

## ASE – member of the WELLBEING ACADEMY Consortium

ASE is a member of the Wellbeing Academy Consortium dedicated to students' mental health and wellbeing, coordinated by Harvard Medical School and UBBMed Romania under the aegis of the World Health Organization.

Fourteen universities from Romania joined forces in an alliance dedicated to students' mental health and wellbeing – the “Babeş-Bolyai” University of Cluj-Napoca, the University of Bucharest, the “Carol Davila” University of Medicine and Pharmacy, the Bucharest University of Economic Studies, the “Grigore T. Popa” University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Iaşi, the West University of Timișoara, the Polytechnic University of Timișoara, the “Lucian Blaga” University of Sibiu, the University of Oradea, the “Ovidius” University of Constanța, the University of Craiova, the Transilvania University of Brașov, the Petroleum-Gas University of Ploiești and the “Vasile Goldiș” University of Arad. The partner universities are to undertake a needs analysis of students' mental health, during three academic years, to identify issues in mental health from admission to graduation, based on a mental health evaluation instrument developed by Harvard Medical School. Based on the data collected, scientifically grounded prevention and intervention strategies and programs are to be developed for students in Romanian universities, with the aim of optimizing mental health and reducing academic failure and dropout.

This undertaking is part of the project entitled “World Mental Health International Student Initiative”, coordinated at international level by Harvard Medical School and the World Health Organization, and the national level by the “Babeş-Bolyai” University of Cluj-Napoca. The “World Mental Health International College Student Initiative” Consortium comprises leading universities from 18 countries.