

16 February 2026

National Selection Programme 2026

International Economics & Business Competitions

Dear School Leaders, Teachers, Parents and Students,

The Romanian Excellence Center in Economics (RECE), official partner in Romania for major international economics and business competitions, formally opens registration for the 2026 National Selection Programme for:

- International Economics Olympiad (IEO)
- World Economics Cup (WEC)
- International Business and Finance Olympiad (IBFO)
- International Business Olympiad (IBO)

Registration deadline: 16 March 2026

Registration Procedure

- Teachers may register up to **6 students per competition**.
- A **single registration form** is used for all competitions.
- The form must be completed separately for each competition selected.

Example:

- for enrolment in 2 competitions → complete the form twice
- for enrolment in 4 competitions → complete the form four times

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/e/iE4z4FuMpq>

Why Participate?

Participation in the National Selection Programme offers students:

- Exposure to international academic standards
- Structured training beyond the school curriculum
- Mentorship from leading economists and finance professionals
- Strengthened university applications in Economics, Business and Finance
- The opportunity to represent Romania at international level

Recognition

Students receive a Diploma of Participation only upon actual participation in the competition stages (not for registration alone). Coordinating teachers of participating students will receive official recognition diplomas from RECE.

Governance and Transparency

The National Selection Programme operates under structured governance and transparency principles. It is supported by RECE Advisory Board composed of senior academics and industry leaders. National results are published in a transparent format to ensure fairness and

clarity in selection procedures. A detailed annual impact report is issued to monitor outcomes, student progression and programme development. Former international participants who achieved distinction now serve as alumni ambassadors and mentors within the programme.

Programme Structure

All School and National Selection stages take place in Romania.

Compulsory in-person stages:

- **3 April 2026; 9:00 - 10:30** – National Selection for IBO and IBFO at FABIZ Faculty – Academia de Studii Economice, Bucuresti.
- **3 April 2026; 13:30 - 15:30** – National Selection for World Economics Cup at Cambridge School of Bucharest (The host institution for national selections in recent years, recognized for its sustained commitment to excellence in business and economics education.)
- **15 - 16 April 2026** – National Training Programme (Bucharest, hosted at EY headquarters)
- **17 April 2026** – Final National Selection Exam (Bucharest, hosted at EY headquarters)

International stages:

- IEO – On-site international competition (China)
- IBFO – On-site international competition (Romania)
- IBO – Global stages delivered online via official IBO platform
- WEC – Continental and global stages delivered online via official WEC platform

1. International Economics Olympiad (IEO)

- Multiple Choice Selection -> Top 30 advance to the Written Selection
20 March 2026 | 08:30 - 10:00 | Online (school proctored)
- Written Selection -> Top 10 advance to the National Training and National Final Exam
27 March 2026 | 08:30 - 10:00 | On-site, Bucharest (if 3h+ distance of Bucharest, alternative arrangements will be made)
- National Training & Final -> Top 5 represent Romania to the International Competition
15 - 16 April 2026 – Mandatory in-person training; on-site, Bucharest
17 April 2026 – Final national exam, on-site, Bucharest
- International Competition | 12 - 20 July 2026 International Business School Suzhou (IBSS), China
Materials: <https://ieo-official.org/prepare>

2. World Economics Cup (WEC)

- School Selection – by 18 March 2026 -> Top 6 represent the school to the National Selection
- National Selection – 3 April 2026 | 13:30 - 15:30 | Cambridge School of Bucharest, Voluntari, Ilfov -> Top 12 represent Romania to the Continental Cup
- Continental Cup – 19 - 26 July 2026 (Online)
World Economics Cup – October 2026 (Online; dates announced July)
- Materials: <https://www.worldeconcup.org/how-to-prepare.html>

3. International Business and Finance Olympiad (IBFO)

- Multiple Choice Selection -> Top 25 advance to Written Selection
20 March 2026 | 10:30 - 12:00 | Online (school proctored)
- Written Selection
3 April 2026 | 09:00 - 10:30 -> Top 10 advance to the National Training and Final National Exam
On-site at FABIZ Faculty, Academia de Studii Economice, Bucuresti
- National Training & Final
15 - 16 April 2026 – Mandatory in-person training (EY headquarter, Bucuresti)
17 April 2026 – Final national exam -> Top 5 represent Romania to the International Competition
- International Competition
3 - 6 August 2026 | ASE Bucharest, Romania

This is the first edition of IBFO hosted in Romania. International delegations from Europe, Asia and Oceania are expected to participate (final list to be confirmed by international organizers). Website: <https://ibfolympiad.org/>

4. International Business Olympiad (IBO)

- Multiple Choice Selection -> Top 25 advance to the Written Selection
20 March 2026 | 10:30 - 12:00 | Online
- Written Selection -> Top 10 advance to National Training and Final National Exam
3 April 2026 | 09:00 - 10:30
On-site at FABIZ Faculty, Academia de Studii Economice, Bucuresti
- National Training & Final -> Top 6 represent Romania to the International Stages
15 - 16 April 2026 – Mandatory in-person training
17 April 2026 – Final national exam
- International Stages (Online)
Case Analysis & Presentation: 8 - 14 August 2026
Material-Based Objective Exam: 15 August 2026
- Materials: <https://www.business-olympiad.org/how-to-prepare.html>

Australasian Economics Olympiad (AEO)

If sufficient funding is secured, Romania will form a delegation to UNSW Sydney, Australia. Selection will be based on the 17 April 2026 National Final results, among the top 20 combined finalists of IEO and WEC. Further details will be communicated if funding is confirmed.

Preparation Framework

[In 2025, Romanian students obtained 19 international medals and one distinction in major economics competitions.](#)

For 2026, RECE has implemented Center of Excellence in Economics and Center of Excellence in Business and Finance. They were developed in partnership with the Bucharest

Centre of Excellence, operating under the coordination of the Bucharest School Inspectorate within the Ministry of Education framework.

Over 50 students completed a 7-month structured preparation programme (September - March) under the guidance of nationally recognized educators with over 15+ years of experience in secondary and university education.

Finalists from all four competitions will benefit from advanced preparation supported by specialists from top institutions in their field Ernst & Young (EY), Romanian Commercial Bank (BCR), National Bank of Romania (BNR), Bucharest Stock Exchange (BVB), VTM (Accounting), Biriş Goran (Fiscality), IMConsulting (ACCA specialists).

All examinations are conducted under standardized national supervision procedures to ensure fairness, transparency and academic integrity.

Important Notice

International travel, accommodation and participation costs for on-site international stages are to be covered by participating families or sponsoring institutions. RECE is actively seeking sponsorship support to reduce costs where possible.

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Sincerely,
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IEO		MCQ's	Essay selection		Training	Training	Final National Test	International Competition									
WEC	School selection			National Selection					Continental Cup								
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