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F.S.L.C.P.R. Point of View

On Romanian Presidency Press Statement Regarding the Draft of Government Ordinance on Research-Development-Innovation and on Romanian President's, Klaus Werner IOHANNIS, Statements on the Draft Law to Validate the GO 41/2015

Mr. President Klaus Werner Iohannis, we have found out with surprise of your position regarding the above mentioned normative acts, after you ignored the signals sent by the federation, during the actions developed at Cotroceni and/ or at the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports (as it was named until 2017). It is true that such actions were not organized via the social networks and that we did not appeal to those in order to submit them to you, but we were consistent with the legal provisions and we tried to make them known via mass-media. We benefited of “total information embargo”, confirmed as being imposed from “above” by the colleagues from the media. It is not surprising, and the explanation is obvious considering that you, Mister President, preferred as interlocutor Mr. Adrian Curaj-academician in the “science of the national security”, minister, Ad Astra accomplice (see the coordination meeting in Timișoara) and many more.

Instead of being consulted as social partners in the RDI field, as, together with the ministry representatives we submitted a joint opinion on the draft law for approval of the GO 41/2015, draft voted in the Chamber of Deputies, there was asked its review based on statements showing serious lacks on the knowledge of the specific legislation for the field. It is a serious confusion concerning the attributions of the National Research-Development Institutes, which were established with the help of the Oxford experts in a Phare Program of re-organization of the RDI field and those of the universities by the so-called “academic scientific research”, the normative basis for it residing in Mr Andrei Marga's Notebook 13. The explanation for its establishment was that there had to be “used” the non-reimbursable funds granted by the World Bank for the “academic research”, by Mr A. Marga's, Ms Ecaterina Andronescu's and others' clientele. As I have signalized in numerous times, the ex-nomenclature re-organized itself, finding the favorable climate, thus, it appeared a structure, initially with European funding, for the higher education which quickly turned into an “influential” structure for the detour of the RDI funds to the academic clientele (founders Mr Giosan, Răzvan Florian etc.), structure called Ad Astra. Ad Astra became the reserve of staff for important positions (see Daniel Funeriu, Dragoș Ciuparu etc.), and also for persons infiltrated in the central public administration (Al. Căbuz, Răzvan Florian etc.), and now we find them in the presidency, especially as they benefit of Alma Mater support (Anton Hadăr- the omnipresent and omnipotent trade unionist and

others of his kind), but there are also others who are undercover and/ or more or less undercover, sent abroad to lose their traces and to have the appropriate CVs, specialized in manipulation by social media.

There are surprising the statements on the removal of the acquired conquests up to now and the return to 1990, which would be a great victory despite the drastic decrease of the researchers' number (in 1989, there were 60,000 certified researchers, compared to less than 10,000 despite all "beautified statistics in 2018), due to all changes in the legislation imposed by the successive governments and particularly harmful for the field that occurred between 2010-2017. It is intended to return to the inexcusable humiliation of the researchers and of the RDI staff by the provisions of the Law 1/2011 and of the GO 6/2011. The approval law of the GO 6/2011 was promoted by you on a roughly falsified document by the Parliament, totally different from what was voted in the Specialization Commission of the Chamber of Deputies, which was relying on an agreed document between the social partners and the ministry.

It is an already known practice at government level, and now even at presidency one, that the documents which are not agreed by Ad Astra are forgotten in some closed drawer or are "arranged" appropriately. A "peculiar" evaluation of your advisors can be noticed as they do not notice the major differences between the document for GO 6/2011 approval and the one for approving the GO 41/2015, which was not "fixed". You continue to insult the RDI activity, which has to be "certified" (just like pork breeds and/ or some domestic agro-food products), term introduced by GO 6/2011, in order to make the differences between the universities (which are accredited) and the National Institutes of Research and Development (which no longer are going to be accredited, as they will be certified).

The lack of bi- and tripartite dialogue, which is considered particularly serious even by EU, was explicitly put in the Specific Country Recommendations, and it is perfectly illustrated by the stand towards the draft GO on the RDI activity. It is so explained the pursuit of the attacks on the need "to involve the universities, the field academies – the new party administrations for the security-communist nomenclature which ensure substantial incomes for them and their heirs, for the civil society – meaning Ad Astra", in the process of adoption of the policies and of decision-making in a field clearly specified in the National Strategy of Security as being a vulnerability for Romania. It is normal however, as the National Research-Development Institutes have to draft the strategy in the field, to valid the strategic imports for the national economy and to ensure its competitiveness, not benefitting from budget funding (unlike the universities, the Romanian Academy do). The funds coming from the budget are allowed for some programs of national/ European/ international interest and their accessing is performed only based on projects competition.

In addition, we notice amnesia on the European regulations and another offence for the researchers and the research staff who are responsible for establishing the policies in the field, according to Researcher's European Charter and to Researcher's Code of Recruitment Conduct, by the obligation on instituting custody of the academics. The attack of the presidential administration targets also the attributions of a specialized body of the central State administration – the Ministry of Research and Innovation which cannot decide anything without consulting the universities, the academies in the field, including the consultative structures of the RDI field, which should comprise mandatory, besides the researchers, also

domestic and foreign academic staff, not experts in economics. We do not know Constitutional provisions which would empower the president to get involved and imposed such measures, when there is only one article in the Constitution on the national Scientific and Technological Research, at the Title IV – Economics, namely art. 135(2c), which was violated by all government members, but the observance of which is a concern for the presidency.

We recognize the way of justification typical for the social media (preferred communication environment for Mr. President), by claiming the intervention of the “researchers’ and academics’ representatives” intervention – which we suspect to be a part or may the about Ad Astra and their accomplices 81 members. Indeed, it is interesting to see the perception of the presidential administration on the representativeness, whom they can meet and whom to respond, especially as the federation representativeness, in their actions according to the law, did not receive any answer to their Claims. It is possible to be due to the fact that the federation representatives did not belong to the framework social and professional status for the presidential administration so that they could be received by the President (they are not members of a field academy, not even of the Academy of the National Security Sciences, just the opposite they are heirs of former political detainees and did not sign any commitments with the Security, at that time).

In order to set few landmarks for you and your advisors, I mention that the Scientific Research, the Technological Development is a field of activity of the national economy – code 72, CAEN 2018, thus an independent field of activity, and the researchers in this field are in the Romanian Occupancies Classification, major sub-group 2 (21) and major sub-group 3, thus totally independent from any other activities. Internationally, the RD activity is clearly regulated by the Frascati Manual, reviewed in 2015 and acknowledged by the OECD and EU, while the researchers’ status is subject to the Researcher’s European Charter and Researcher’s Code of Conduct in Recruitment.

We express our availability for a meeting with you, regardless on the day and time and we believe that the current actions, including the negative rectification of the Scientific Research-Technological Development – Innovation budget are in the advantage of some clientele groups of interests, targeting the dismantling of the Ministry of Research and Innovation, being actions of sabotage of the Scientific Research- Technological Development – Innovation field and in total opposition with the European strategy, and they also undermine the national economy and the Romanian security.

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