

Health care services are provided by 41 districts and the capital (Bucharest), in line with centrally determined rules. All levels of the system were involved in the COVID-19 response as pandemic crisis management was initially centralised, but later devolved to local authorities. The National Committee for Special Emergency Situations set up a technical and scientific support group for pandemic response and initiated an emergency action plan to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. After the first three months, active management of the pandemic was decentralised, and responsibility for implementation of measures passed to regional and district authorities. (from State of Health in the EU · Romania · Country Health Profile 2021 see [https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-12/2021\\_chp\\_romania\\_english.pdf](https://health.ec.europa.eu/system/files/2021-12/2021_chp_romania_english.pdf))

In the event of an emergency, all specialized national research and development institutes and universities will be mobilized under the coordination of both the Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalisation and the Ministry of Health.

### **R&I Policies and Strategies**

Country has a dedicated strategy for research and innovation related to pandemic threat? No

R&I strategy URL

Country has an open science portal with information on publicly financed scientific research? Yes

R&I portal <https://www.brainmap.ro/>

Country has R&I webpage on

Website open science/ open data initiative with respect to pandemic threats, such as COVID-19 open

Country has coordinating structures to link public health needs and research needs? yes

Coordinating structures URL <https://www.mcid.gov.ro/sistemul-de-cercetare/organisme-consultative/>

### **R&I Infrastructures**

Country has the following research infrastructure for infectious diseases and outbreaks available, or under construction

Emergency intervention units; Clinical trial units; High level isolation units; Reference centres of excellence

Name Infrastructure	Type Infrastructure	URL	Max Capacity	Available for	Open to
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Country supporting the participation to the following ESFRI initiatives relevant for infectious diseases

MIRRI; ELIXIR in work

Website network of clinical trials (e.g. to facilitate the access to clinical trials) the country is involved in

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/global-research-on-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov/solidarity-clinical-trial-for-covid-19-treatments>  
<https://www.combacte.com/>

## **Budget mobilisation mechanisms and funding sources**

### **Basic Research**

url <https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/pncdi-iv-program-1>  
funding for basic research accessible for industry? Yes  
source of funding Public (research) agencies

### **Applied Research**

url <https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/pncdi-iv-program-6;%20https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/pncdi-iv-program-7>  
funding for applied research accessible for industry? Yes  
source of funding Public (research) agencies

### **Translational Research**

url <https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/pncdi-iv-program-8>  
funding accessible for industry? Yes  
source Public (research) agencies

### **Clinical Research (in general)**

url <https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/pncdi-iv>  
funding accessible for industry? Yes  
source of funding Public (research) agencies  
phase funded? Phase 1; Phase 2; Phase 3; Phase 4

### **Clinical Research (in pandemic phase)**

url <https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/pncdi-iv>  
accessible for industry? Yes  
source of funding Public (research) agencies  
phase funded ? Phase 1; Phase 2; Phase 3; Phase 4

### **Innovation Projects**

url <https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/pncdi-iv-program-7>  
funding for innovation projects accessible for industry?  
source of funding

## **R&I actors, authorities and activated processes that are activated in case of a health threat**

R&I actors, authorities and processes involved in case of an outbreak: ministries; mobilisation processes of research forces; (existing) national or regional structures that advise governments on R&I during emergencies; international scientific collaboration in case of an outbreak; other actors, authorities or processes

Name	Description	url
Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding UEFISCDI	The Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI) is the main funding agency for research, development and innovation. UEFISCDI is a legal entity, public body of the Central Administration under the ultimate authority of Romanian Ministry of Education Research Youth and Sport (MECTS).  UEFISCDI is the executive agency for the National Research Council	<a href="https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/">https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/</a>
Ministry of Health	Specialized body of the central public administration, with legal personality, subordinate to the Government.	<a href="http://www.ms.ro">http://www.ms.ro</a>
Ministry of Research, Innovation & Digitalisation	Specialized body of the central public administration, with legal personality, subordinate to the Government	<a href="https://www.mcrid.gov.ro/">https://www.mcrid.gov.ro/</a>

The National Institute of Medical-  
Military Research and Development  
"Cantacuzino"

Carries out activities of strategic interest in the field of ensuring  
the protection of the essential interests of the safety of the  
population's health.

<https://cantacuzino.mapn.ro/>



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