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Abstract: Romanian higher education needs to use the valid hierarchy systems in order to make itself known, and it has to become as transparent as possible in what concerns the diversity of the teaching methods, of research and of funding. We also have to ask ourselves the following question: in the conditions of financial agreements, is it possible for the Romanian universities to enter the international league? Could a Romanian university rank within the first 50 or 100 universities in the world?

We have attempted to find an answer to this research problem by analyzing the most important performance indexes used by the world's hierarchy systems, and by suggesting a hierarchy model that takes into account the present global needs and tendencies in higher education, and that is relevant and valid both in Romania and abroad. These indexes were subject for validation by 15 experts from all over the world, with a vast experience in international education and in using the hierarchy systems.