda
Istituto Europeo di Design
Politecnico di Milano University
Universita Bocconi, Milan Italy

Malta

Skylark School of English - Malta

Monaco

International University of Monaco

Netherlands

INHOLLAND University of Applied Sciences
Life Sciences at UMC St. Radboud Nijmegen
Radboud University Nijmegen School of Management
Saxion Universities of Applied Sciences
The Hague University
University of Amsterdam
University of Groningen
Utrecht University

Norway

BI Norwegian School of Management

Romania

AB Plus
Academia de Studii Economice din Bucuresti
ACCA
AIESEC
American Hospitality Academy
ASEBUSS Business School Bucharest
Babel Center
Best
Bridge-Study
Callpoint
CODECS OU Business School
Conventia Organizatiilor Studentesti din Politehnica
Directia Formare, Perfectionare Profesionala si Consultanta
Dragan European University
EDMUNDO/EDUCATIVA
Fundatia "Equalis"
Fundatia Dinu Patriciu
Fundatia EUROED
Gr. T. Popa University of Medicine and Pharmacy - Iasi
International Education Center
JCI Romania - Bucuresti
OSUT
Road Language Centre
ROCKSTAR
Romanian-American University
Spiru Haret University
StudentCV.ro
Studentie.ro
Tiffin University - Executive MBA
Top Line Management
Univ. St. Agricole si Medicina Veterinara - Timisoara
Universitatea "Eftimie Murgu" din Resita
Universitatea "Mihail Kogalniceanu" Iasi
Universitatea "Ovidius" din Constanta
Universitatea "Petre Andrei" din Iasi
Universitatea "Petre Andrei" Iasi
Universitatea "Politehnica" din Timisoara
Universitatea "Stefan cel Mare" din Suceava
Universitatea Crestina "Dimitrie Cantemir"
Universitatea de Vest "Vasile Goldis" din Arad
Universitatea de Vest din Timisoara
Universitatea Tehnica "Gh. Asachi" din Iasi
University of Bucharest
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LIST OF
EXHIBITORS

Exhibitors' answer to:
How probable is your participation
in RIUF 2009?

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WILL NOT
COME

WILL DEFINITELY
COME

Switzerland

César Ritz Colleges Switzerland
HTMI
IMI Hotel Management Institute Elvetia
Swiss Education Group

UK

Canterbury C. C. University
Coventry University
EVS Norman Consulting
Huron University
Middlesex University London
Regent's College London, UK
Richmond University in London
University of Bedfordshire
University of Bradford, UK
University of Central Lancashire
University of Essex
University of Kent Canterbury, UK
University of Portsmouth
University of Worcester, UK

USA

Harvard University
Pepperdine University

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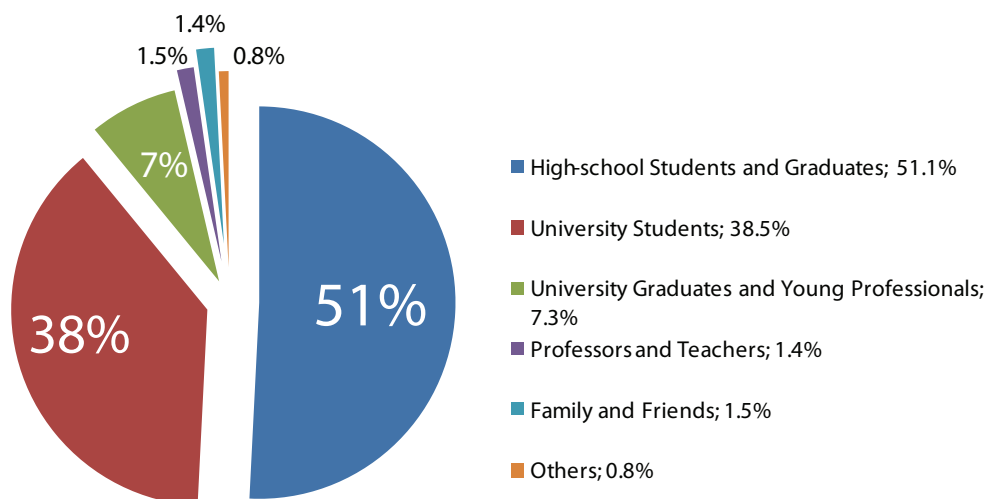
Visitors

As the only Romanian event focused on international higher education, RIUF attracts visitors from all over the country. Almost 15,000 visitors* attended all three editions of RIUF 2008, interested to gather information on studies abroad, to meet and interact with the representatives of international higher education institutions and learn from the experiences of other Romanians that are already graduates or students of prestigious academic institutions all over the world. The number of visitors increased by more than 50% compared to 2007, mainly because of the two new editions in Timisoara and Iasi. The audience of the two new editions exceeded the organizers' expectations by more than 50%: Timisoara welcomed 3,700 visitors* and Iasi saw 3,400 visitors*. Bucharest attracted 9,000 visitors*, almost on par with last year's edition.

In order to better understand the needs of this category of customers and to offer you reliable data, we have surveyed about 40% of the visitors. Below you will find a series of quantitative Indicators and other insights derived from this analysis.

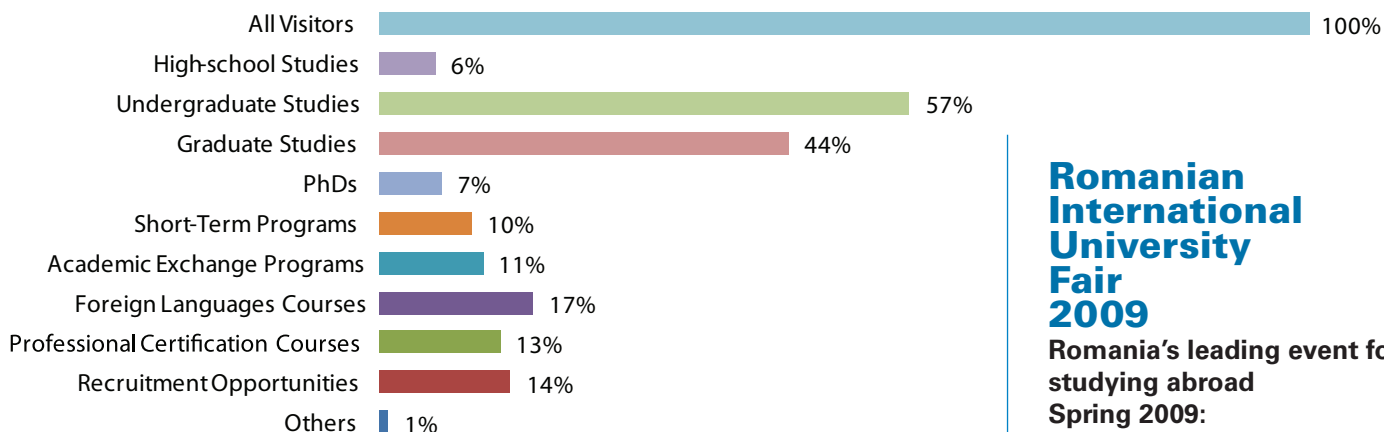
**figures based on actual ticket sales*

Who are the visitors...



...and what are they interested in?

(multiple answers possible)



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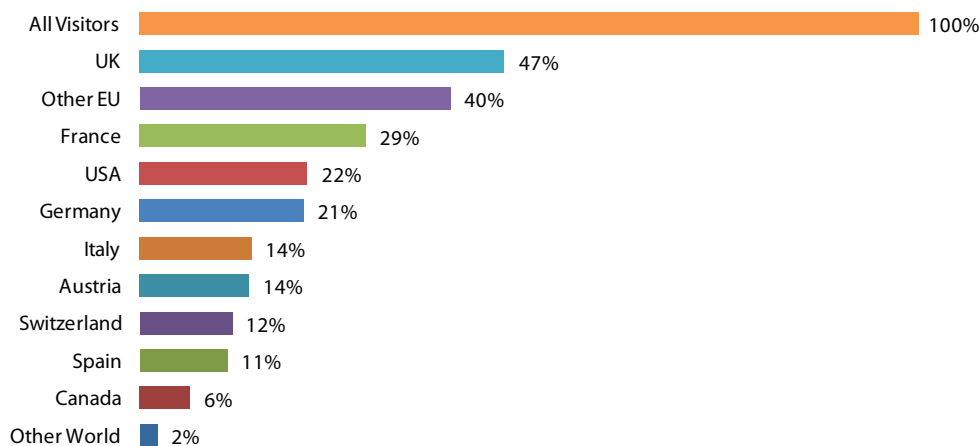
Timisoara - 19th MAR

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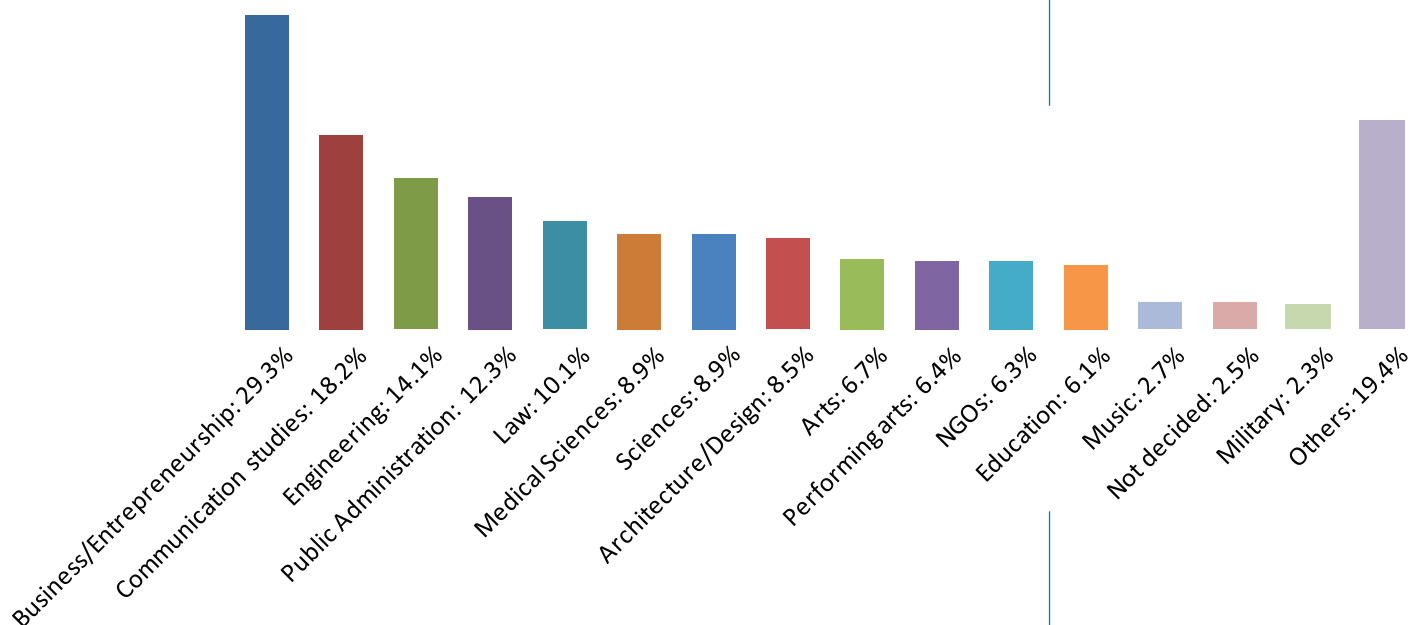
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Favourite destinations for studying abroad

(multiple answers possible)



Studies and career options



Timeline for starting studies abroad



Asked to comment upon the level of knowledge that young Romanians have about studying abroad, 64% of the exhibitors said that the visitors in Bucharest are well or very well informed and 33% said they needed more information. Percentages in regional editions were lower (well and well informed: 56% Timisoara and 42% Iasi; needed more information: 44% Timisoara and 55% Iasi). Almost all exhibitors had very good comments about the visitors' proficiency in foreign languages (English, French and German).

Visitors Insights

Further analysis of the databases shows that:

- 65% of the visitors would rely on personal funding (either partial or total) and bank loans to pay for their studies
- 40% look at the opportunity of having a part-time job during their studies
- 72% of the visitors plan to study abroad and of these, 80% declared that, on a scale from 1 (least important) to 5 (very important), the importance they put on returning to Romania after finishing their studies ranks 3.1
- On a scale from 1 (poorest) to 10 (best), RIUF visitors ranked the event's usefulness with an average mark of 7.9
- The main request to the organizers was "to enlarge the number of international universities present and programs offered"

2009 Developments

Regarding visitors/potential students, our efforts for 2009 will focus on:

- Improving the quantity and quality of information potential visitors receive before the fair, so that they would be better prepared when meeting the exhibitors, these efforts having a special focus on the regional editions
 - Informative programs developed with other important actors in this field: British Council, DAAD, Campus France, the Fulbright Commission
 - More and better articles developed with our media partners
 - More information available on our websites: www.riuf.ro, www.edmundo.ro, www.educativa.ro
- Developing and improving the range of opportunities available to RIUF visitors;
 - Enlarging the number of institutions taking part in Spot-Admissions thus increasing students' familiarity to the application procedures and the efficiency of the recruiting processes
 - Expanding the number of seminars and workshops meant to inform, motivate, train and coach potential students in the many aspects that need to be taken into consideration when one thinks about going to study abroad

Demographics

The demographics of the visitors changed in the last two editions: year after year we have more and more high-school students interested in Undergraduate studies and less university graduates interested in Master and MBA programs. In the same time, the general interest of Romanian student population for Master and MBA programs increased. Evidence to that are the number of places in Romanian Master programs (about 35,000 for the 2008 fall intake; the number is double compared to the previous year) and the number of international MBA programs offered in Romania (15). For these reasons, we have decided that we will try to meet the needs of university graduates and young professionals by organizing a dedicated a NEW Master & MBA exhibition. The first edition will take place just two days before the Bucharest edition of RIUF 2009, in order to allow higher education institutions interested in both events to easily participate.

"Very interested students; research done in advance"
Silvia Lefley & Caroline Dimpleby,
University of Essex

*"Strong English, **focused & educated**, more financial flexibility than previously"*
Reya Hildebrandt,
Webster University

*"Amazing: many pretty well informed; **pretty good knowledge of German**"*
Reimar Muller
DAAD

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Presentations, Seminars and Spot-Admissions

RIUF offers exhibitors and visitors additional opportunities to explore in depth critical aspects of the process of studying abroad and to maximize the benefits of their attendance of the event. All three editions of RIUF had extra opportunities in which visitors could interact with exhibitors or international graduates to explore the many topics of interest.

Seminars, Workshops and Private Presentations

48 all in all, of which: 27 in Bucharest with more than 1,400 people in audience – on average about 50 persons / seminar; 12 in Timisoara attended by no less than 400 people – on average about 35 / seminar; 9 in Iasi with 550 people in audience – on average about 60 / seminar.

The topics covered:

- Presentations of foreign educational systems: British, German, French, US, Dutch.
- Success Stories of Romanians attending international universities - sharing their experience abroad
- Presentations of study-abroad consulting services offered by exhibiting institutions
- Private Presentations of universities and graduate programs present at the fair

The speakers were:

- Representatives of British Council, US Fulbright Commission, Campus France, DAAD and OEAD
- Romanian students & graduates of international universities: Harvard University, Pepperdine University, University of Akron, Business Academy Copenhagen North, Wesleyan University
- Representatives of various universities and graduate programs: The Hague University, "Cesar Ritz" Colleges Switzerland, CEU Business School, TRINITY International School of Tourism Management

All speakers were given 1 hour time slots with 30 minutes breaks, allowing for easy access to and from the seminar rooms. Preregistration for seminars was available online on www.riuf.ro with 5 days in advance of each event. The presentations were also promoted in the orientation materials received by all visitors and were announced through the speakers in the exhibition halls.

Spot-Admissions – 50+ applicants admitted during RIUF

A NEW TYPE OF EVENT organized at RIUF in 2008 was very well received by the visitors. Students were offered the opportunity to apply to three international universities (Coventry University, University of Worcester, Trinity International School of Tourism Management) by submitting an application file to the Romanian representatives of these universities (EDMUNDO). 54 applicants were pre-screened with a week in advance of the event in Bucharest and scheduled for 15 minutes interviews with the representatives of the universities. Almost all applicants received Conditional and Unconditional offers at the end of their interviews. The event was considered a great success by the universities involved, the organizing team and the applicants. In 2009 we will increase the number of institutions engaged in the Spot-Admissions process in order to bring closer admissions officers and potential students.

If your institution is interested to be involved please ask more details from your contact person in our team.

Pre-fair high-school presentations

Also new at RIUF 2008, 16 presentations were delivered by university representatives in the days prior to the events in Bucharest and Timisoara in high-schools selected for the reputation of their graduates gone to study abroad. The participating institutions were thus able to reach promising students in a comfortable environment and maximize their impact on the Romanian market whilst travelling for RIUF.

Feedback from both exhibitors and visitors shows that these events managed to substantially increase the knowledge young Romanians have about the experience of studying abroad and the prerequisites necessary for applying to an international university.



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**PRESENTATIONS,
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More than

2400

people attended the presentations, seminars and spot-admission trials during the three editions of the fair.

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Target dates for RIUF 2009

- Spring: Bucharest – March 14th-15th; Iasi – March 17th; Timisoara – March 19th
- Fall: Bucharest - October 17th-18th – NEW Edition!

Registration Deadlines

- for the Spring editions: Early Bird – December 21st, 2008; Regular Registration – January 15th, 2009; Late Registration – March 1st, 2009 (depending on availability)
- for the Fall edition: Early Bird – June 15th, 2008; Regular Registration – July 31st, 2009; Late Registration – October 1st, 2009 (depending on availability)

Costs

- Most exhibitors book normal / regular booths (3x2 meters). They can also choose a small booth (2x2 meters) or a large booth (4x2 meters). All booths have standard furniture and amenities (a table, a wastebasket, two chairs, a sign indicating the name of the organization, lights and electricity). The price for Early Bird Registration + Normal Booth will be 850 EUR for Bucharest (750 EUR in 2008) / 650 EUR for Timisoara / 650 EUR for Iasi, + VAT (19%).

Prices and dates are subject to further confirmation.

If you would like to receive an Exhibitors Information Package when it becomes available (October 2008) please send us an email at office@riuf.ro or call +40.751.015.184. Meanwhile, we invite you to explore the photo galleries available on www.riuf.ro, documenting the past editions of the event. If you would like to talk to one of the exhibitors in the previous editions about their experience with RIUF we'll be happy to connect you with representatives from various academic institutions (in most cases, with somebody from your country)! If you have further questions about RIUF please contact us at your earliest convenience.

About EDUCATIVA

EDUCATIVA is a group of educational companies and non-governmental organizations, focused on developing together projects and services that offer young Romanians personal development opportunities. The current projects of EDUCATIVA Group are:

- RIUF – ROMANIAN INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY FAIR
- RIMME - Romanian International Master & MBA Exhibition
- ED.MUN.DO – Romanian agent for International Universities and Study-Abroad counseling service
- UNIVERSITY OPTIONS – The Complete Guide for College Admission in Romania
- EDUCATIVA TOUR – an annual series of events focusing on direct promotion of opportunities offered to students by EDUCATIVA Group and its partners

We have considerable experience in developing and managing projects with and for high-school and college students in both profit and non-profit setups. We cultivate excellent relationships with deans and rectors of universities, directors of high-schools, regional officials of the Ministry of Education, leaders of student organizations, journalists covering the education sector etc.

In addition to our own activities, we also do consulting work for organizations interested in developing and implementing projects that involve Romanian high-school and college students, teachers and academic institutions for promoting products and services, recruitment purposes and so on. We can initiate, research, design, budget, develop, implement, communicate and coordinate a large array of projects targeted at Romanian youth. To see more details about the work we do you may visit www.educativa.ro.

If you would like to learn more about the Romanian education market and find out if we can be of assistance with your projects we encourage you to contact us. We would be more than happy to discuss how we can work together. Please send us an email at contact@educativa.ro or call +40.755.015.184.



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University of Bradford

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Ita O'Callaghan
Ecole Hôtelière de Lausanne

"*Very interested students;*
research done in advance"

Silvia Lefley & Caroline Dimbleby,
University of Essex

"Strong English, *focused*
& *educated*, more financial
flexibility than previously"

Reya Hildebrandt,
Webster University

"Amazing: many pretty
well informed; *pretty good*
knowledge of German"

Reimar Muller
DAAD

