ABSTRACT: Without a real change, the Romanian education system and especially the pre-university system will not be able to overcome its instability and provisional character. The reforms that started in 2000 must continue. The success of the decentralization of the pre-university system, as a basic component of the reform, greatly depends on the manner in which the financing of pre-university education must be carried out in accordance with the number of pupils, and the funds must be assigned to place the pupil in a flexible and facile environment.

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