



Launch of the SNSPA Research Center for Public Policies on Youth Addiction

Program

Tuesday, 6 October 2026

SNSPA Headquarters (30A Expoziției Blvd.)

12:30 – 15:00

Official Launch <i>Multifunctional Room - Ground floor</i>	
13:00 – 13:40	Opening Remarks Prof. Remus Pricopie, Rector of SNSPA Prof. Mihai Păunescu, Vice-Rector of SNSPA and Director of the SNSPA Research Center for Public Policies on Youth Addiction Mirabela Grădinaru, First Lady of Romania Lisa Choate, President and CEO, American Councils for International Education Prof. Mihai Dimian, Minister of Education and Research Prof. Daniel David, Rector of Babeş-Bolyai University of Cluj-Napoca Representative of the University of Bucharest – Assoc. Prof. Anca Petrescu, Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences Representative of Carol Davila University of Medicine and Pharmacy – Assoc. Prof. Florina Rad, President of the Romanian Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions, Senior Specialist in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
13:40 – 14:30	Panel: International Perspectives on Youth Addiction: Social Media, AI, Prevention, and Treatment An international discussion on emerging forms of behavioral addiction, with a focus on the effects of social media and new technologies on young people, and a comparison of approaches in Romania and the United States. Dr. Angela Pierce, Dean, College of Chiropractic, Logan University - Emerging behavioral addictions, including social media, and the implications of artificial intelligence and rapidly evolving digital technologies Jamie L. Robinson, Family Therapist, United States (online presentation) - Youth addiction, social media, family dynamics, prevention, and therapeutic approaches



	George Lăpădat, FLEX alumnus from Timișoara, Romanian psychologist with extensive professional experience in the United States - A comparison of Romanian and U.S. approaches to youth addiction, including prevention, treatment, and the role of schools, families, and mental health systems
14:30-15:00	Closing Remarks Assoc. Prof. Cătălina Roșca, Faculty of Political Science (SNSPA) Psychologist and psychotherapist