

**Consultation meeting
Bucharest,
19th of January, 2010**

National Authority for Scientific
Research (Romania)

Report at the meeting of the HLG for nanotechnologies
(Brussels, 20th of January, 2010)

Consultation meeting in Romania, Bucharest, 19th of January, 2010, 10;00h

- Organizer of the event:
National Authority for Scientific Research (ANCS),
Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports.
- European Commission representative:
Mr. Georgios Katalagarianakis.
- The meeting was opened by Prof. Adrian CURAJ,
President of ANCS. He has shown that:
 - it seems that Romania has a potential for nanoscience and nanotechnologies
 - an exploratory project (for which a call for tenders will be launched in a few weeks) has to provide at the end of the year suggestions for a possible national strategy in the field.

Programme of the Consultation meeting

- Brief reports about the status of Nanoscience and Nanotechnology (N&N) in Romania have been delivered by the official from ANCS, as well as by the representatives of the funding agencies.
- Another presentation was related to the N&N in the institutes of the Romanian Academy (of Sciences). One of the major players in the field (National Institute for Physics of Materials) also delivered a speech. *Other presentations of research institutes will be accessible on CD and web (www.romnet.net/nano), but they were not effectively presented due to the lack of time.*
- Two representative companies: **Infineon Technologies Romania** and **Honeywell Romania** also had oral presentations, expressing their interest for the N&N field.

Programme of the Consultation meeting (end)

- Mr. Georgios Katalagarianakis, the EC representative delivered two presentations: one about the strategic plan for nanotechnologies (followed by discussions) and another one, about risk and safety in N&N.
- The meeting was also attended by Prof. Marian Enachescu, Vicepresident of ANCS. He provided the conclusions, at the end of the meeting (13;30h).
- The organizers insisted on participation to public consultation (deadline: 19th of February, 2010)

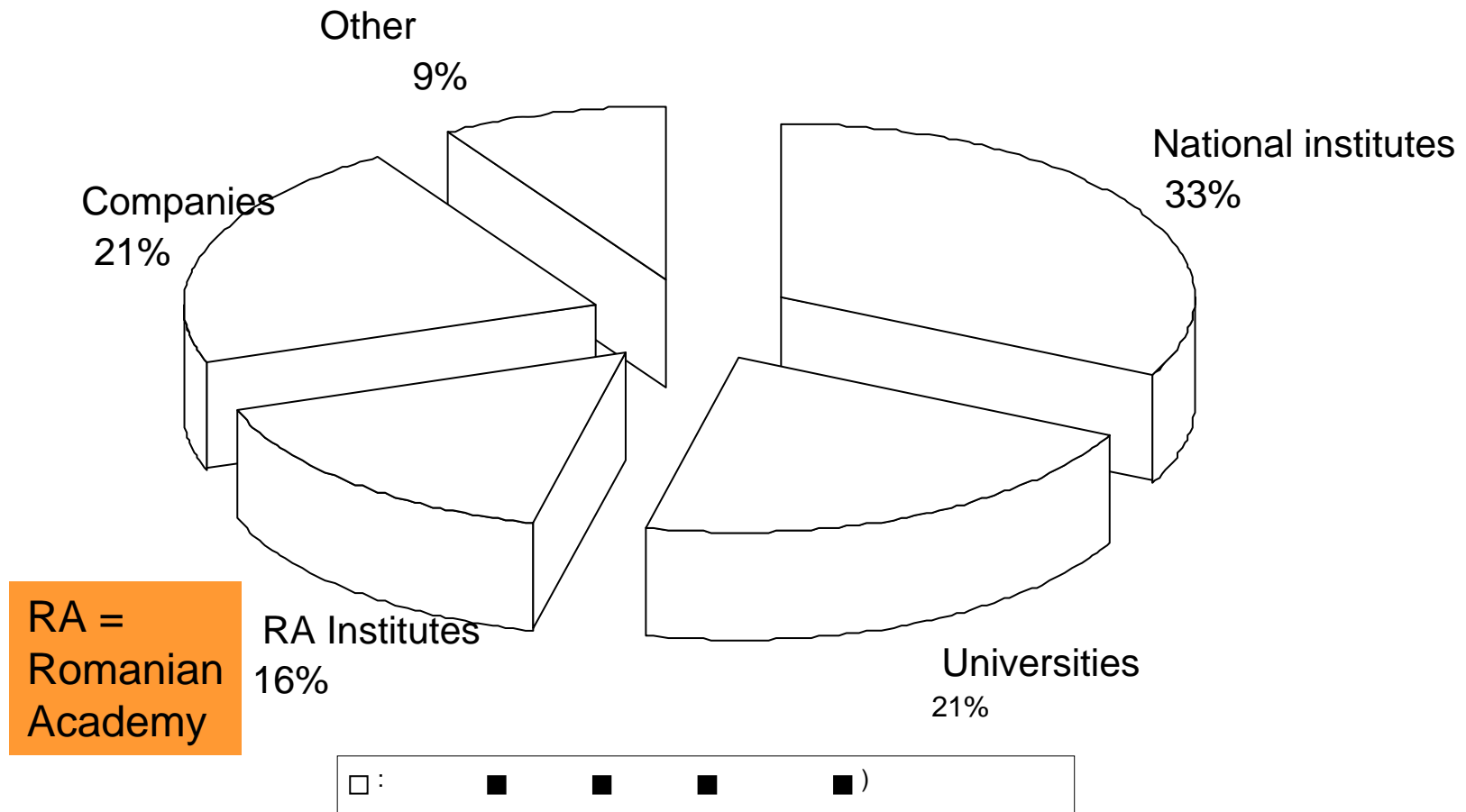
*What next? A public event “**Building on experience of European cooperation in nanosciences and nanotechnologies**” will be organized in Bucharest on 3rd of February, 2010*

Preparatory event (WS)

- The consultation event on 19th of January was prepared by a public workshop taking place at the Romanian Academy, one week before (12th of January, 2010). The title of the event has been „**Towards a national strategy in nanotechnologies**”. The event was opened by the President of the Romanian Academy, whereas the President of ANCS launched a clear message: the National Authority for Scientific Research is interested to evaluate the potential in nanotechnologies and develop a national strategy, correlated with the strategic plan of EU in the field.
- The event was attended by 187 people from 56 organizations. In preparing the workshop, the relevant EC documents were put on the web (see the statistics on the next slides)

Institutions represented at the WS

Total number of organizations 56

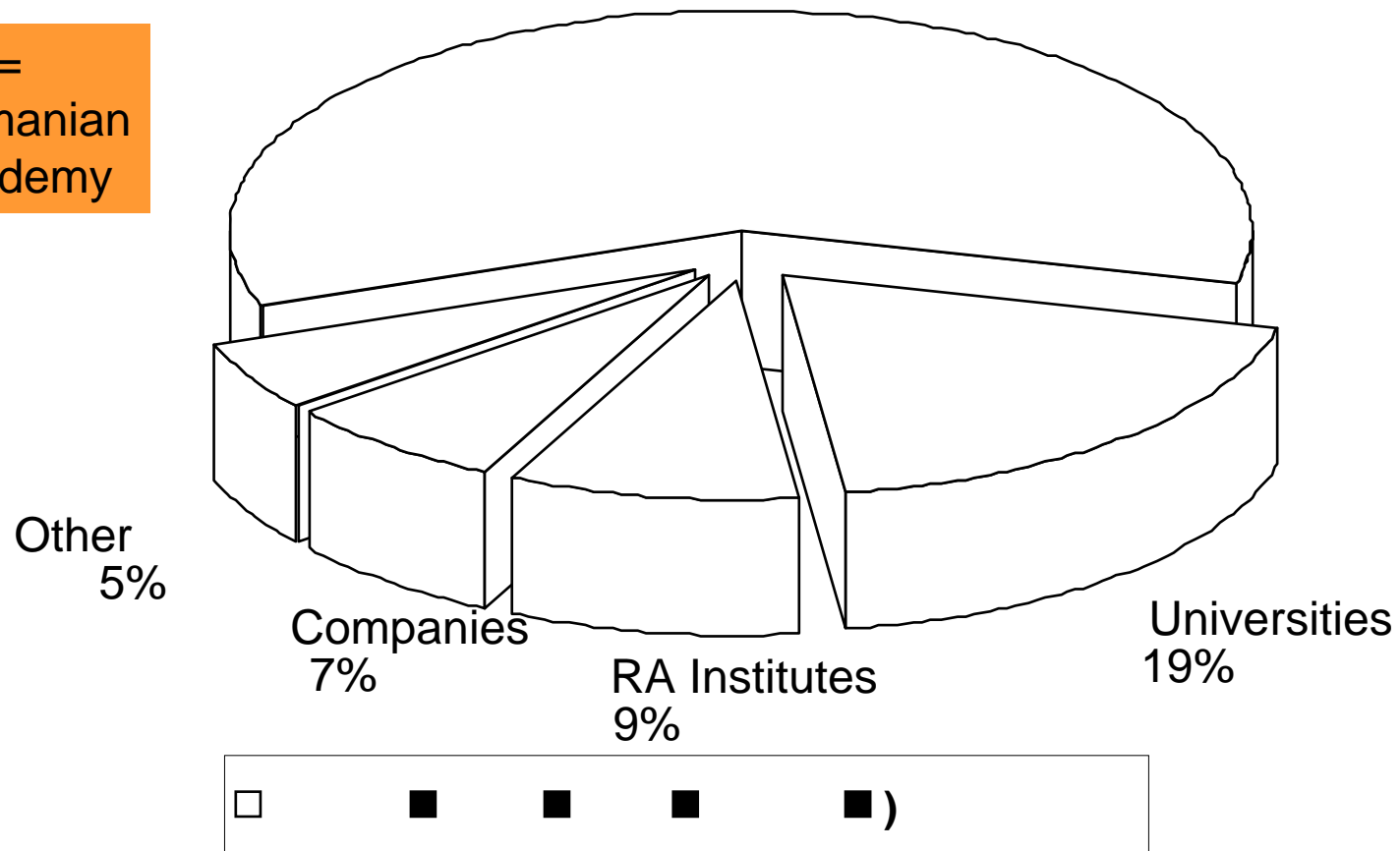


People present at the WS

Total number = 187

National institutes:
60%

RA =
Romanian
Academy



Provisional (unofficial) information

- A preliminary estimation:
 - Since 2005, the “nano”-related projects financed from public money (national programmes) are about 400.
 - More than 300 contracts are for research projects (not included: projects devoted to support actions, infrastructure, innovation). The total amount of money can be of the order of 100 MEuro
 - There are four “big players” (one university, three national institutes), which are cumulating more than 40% of the contracts.
- A more precise evaluation will be done when completing the questionnaire “***Input from Member States for the Impact Assessment of the new Nano Action Plan***”