

**National Council for Higher  
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## **SECTOR AND PROJECT MONITORING INDICATORS**

# **Preliminary Report 2**

**May 2002**

## **The sector and project monitoring indicators analysis – Present status**

The main steps in obtaining the sector and project monitoring indicators were:

1. Identifying the most appropriate indicators for measuring the impact of the Reform Program for Higher Education RO-4096; the list of the indicators was finalized in June 2001
2. Identifying the necessary data for answering to the indicators - September 2001
3. Identifying the institutions that can deliver the necessary data - September 2001:
  - Universities
  - MER
  - CNEAA
  - HNEFC
  - NURC
4. Establishing the database structure and the application forms used in data collection -October 2001
5. Sending the application form to the universities (the major source of data):
  - directly to the universities – by fax and e-mail
  - at the National Rectors' Conference – print and CD-ROM accompanied by a letter from MER and the Councils underlining the necessity and importance of delivering the requested data on time;
  - at the workshop organized by NHEFC, NURC, EA with the representative of the universities – print and CD-ROM;end of October-beginning of November 2001  
Problems occurred at this stage: need of some more in detail specification in order to help universities to fill in the application form.
6. Receiving the data from the universities – printed and in electronic format;  
Problems occurred at this stage:
  - Delays in data collection: only 8 universities delivered the data on time; at the moment there are 2 universities that have not yet sent the requested data;
  - Changes in data format: some universities sent the data in a database that had a different structure than the requested one
7. Consolidating the databases and verifying the data consistency;  
Problems occurred at this stage:

- High error rate in filling the databases – 10-15%;
- The differences between the printed and electronic data for some universities;
- No consistency in some data (Ex. the total number of students listed by fields of study is different than the total number of students listed by form of study).

As a consequence, the entire database was in detail examined aiming to assure data consistency.

#### 8. Analyzing the sector and project monitoring indicators.

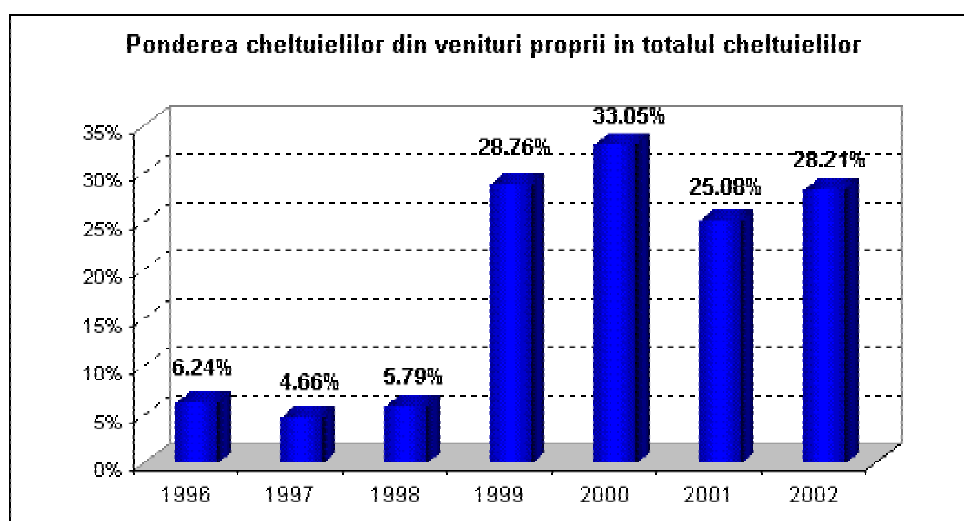
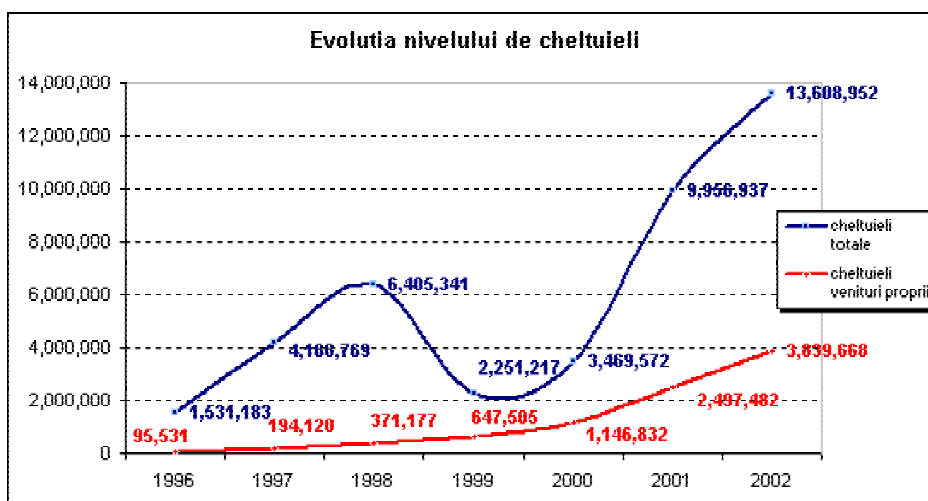
The process is going on and the first results are presented in the following paragraph.

- Preliminary data analysis
- Establishing the working hypothesis
- Identifying the most appropriate criteria for classifying the universities
  - by major fields of study
  - by size
  - by geographical location
  - by tradition
- Identifying the most appropriate methods of analysis for each indicator:
  - Global analysis
  - Analysis by components
  - Comparative analysis
  - Analysis at the level of the university;
  - Correlation between the values of funding of the universities through RO-4096 and the evolution of the indicator;
- Establishing the most appropriate graphical methods for illustrate the analyze conclusions;

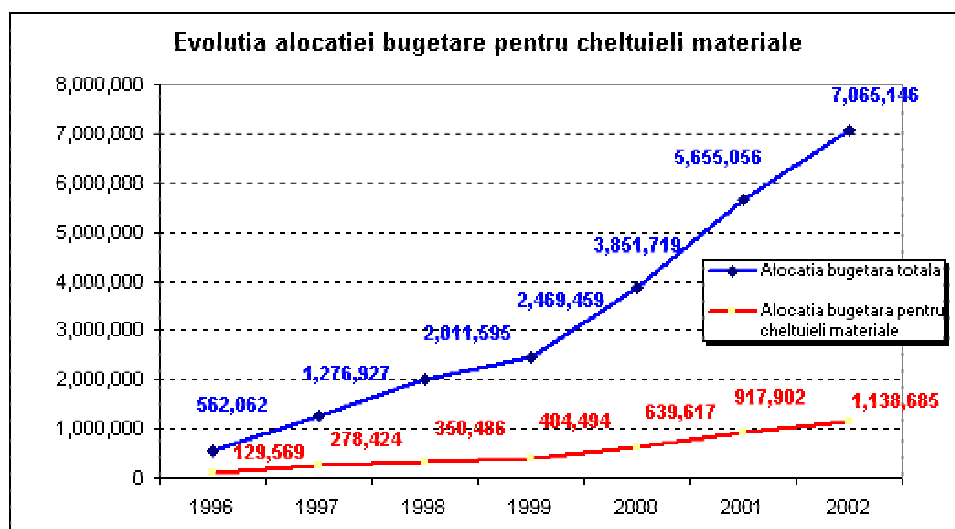
In the next pages is presented the list of the indicators. Indicators II.1, II.3 and IV.1 are presented in an extended graphical form. For other indicators is presented only the global conclusion.

I. **Macro** (the data from universities are currently compared and consolidated with the data from other sources):

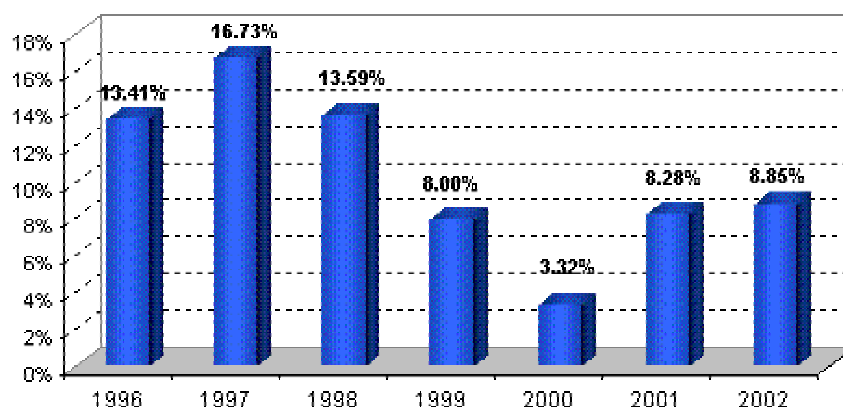
I.1. **Increase in private share of total higher education expenditure**



I.2. **Increase in proportion of state budget allocation used for capital investments**

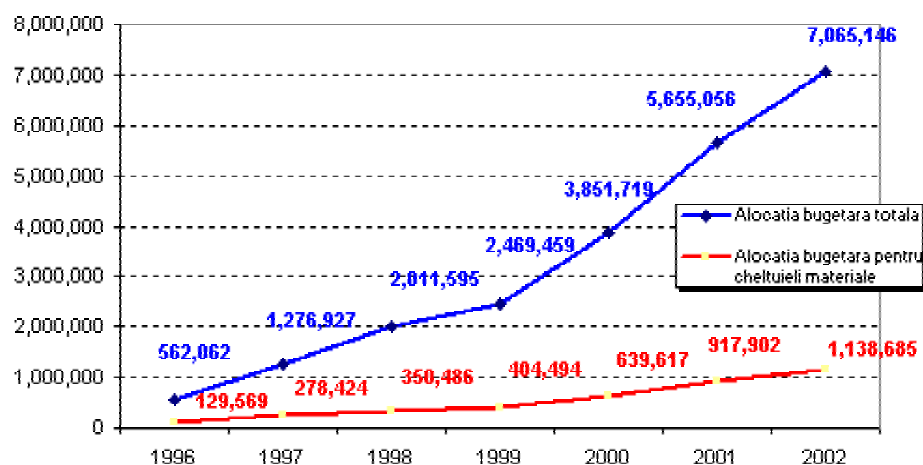


**Ponderea alocatiilor pentru cheltuieli de capital din totalul alocatiei bugetare**

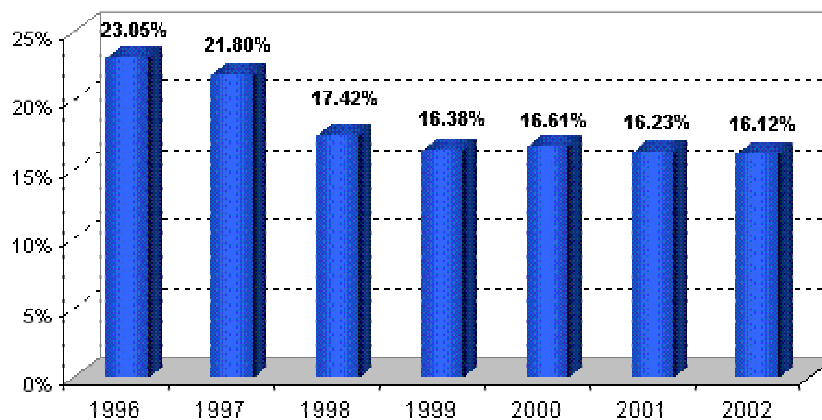


### I.3. Increase in proportion of state budget allocation used for materials and supplies

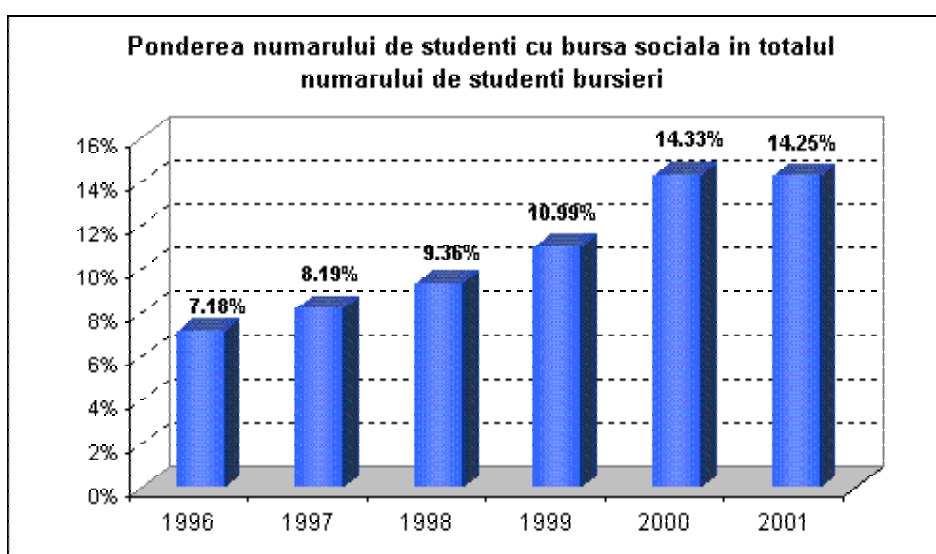
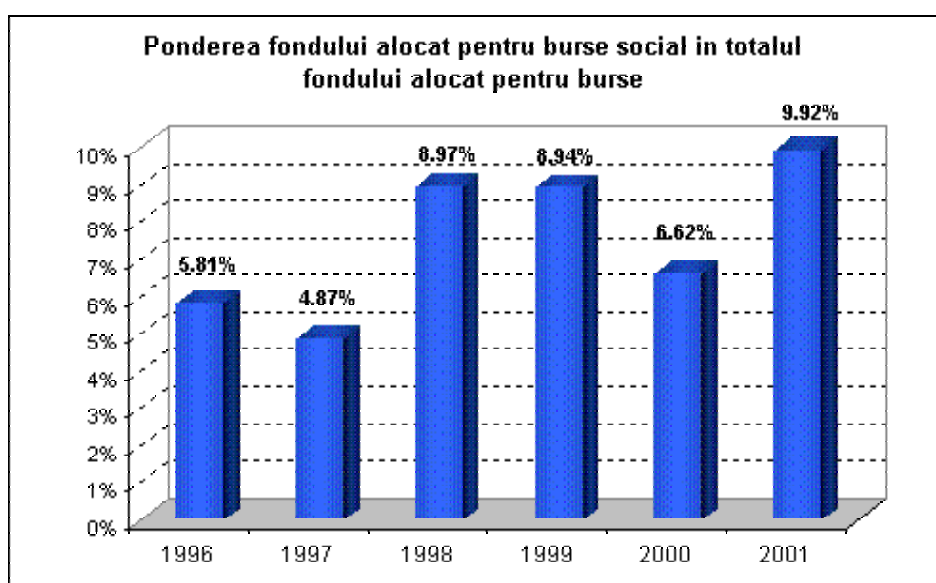
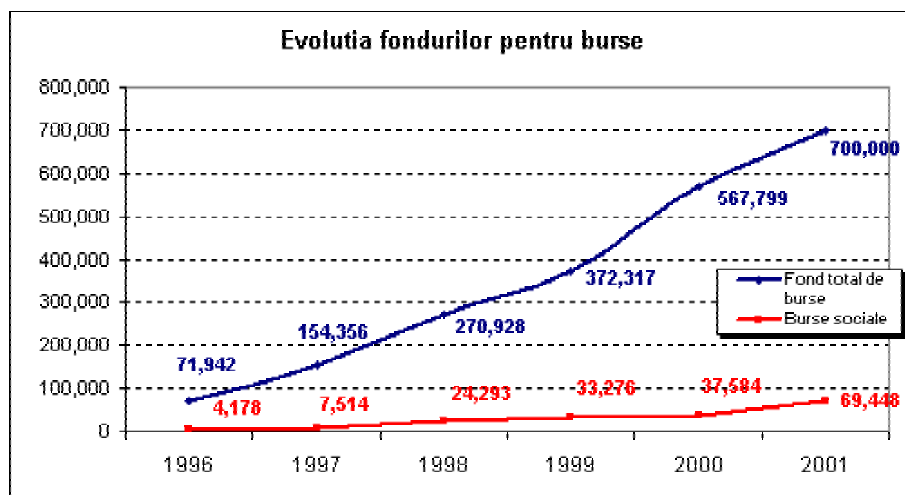
**Evolutia alocatiei bugetare pentru cheltuieli materiale**



**Ponderea alocatiei bugetare pentru cheltuieli materiale din totalul alocatiei bugetare**



#### I.4. Increase in proportion of student support directed to needy but talented students



## **II. Institution/ enrolment:**

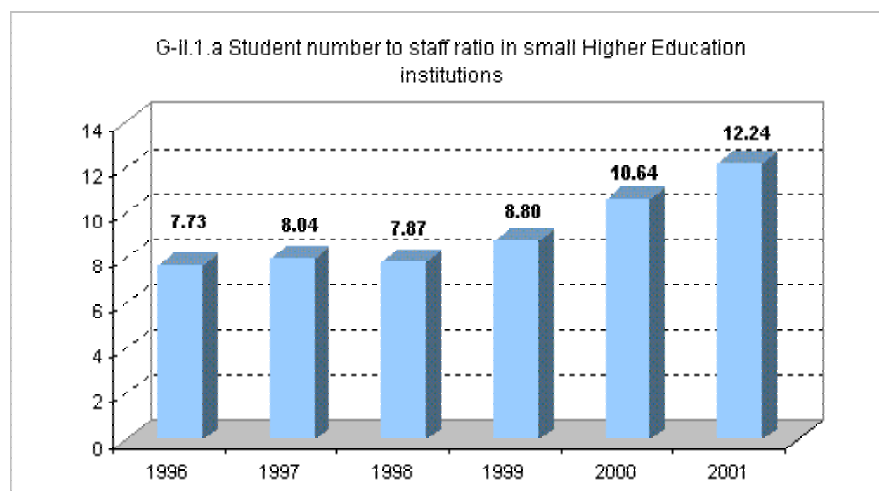
### **II.1. Increase in student to staff ratio in small HE institutions (with 5,000 or fewer students)**

The analyze of the evolution of the student to staff ratio in small HE institutions point out the increase of this ratio (see G-II.1.a), especially for the last years.

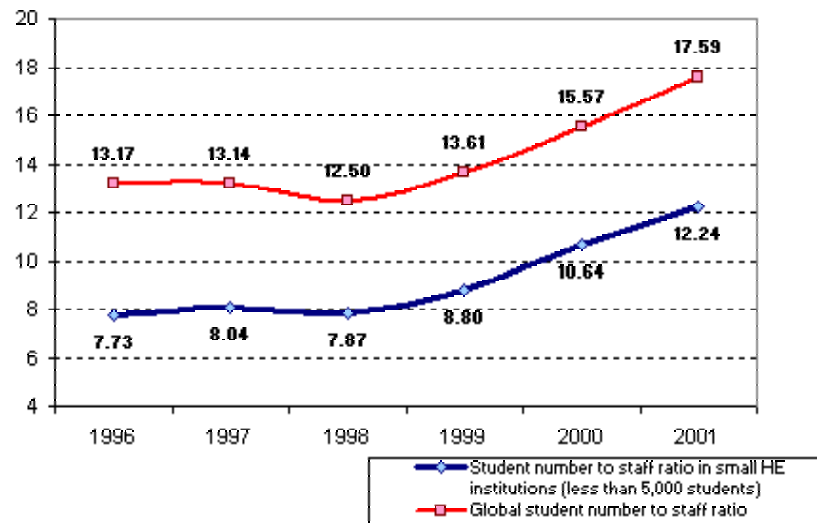
In the graphic G-II.1.b) is observed that in the small universities (with less than 5000 students) the increase of this ratio has the same trend as the global ratio for the all universities. The rate of ratio increase for the small universities is higher than the increase for the global ratio. The graphic G-II.1.c) shows the difference between the evolution of the students to staff ratio for the small universities (less 5000 students) and the very small universities (less 1000 students) - it can be seen that the evolution of the ratio for the very small universities is almost constant (an increase of 1.06 in 2001 relative to 1996 for very small universities and 4.52 for all small universities). The same aspect is presented in the graphic G-II.1.g) where the comparison is between the small universities and vocational universities.

The increase of student to staff ratio can be explained through the comparative evolution of the students number and academic staff number. This comparative analyzes (related to 1996) for the evolution of the students number and academic staff number is show in G-II.1.d). It can be observed that the increase of students' number is bigger than the increase of the academic staff number (with 106% for the students number and 30% for the academic staff number, in 2001), especially for the last years. The small ratio fluctuation (increasing in 1997 and decreasing in 1998) that is observed in the graphic G-II.1.a) results from the similar evolution (small changes) of the students' number and academic staff number.

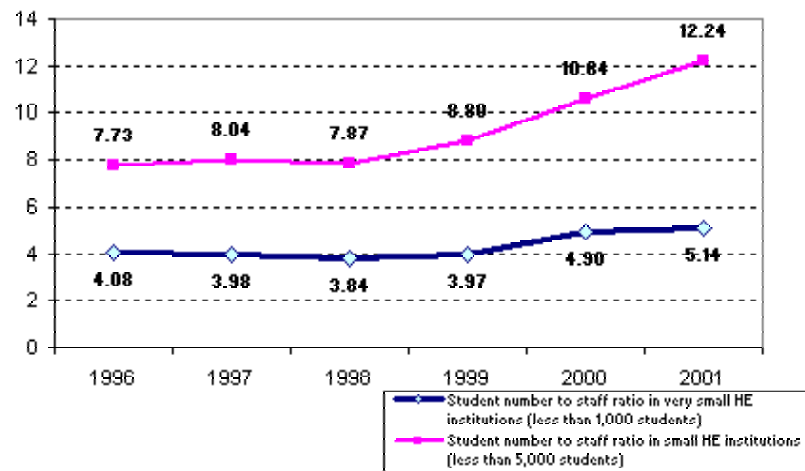
The graphics G-II.1.e), G-II.1.f) point out the structure of the students to staff ratio (the proportion between full-time and part-time students) and the structure of the academic staff per 100 students (the proportion between professors and assistants).



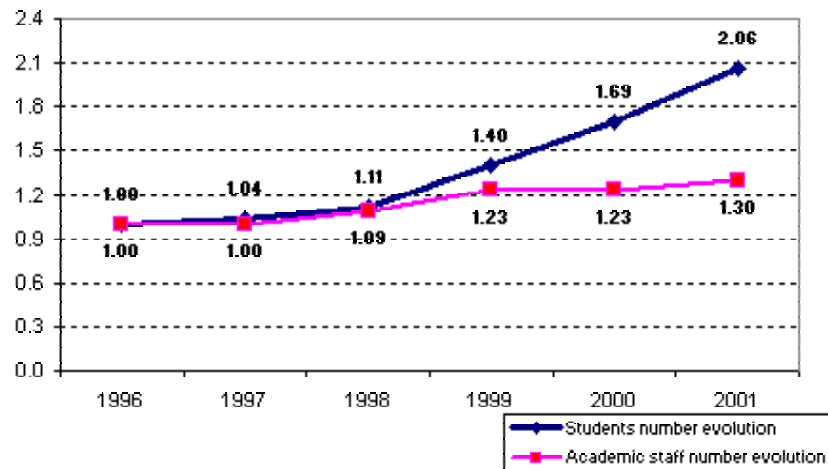
G-II.1.b Comparative evolution of the student number to staff ratio (global and small Higher Education institutions)



G-II.1.c Comparative evolution of the students number to staff ratio (very small HE institutions and the mean of the small HE institutions)

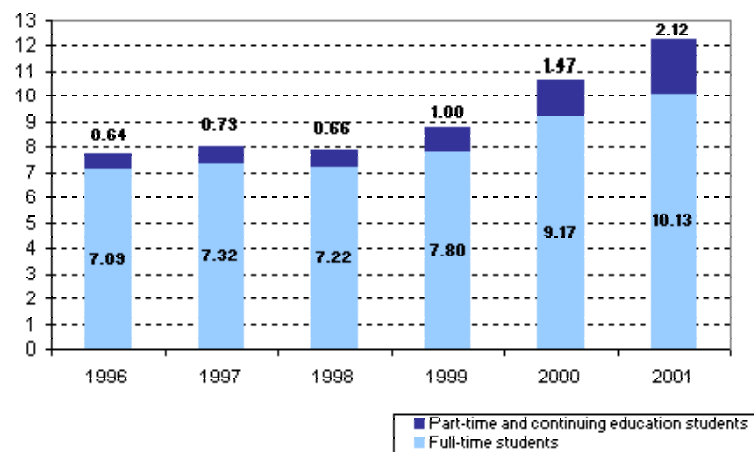


G-II.1.d Comparative analysis for small Higher Education (less than 5,000 students)

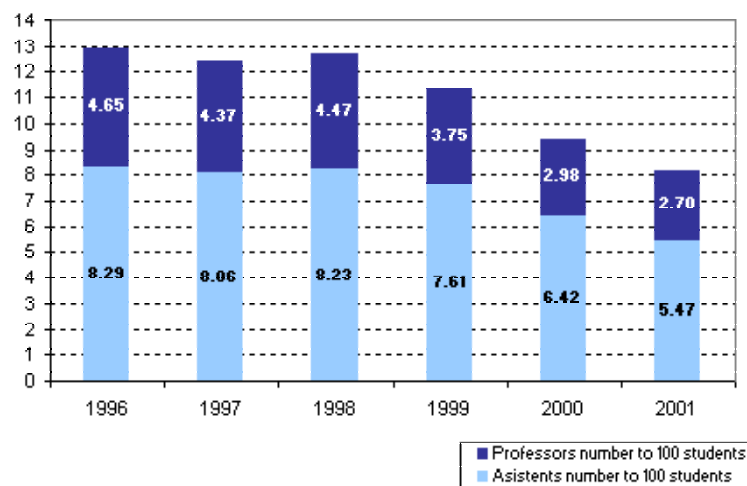




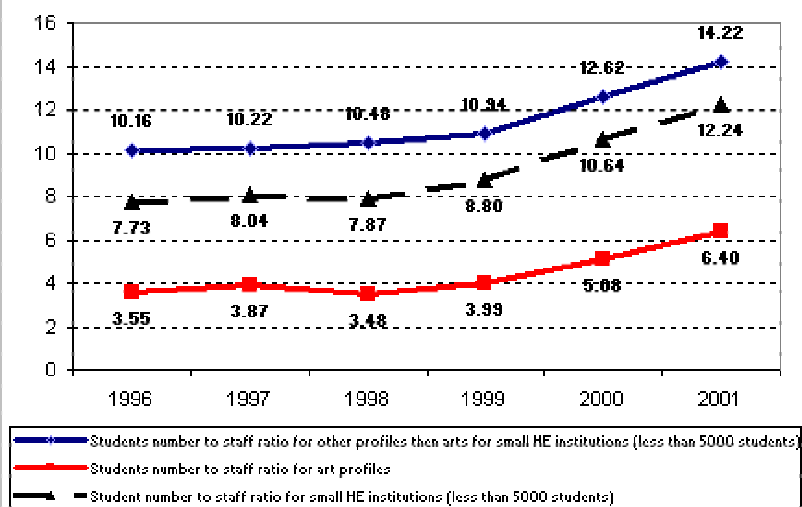
G-II.1.e The structure of the students number to staff ratio  
Evolution for small HE institutions (less than 5,000 students)



G-II.1.f The structure of the academic staff to students ratio (per 100 students) Evolution for small HE institutions (less than 5,000 students)



G-II.1.g Comparative analysis of the students number to staff ratio evolution

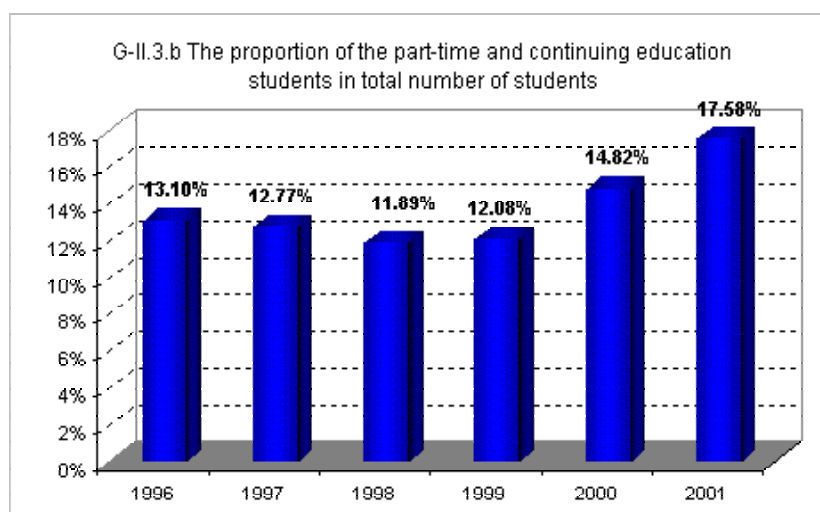
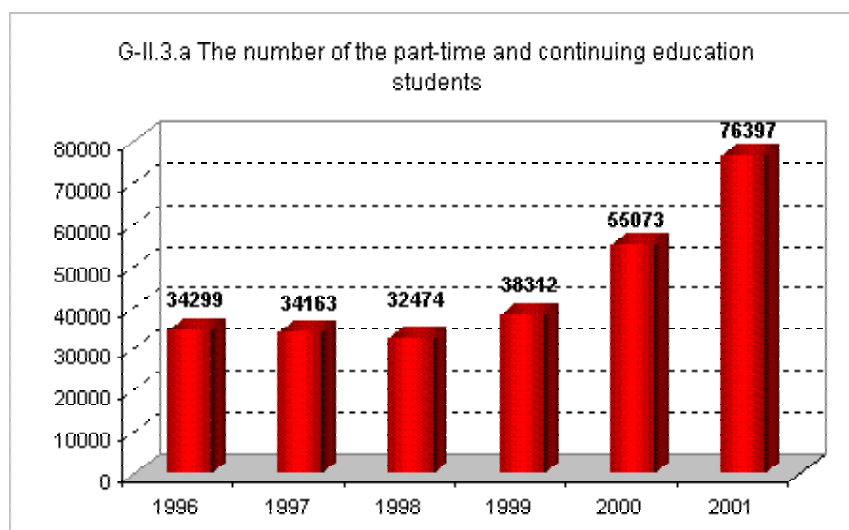


**II.2. Increase in private share of total higher education enrolment** (the data from the CNEEA are in processing).

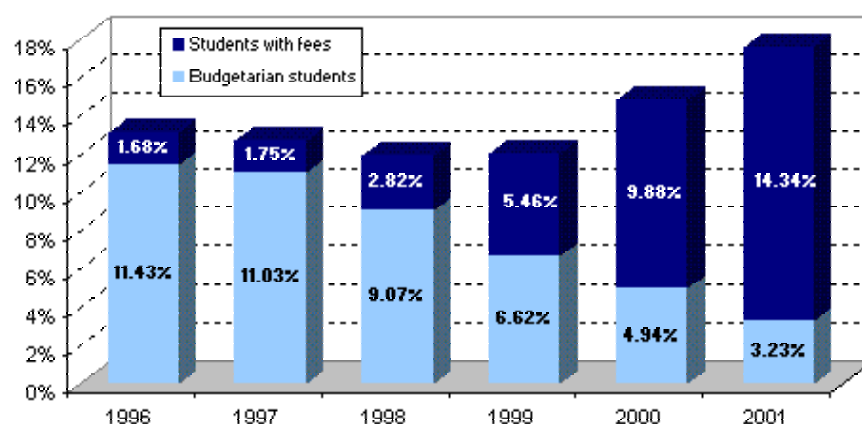
**II.3. Increase in number of full time equivalent students in part-time and continuing education programs**

The evolution of part-time and continuing education students' number is showed in the graphic G-II.3.a). Is underlined the increase of this number, especially in the last tree years. This evolution is a consequence of the following facts: a significant increase of the IDD and continuing education in the last years (see graphic G-2.3.e) and an accentuated decrease of the evening courses.

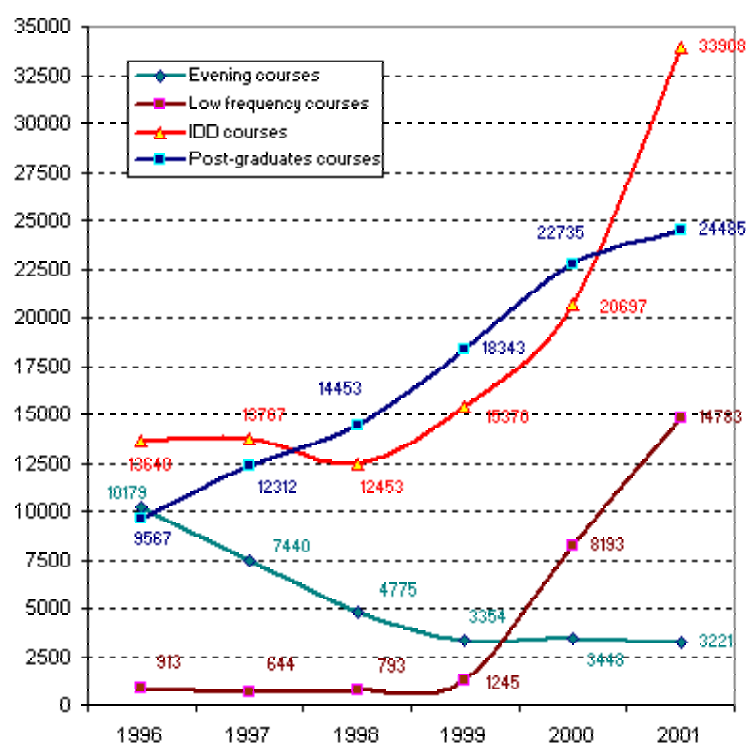
In the graphics G-II.3.b, G-II.3.c and G-II.3.d is presented the structure of the part-time and continuing education students financed from the budget and with fees. In this way is underlined the increase of the part-time students and continuing education with fees, especially after 1999, when the continuing education was not financed from the Budget and the IDD teaching form was assumed by the universities.

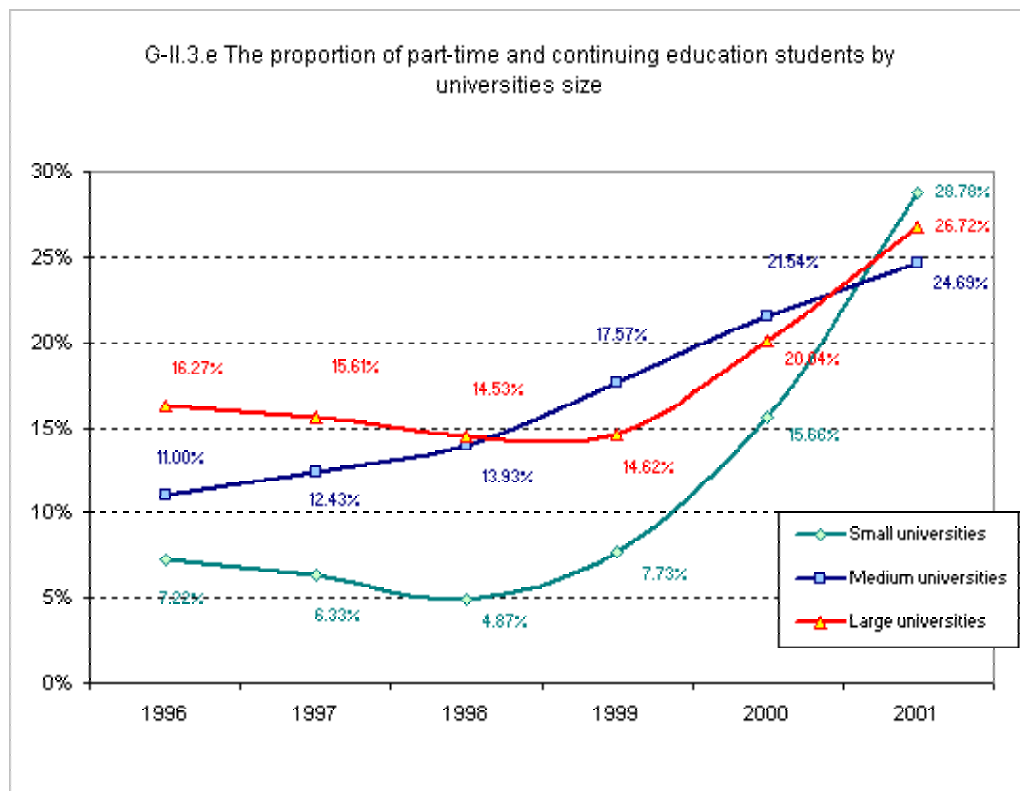


G-II.3.c The proportion of the part-time and continuing education students with fees and budgetarians



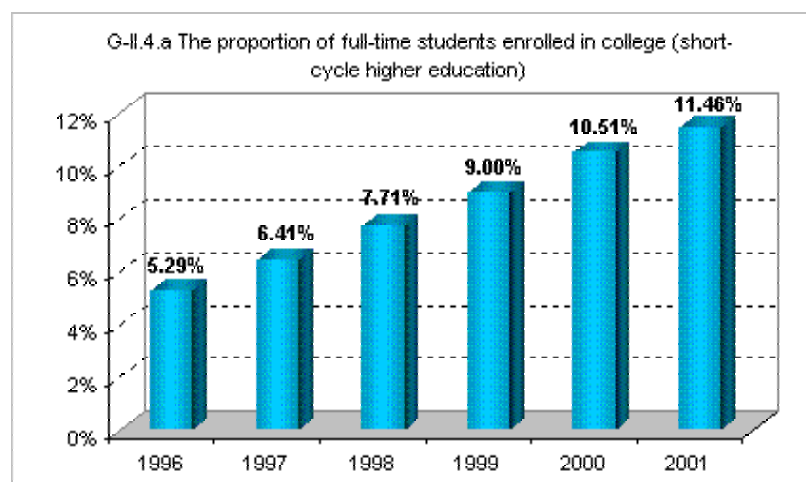
G-II.3.d The evolution of the number of part-time and continuing education students

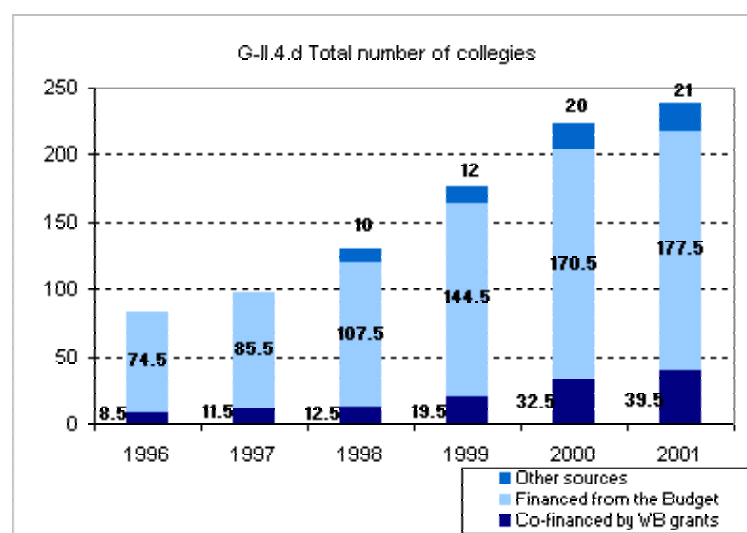
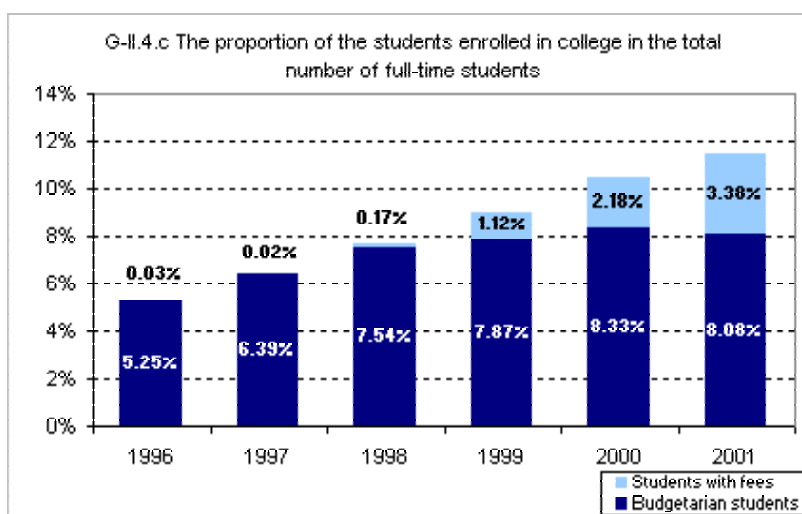
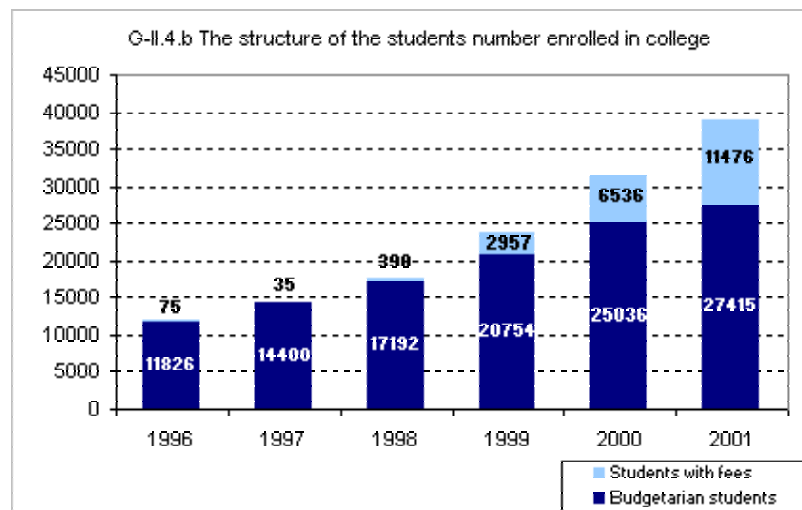


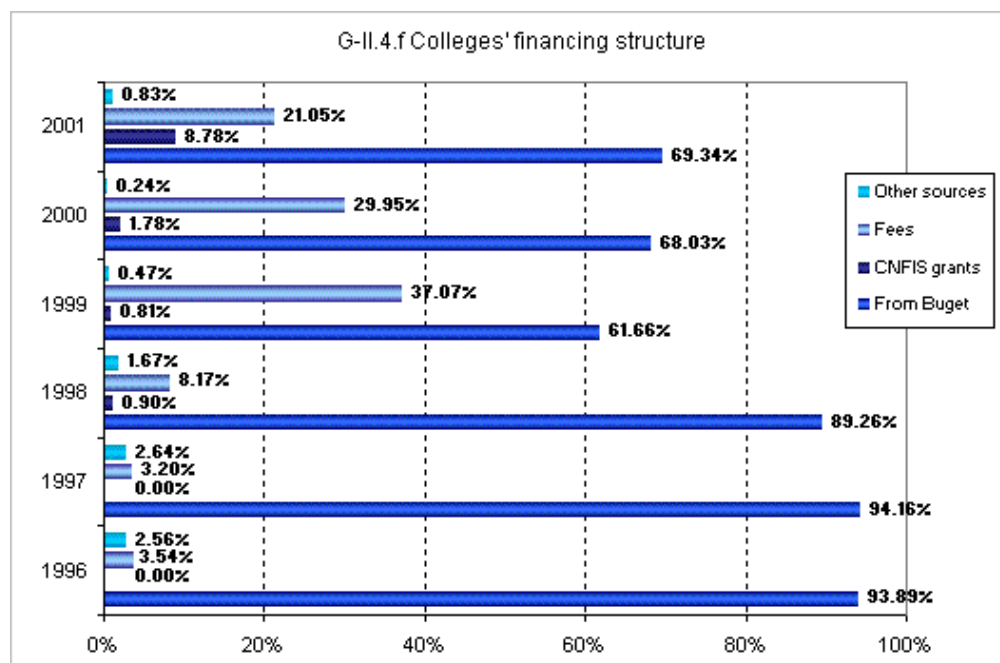
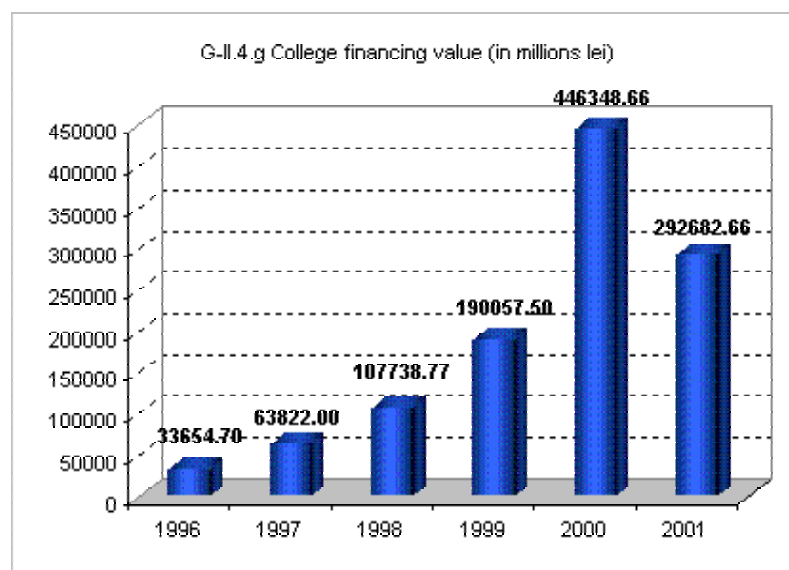
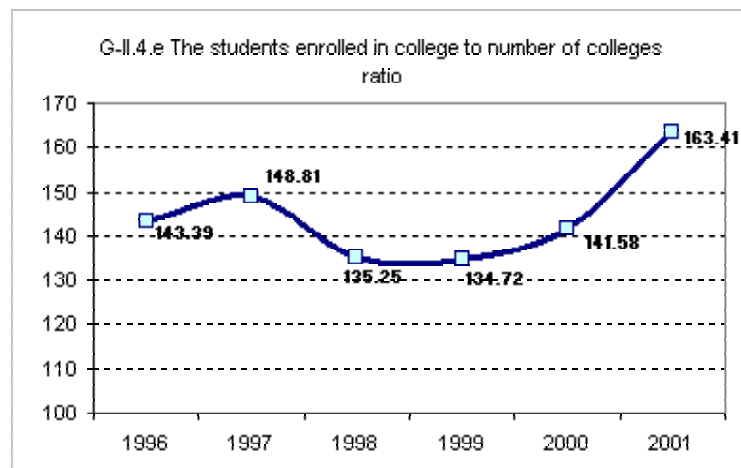


#### II.4. Increase in the proportion of full time students enrolled in college (short-cycle higher education)

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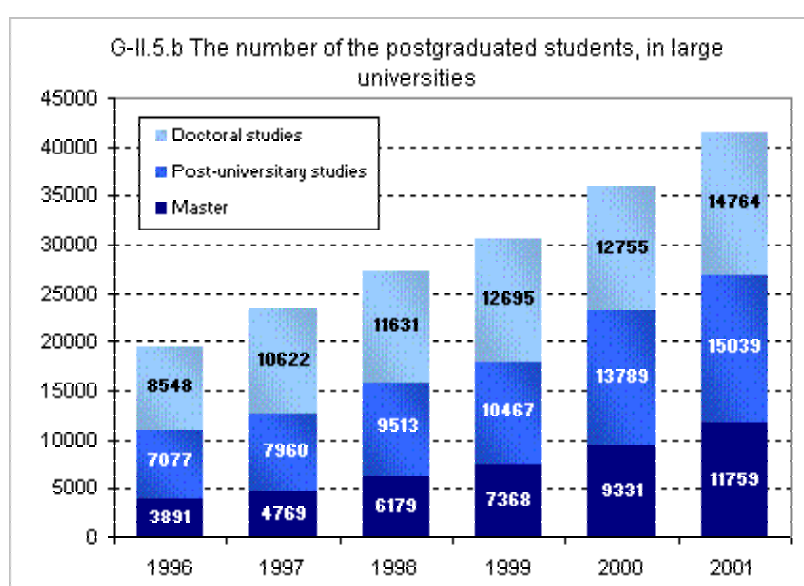
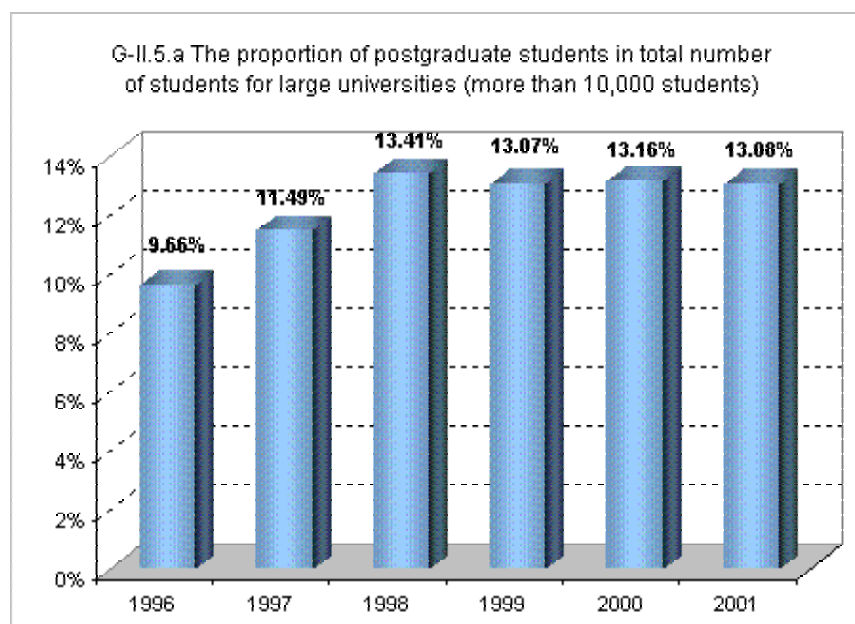




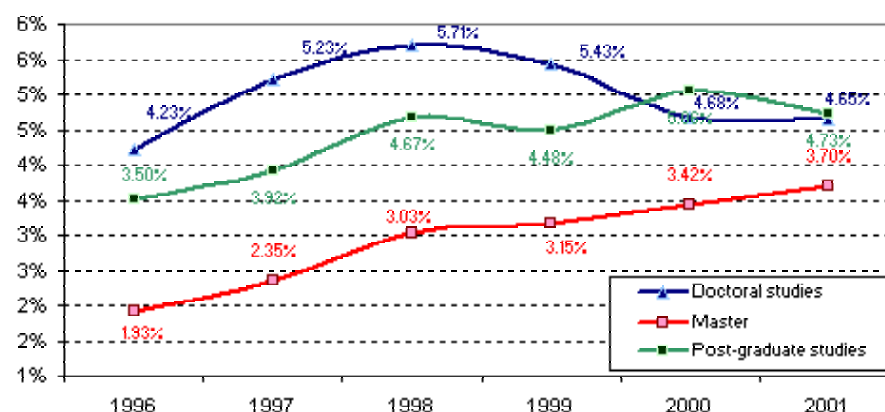


## II.5. Increase in postgraduate share of full time equivalent enrolment in large public higher education institutions (with 10,000 or more students)

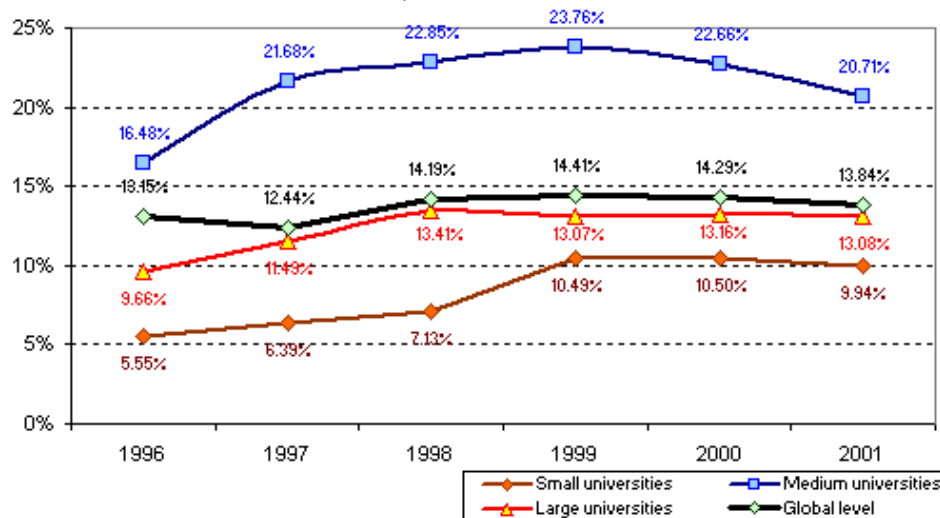
See the graphic G-II.5. Proportion of the postgraduate enrollment in large public higher education institutions.



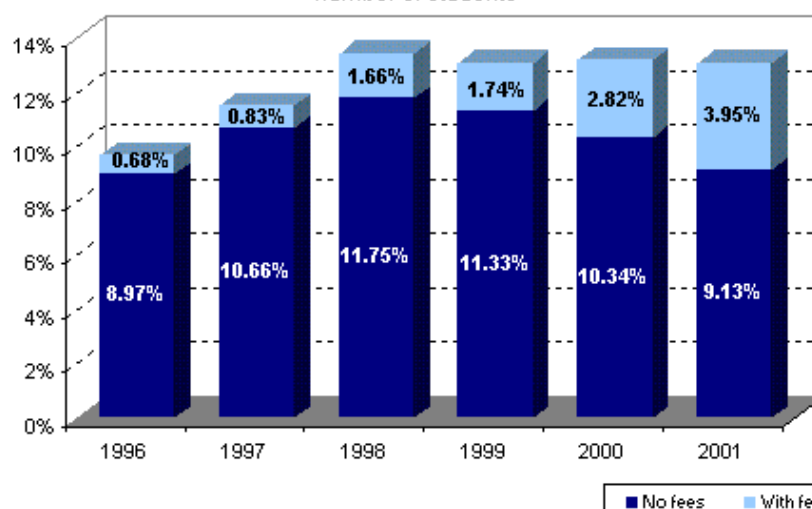
G-II.5.c The evolution of postgraduate, doctoral and master students in total number of students



G-II.5.d The proportion of postgraduate students in the total number of students - by universities size

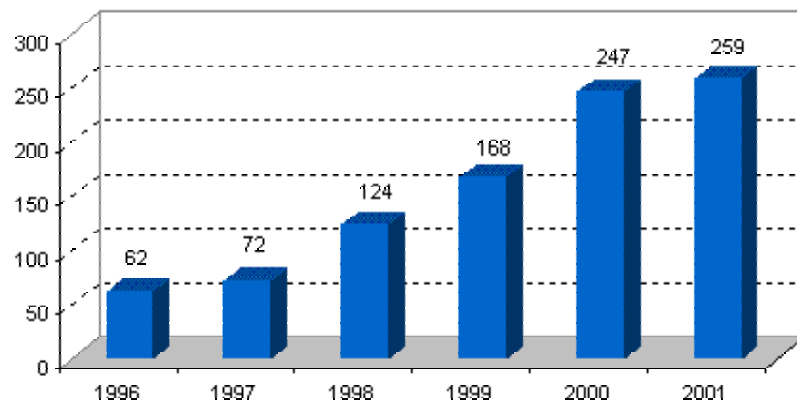


G-II.5.e The structure of the postgraduated students in the total number of students

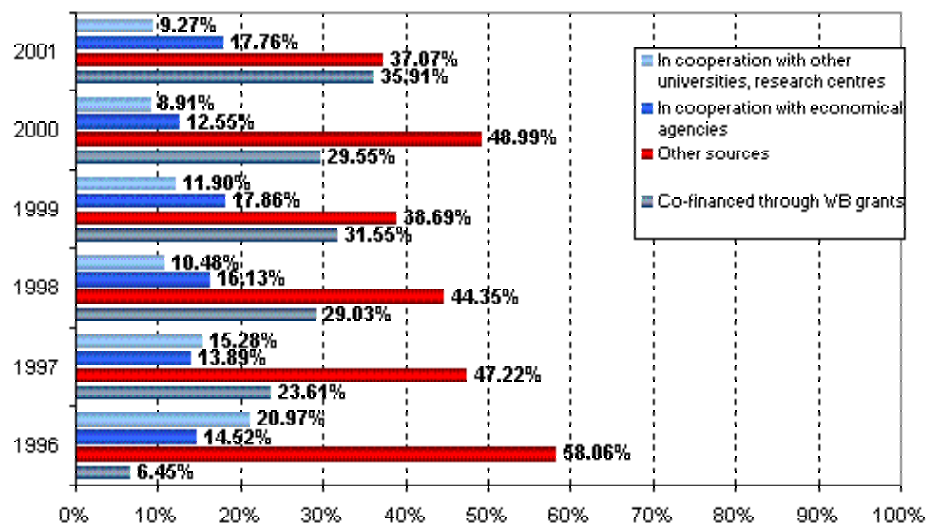




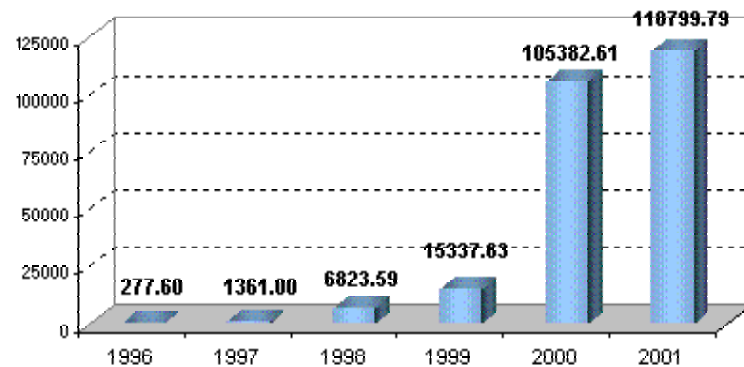
G-II.5.e Continuing education programs

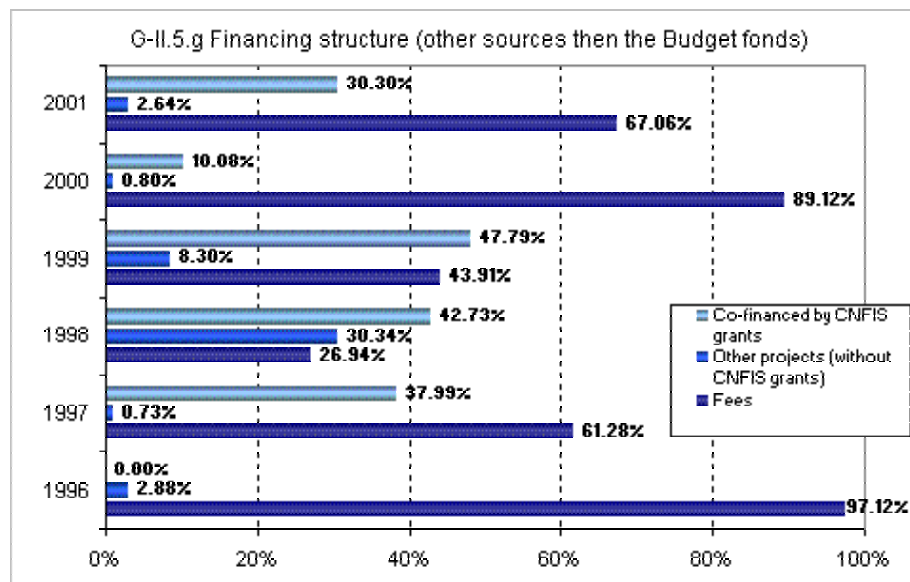


G-II.5.f Continuing education programs (funding structure)



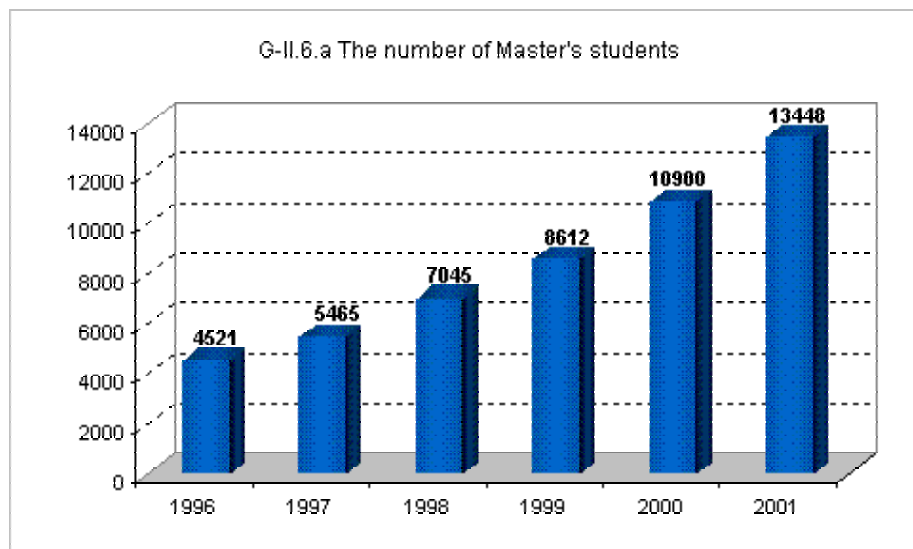
G-II.5.f Financing total value for the continuing education (in thousand lei)

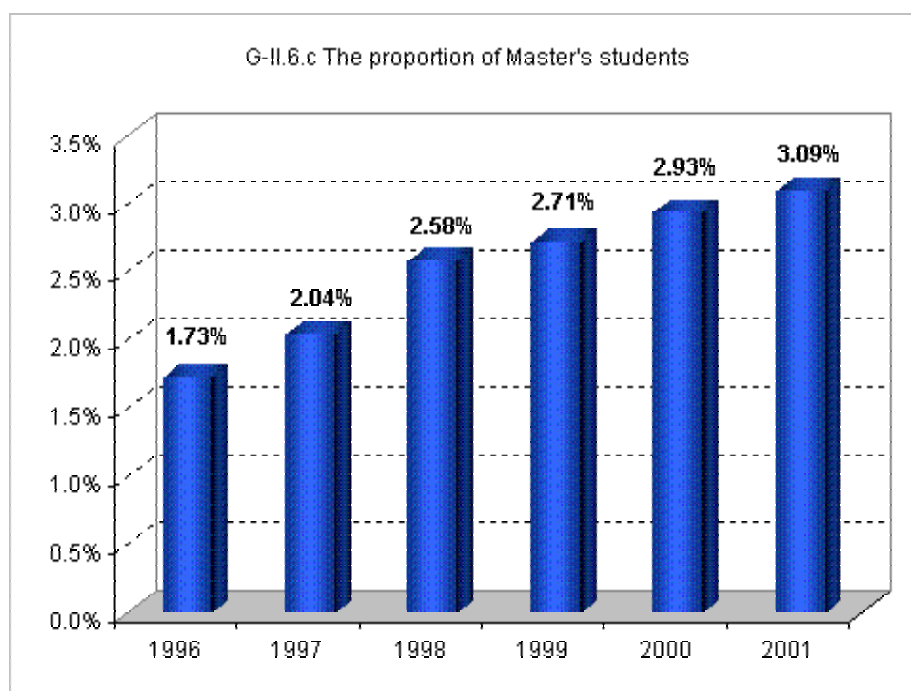
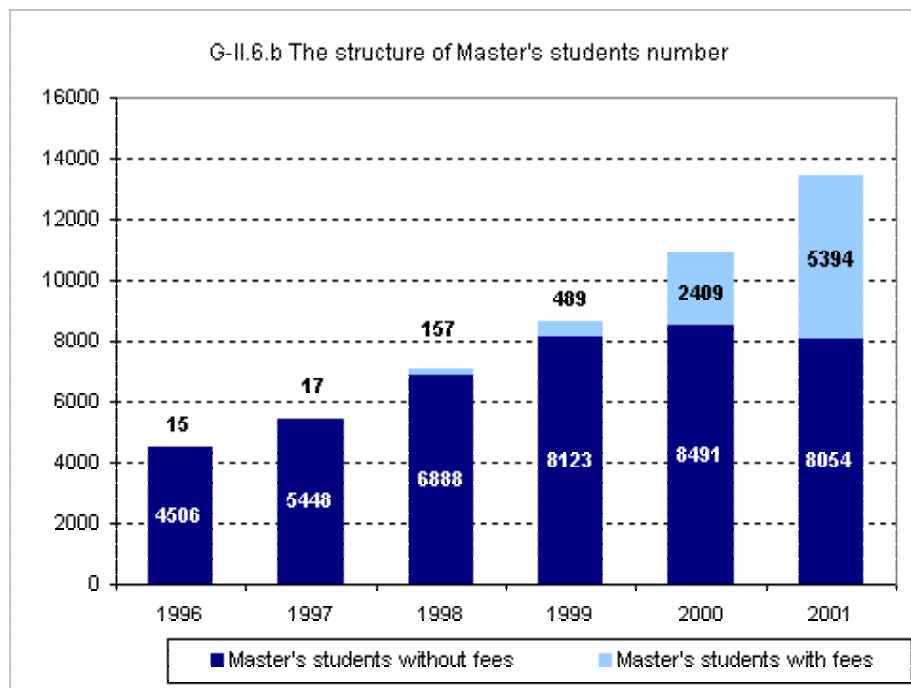


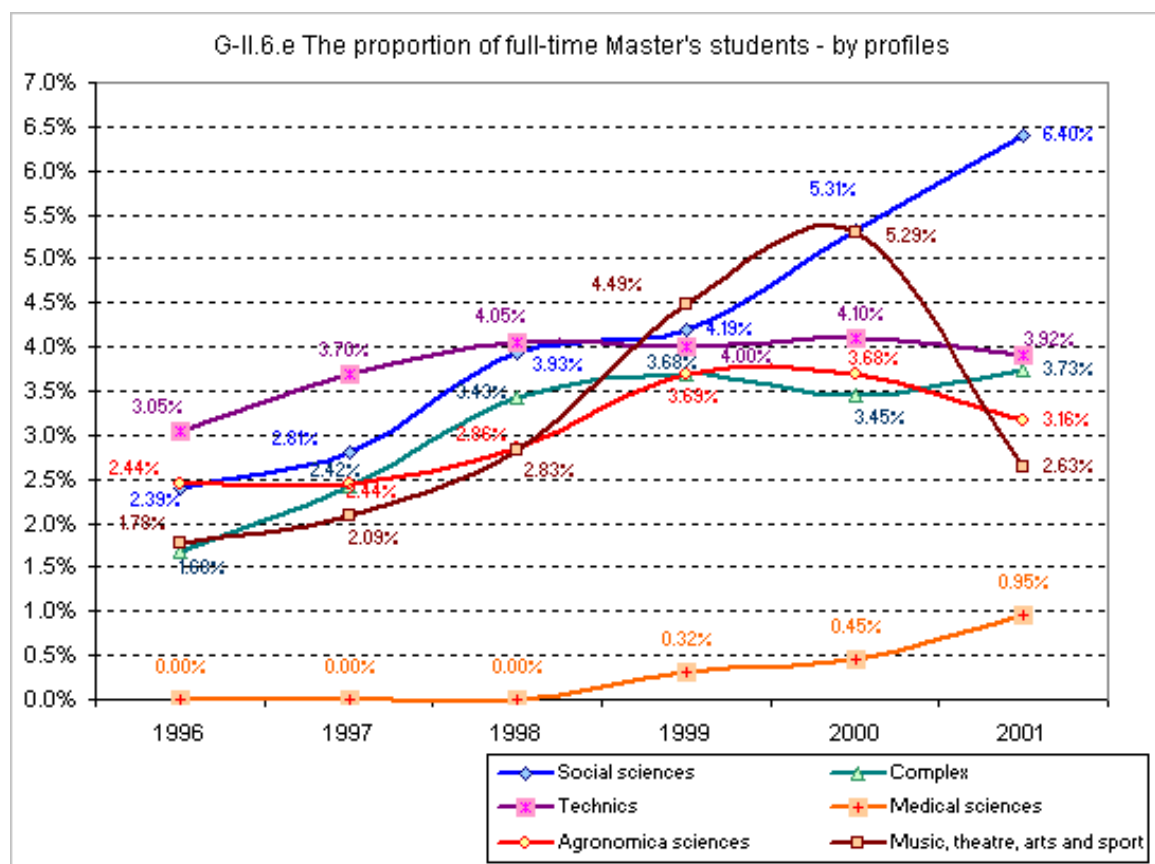
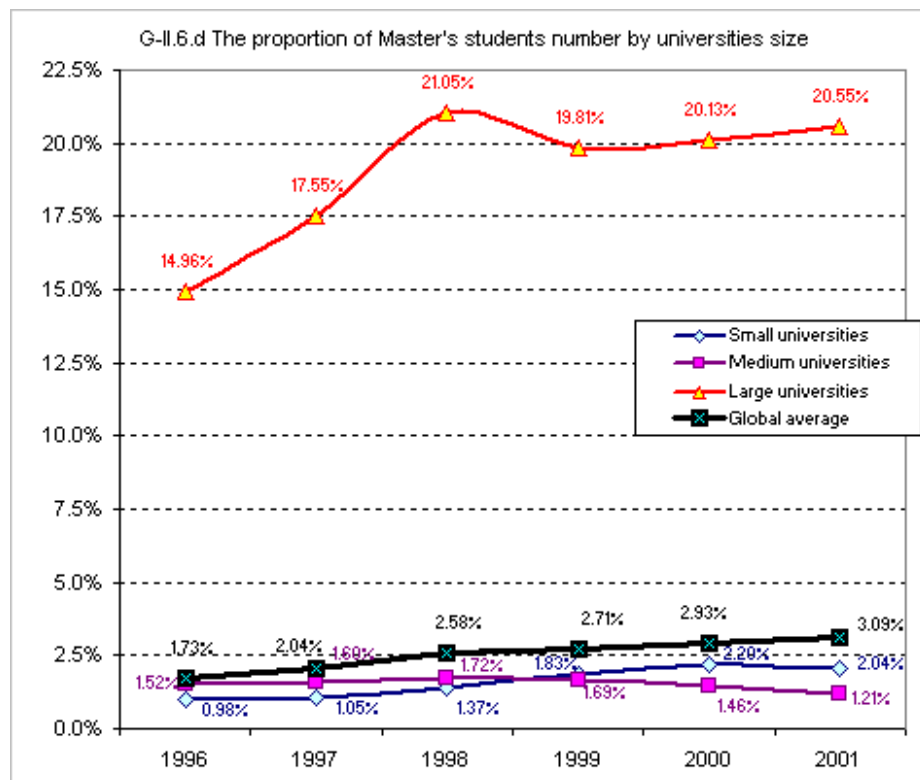


## II.6. Increase in number of Master's students

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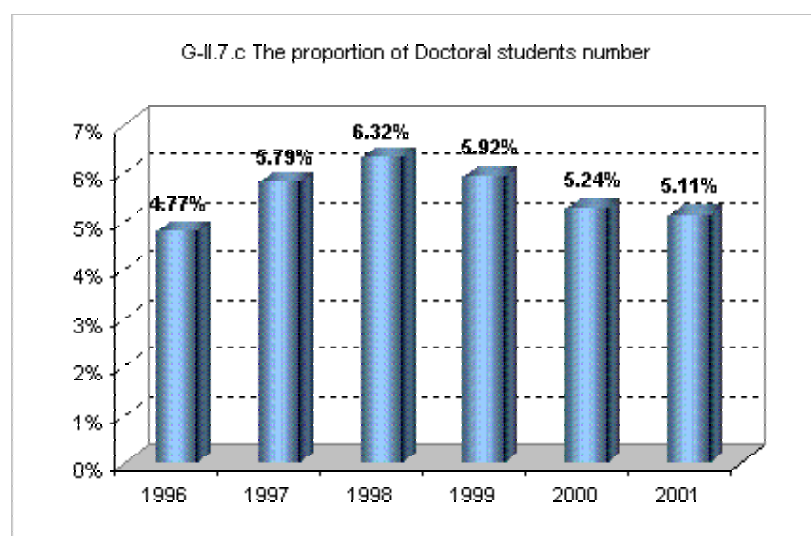
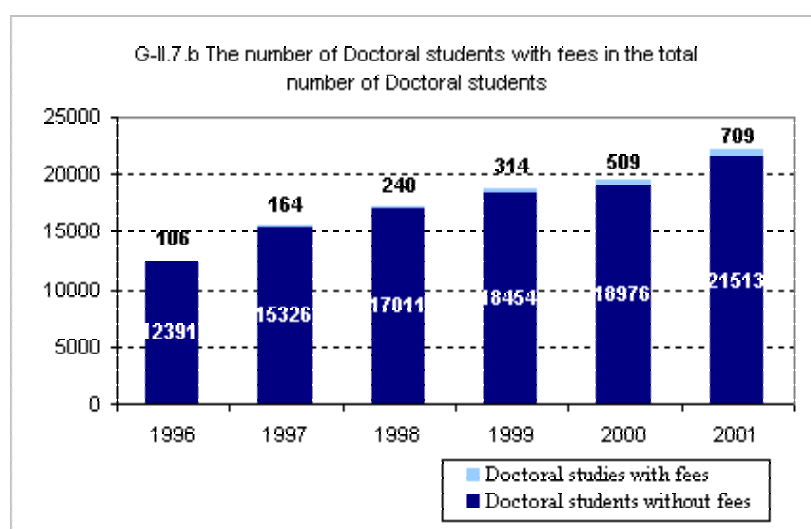
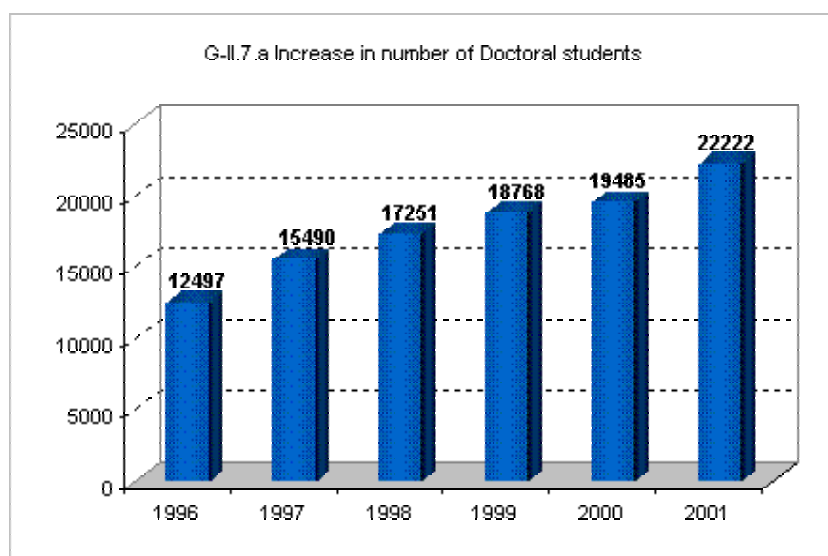




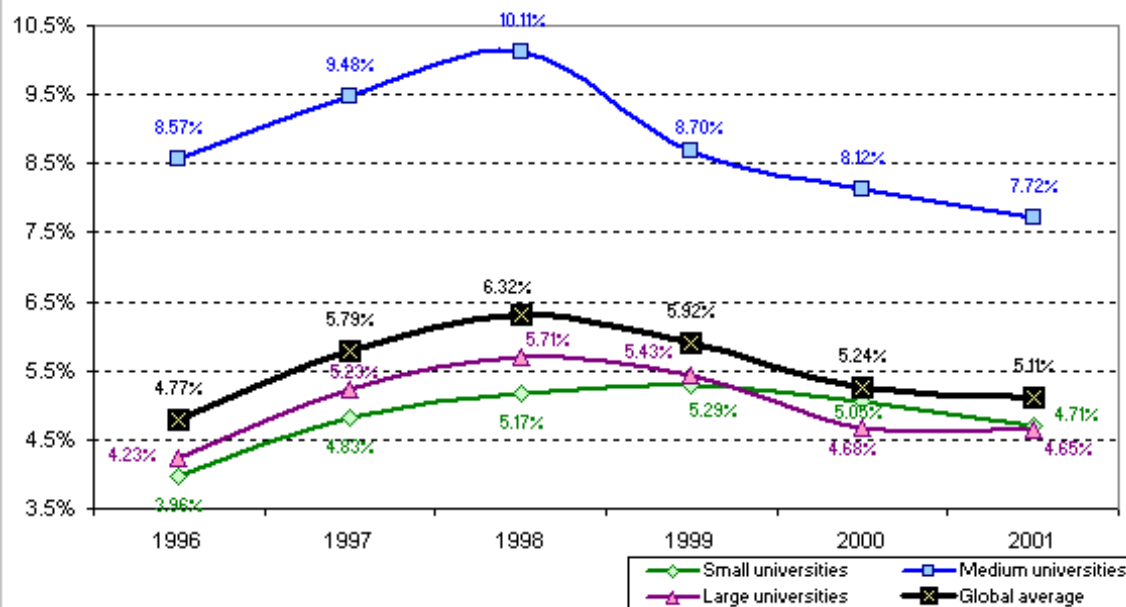


## II.7. Increase in the number of full-time doctoral students

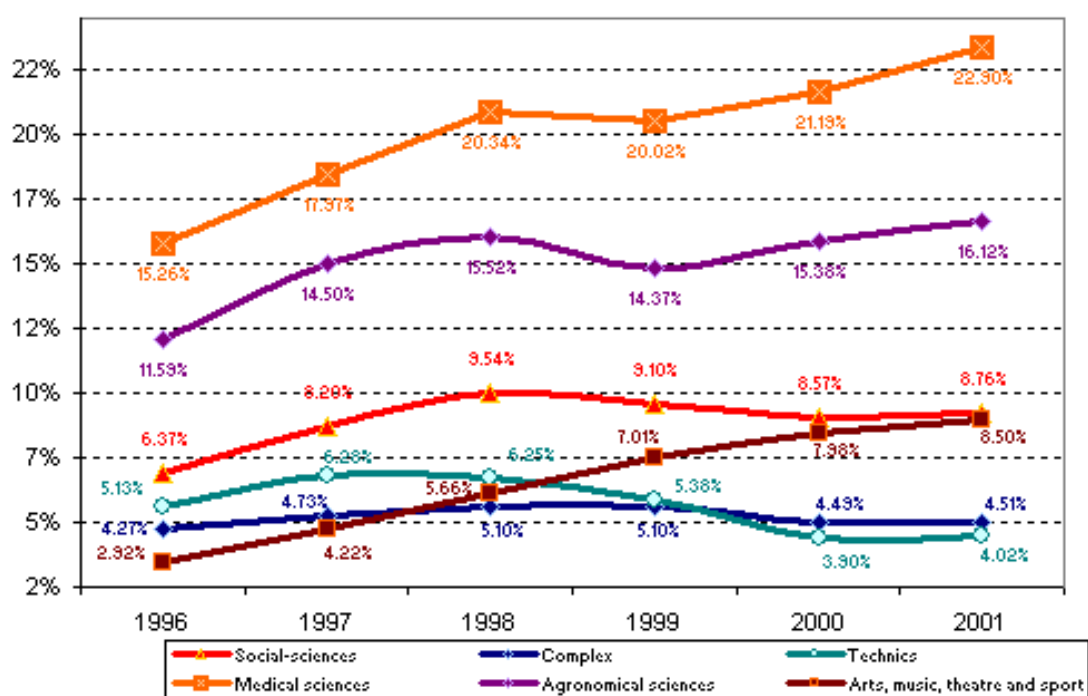
See the graphic G-II.7. The evolution of full-time doctoral students.



G-II.7.d The proportion of Doctoral students number - by universities size

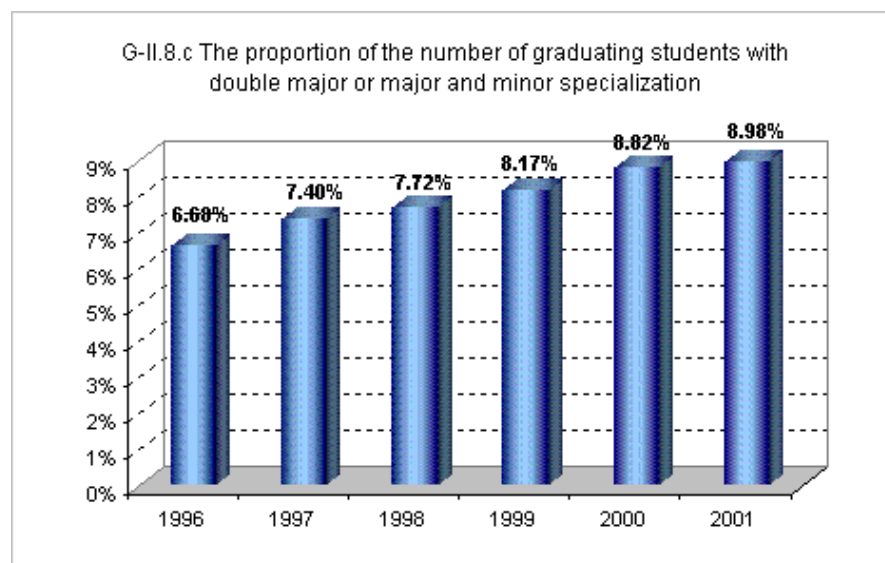
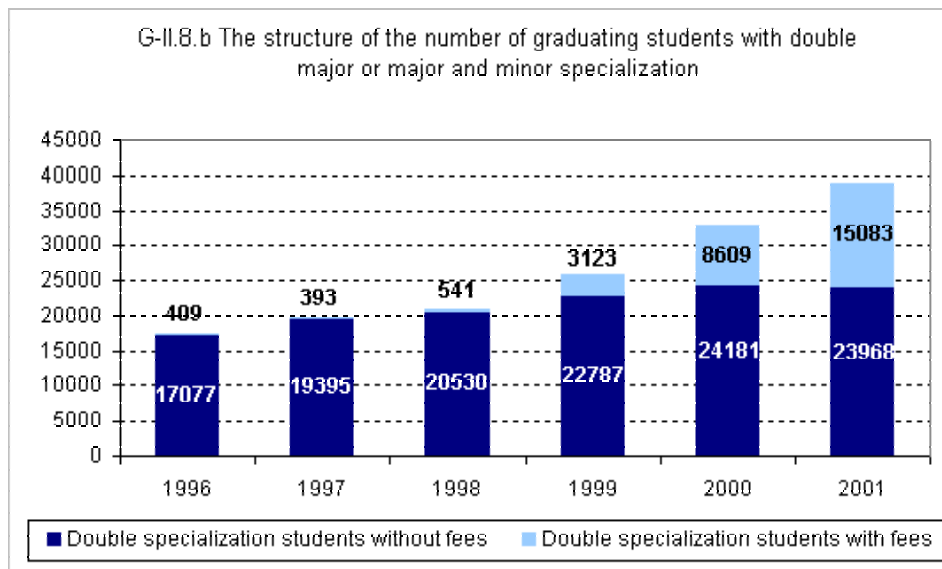
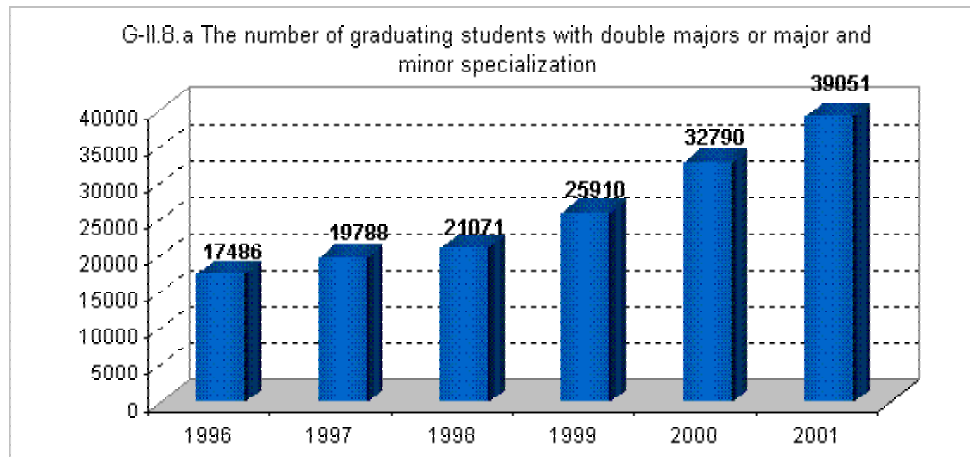


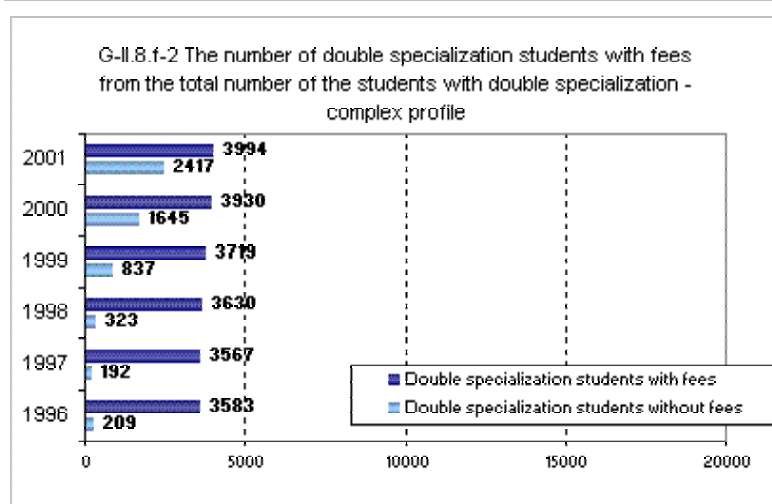
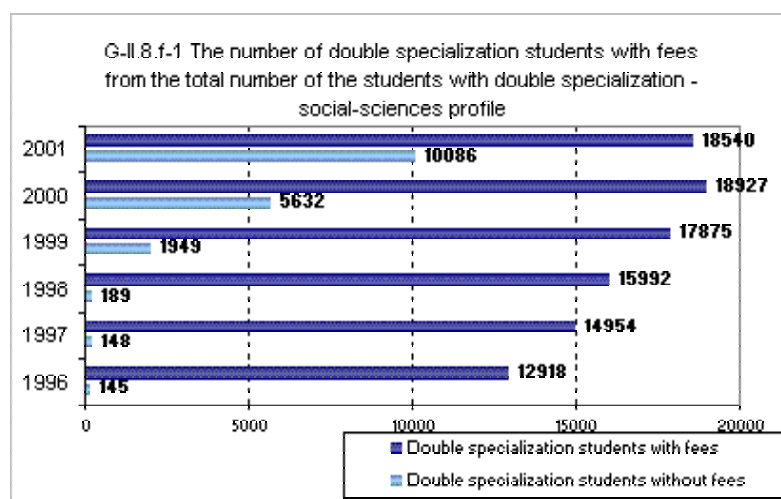
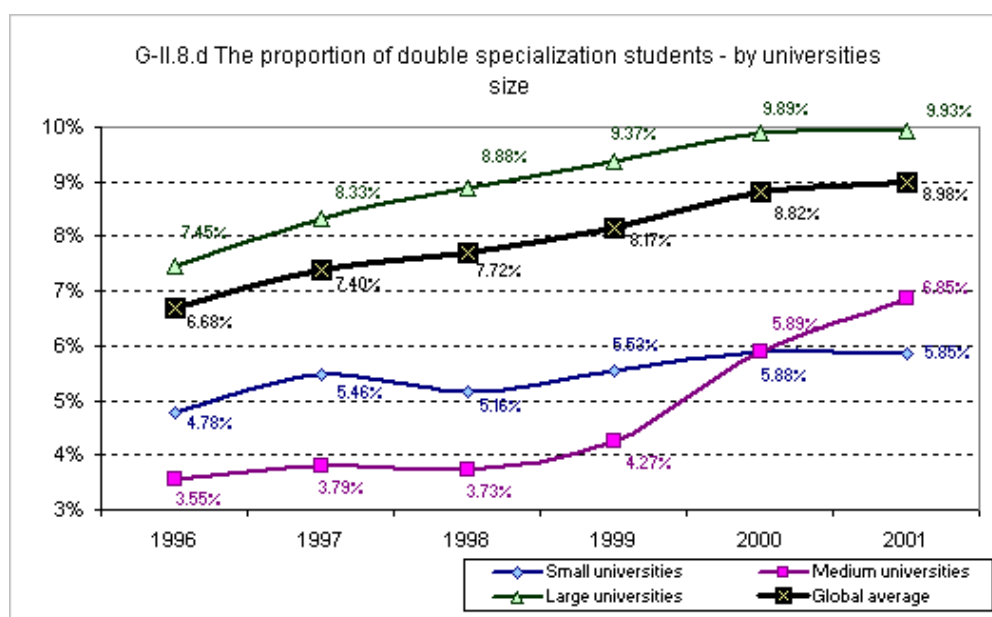
G-II.7.e The proportion of Doctoral students in the total number of students (long-form studies) - by profiles



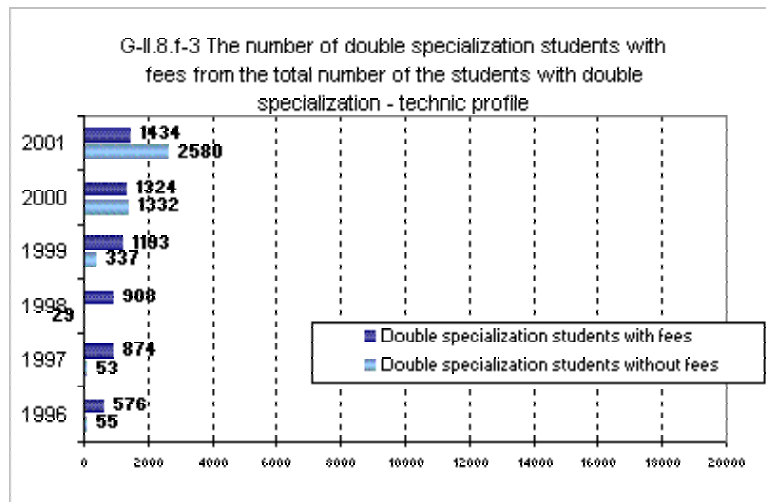
## II.8. Increase in the proportion of undergraduate students graduating with double majors or major and minor concentrations

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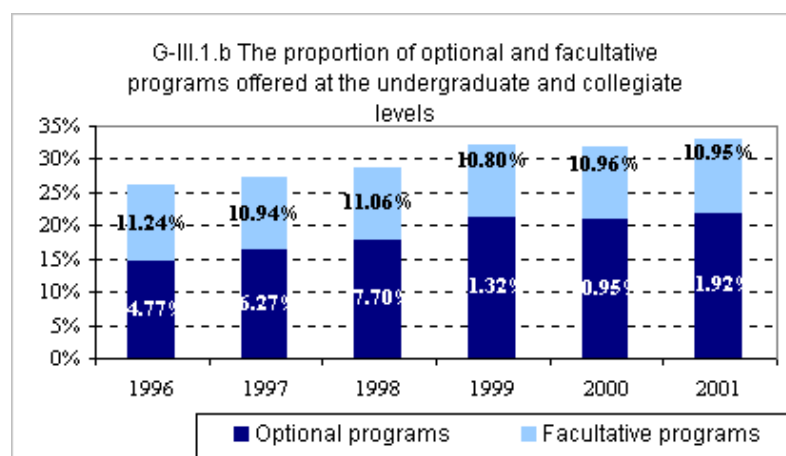
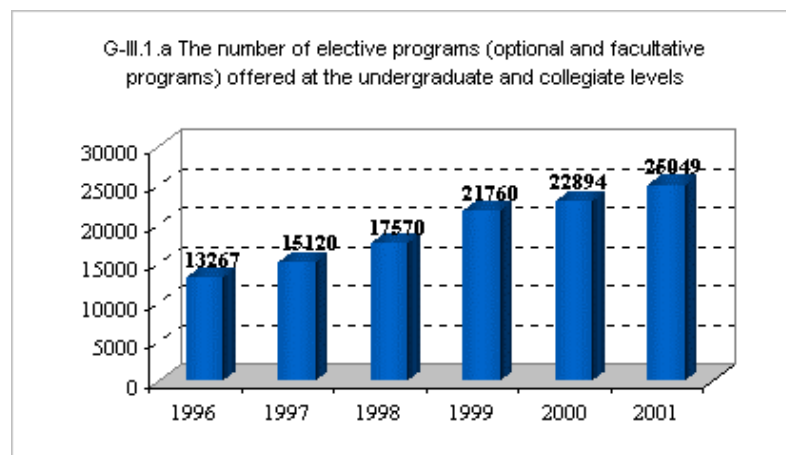




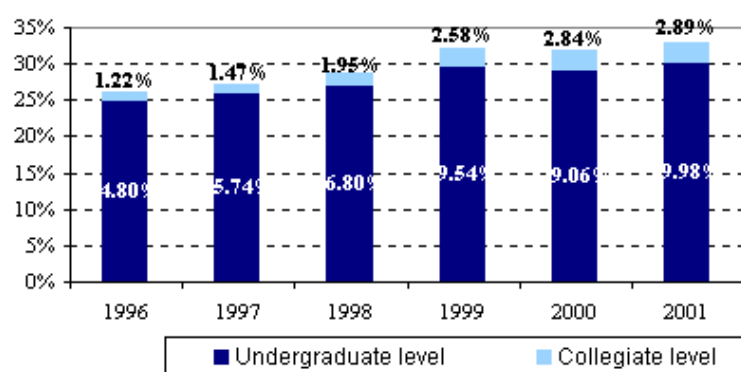
### III. Programs/Staffing:

#### III.1. Increase in the number of elective programs and proportion of elective coursework offered at the undergraduate and collegiate levels.

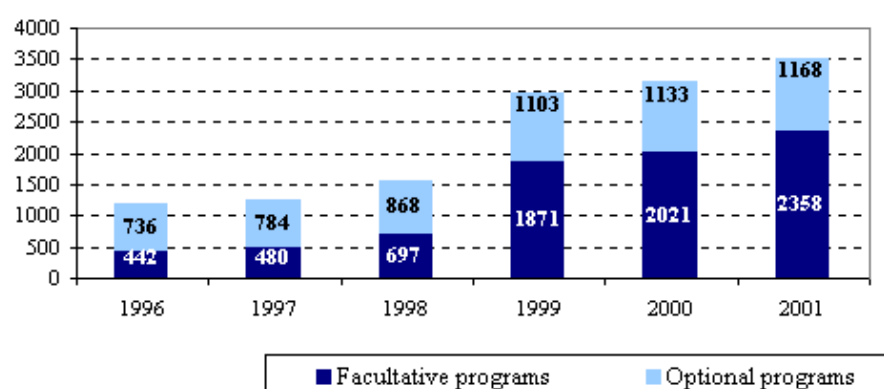
See the graphics G-III.1.a) The number of elective programs offered at the undergraduate and collegiate levels and G-III.1.b) The proportion of elective coursework offered at the undergraduate and collegiate levels.



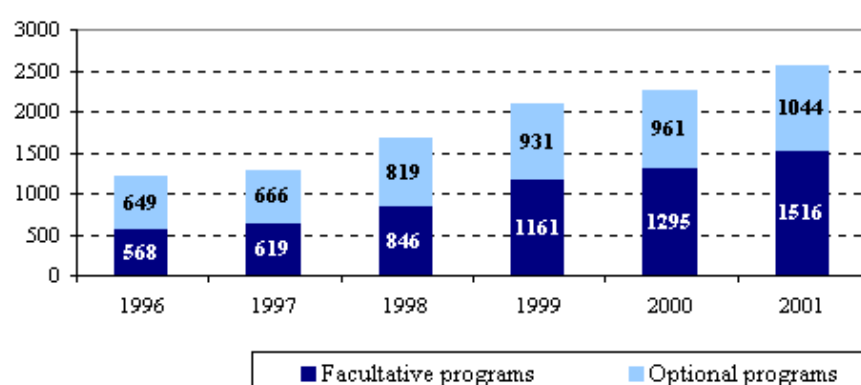
G-III.1.c The proportion of elective coursework offered at the undergraduate and collegiate levels



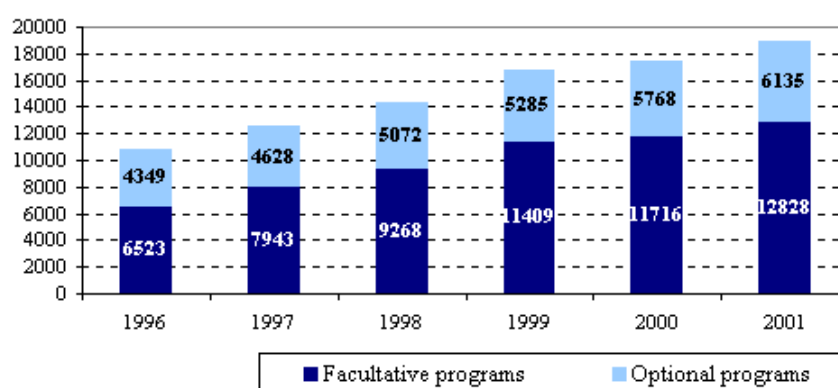
G-III.1.d The structure of the elective coursework in small universities (with 5,000 or fewer students)



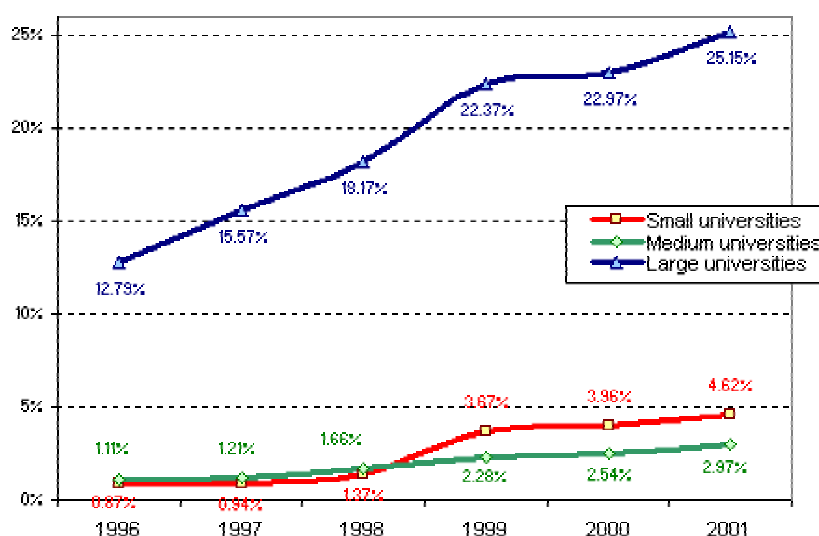
G-III.1.e The structure of the elective coursework in the medium universities (between 5,000 and 10,000 students)



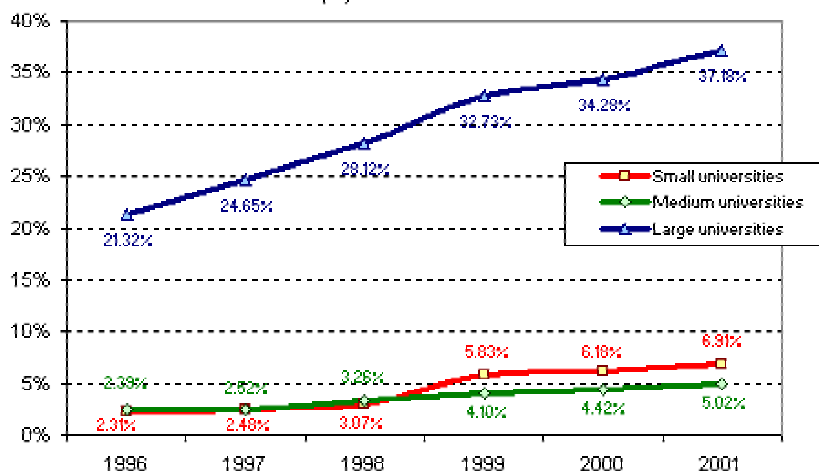
G-III.1.f The structure of elective coursework in large universities (with 10,000 or more students)

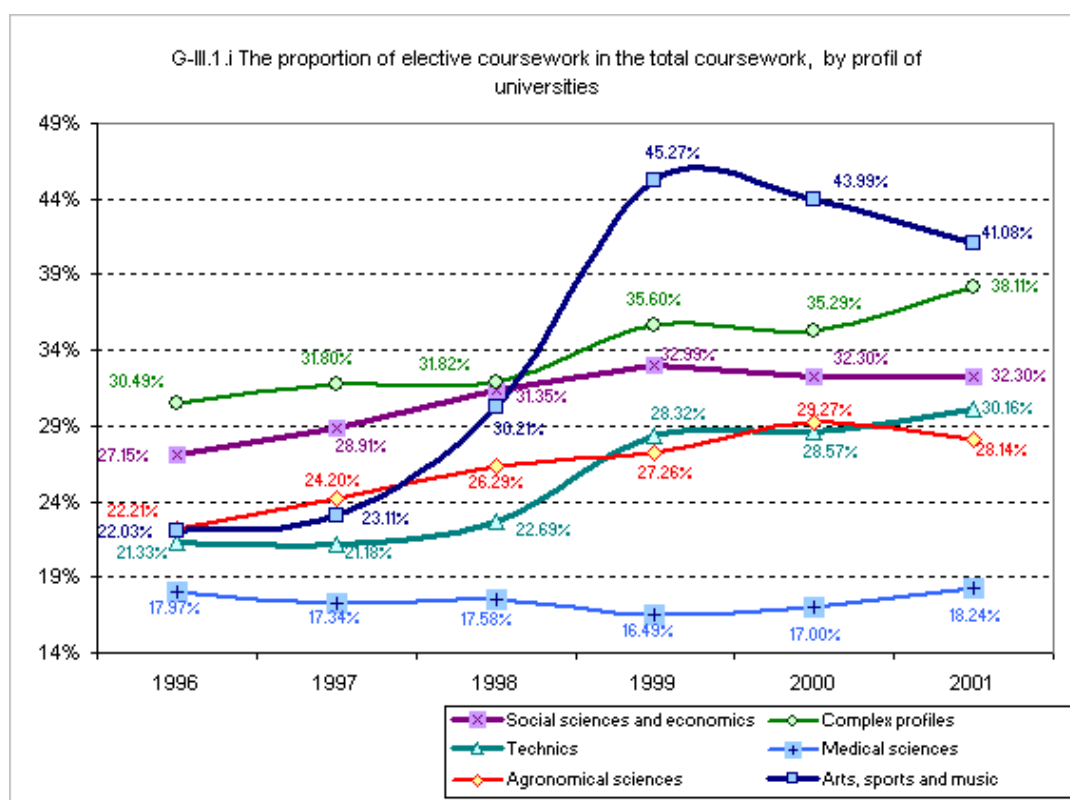


G-III.1.g The proportion of optional coursework in the total number of coursework, by the dimension of universities



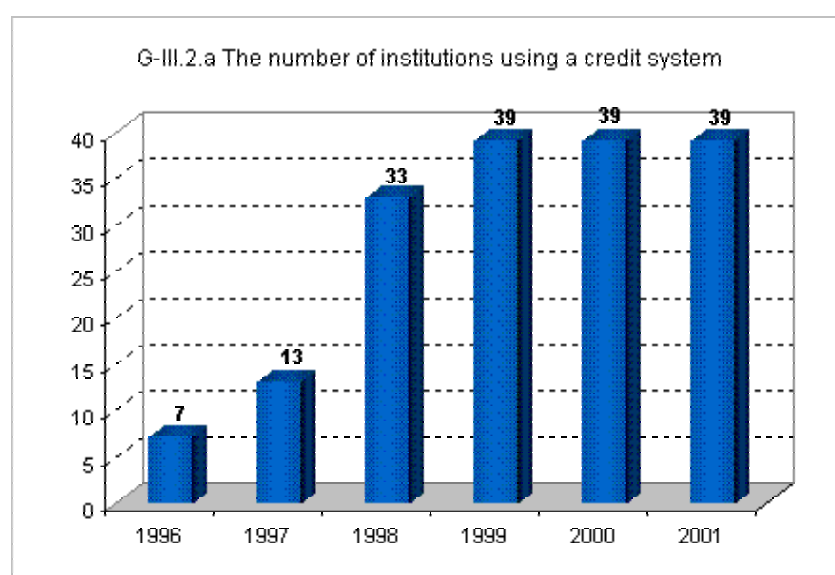
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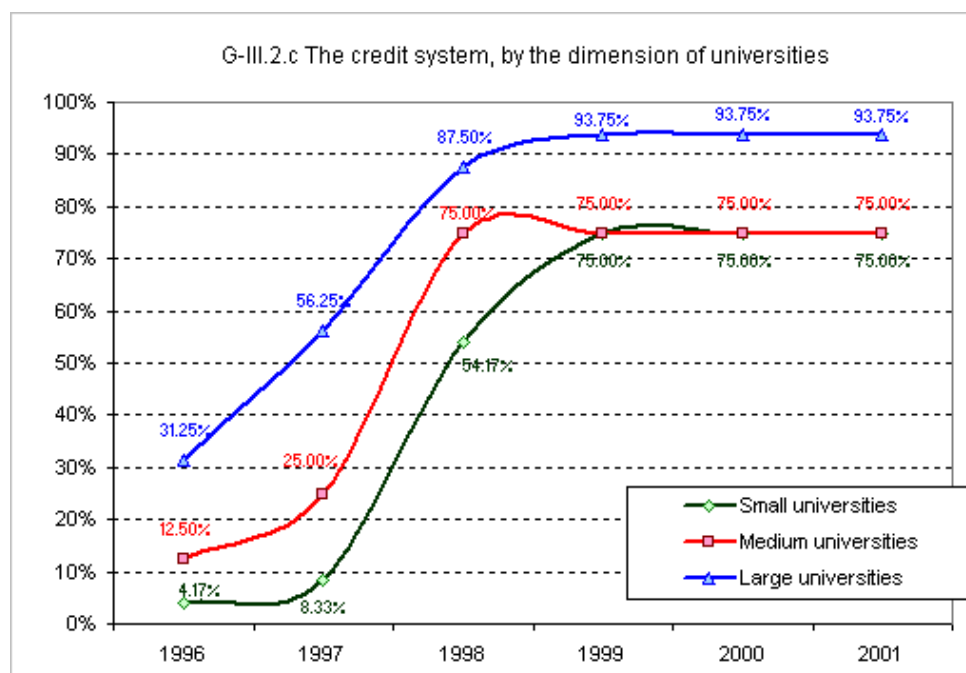
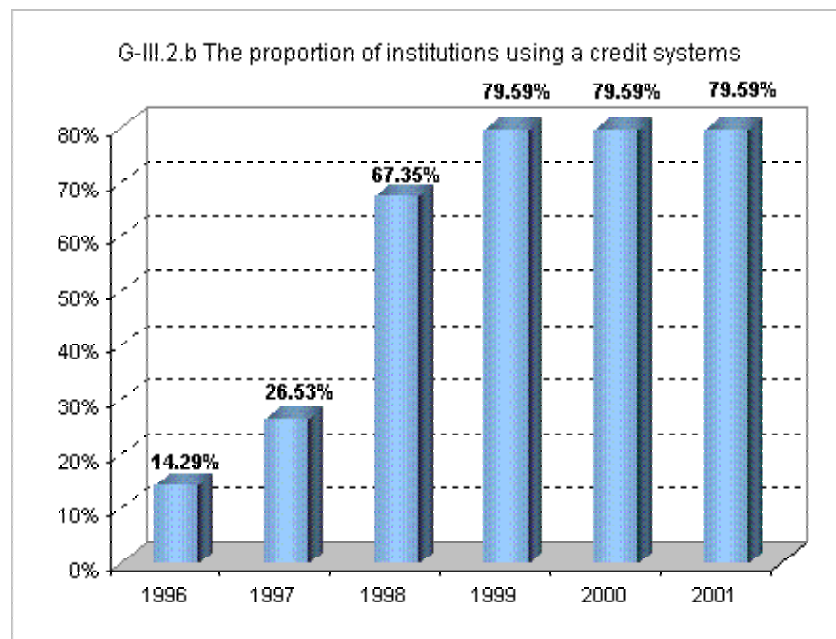


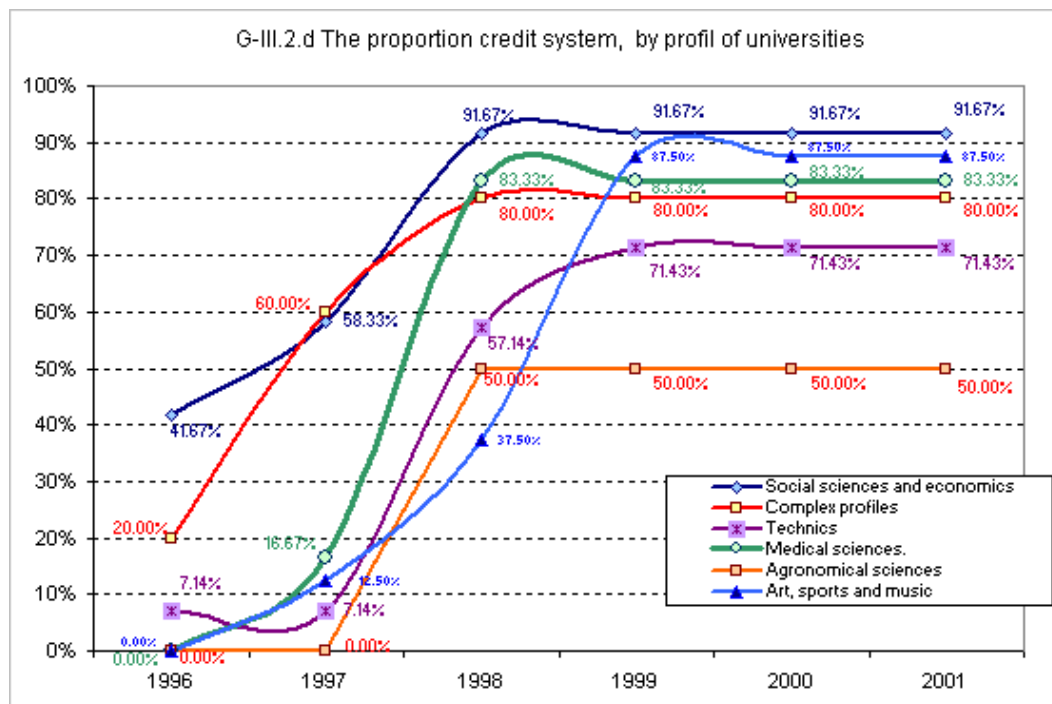


### III.2. Increase in the number of institutions using a credit system for undergraduate degree, diploma or certificate programs

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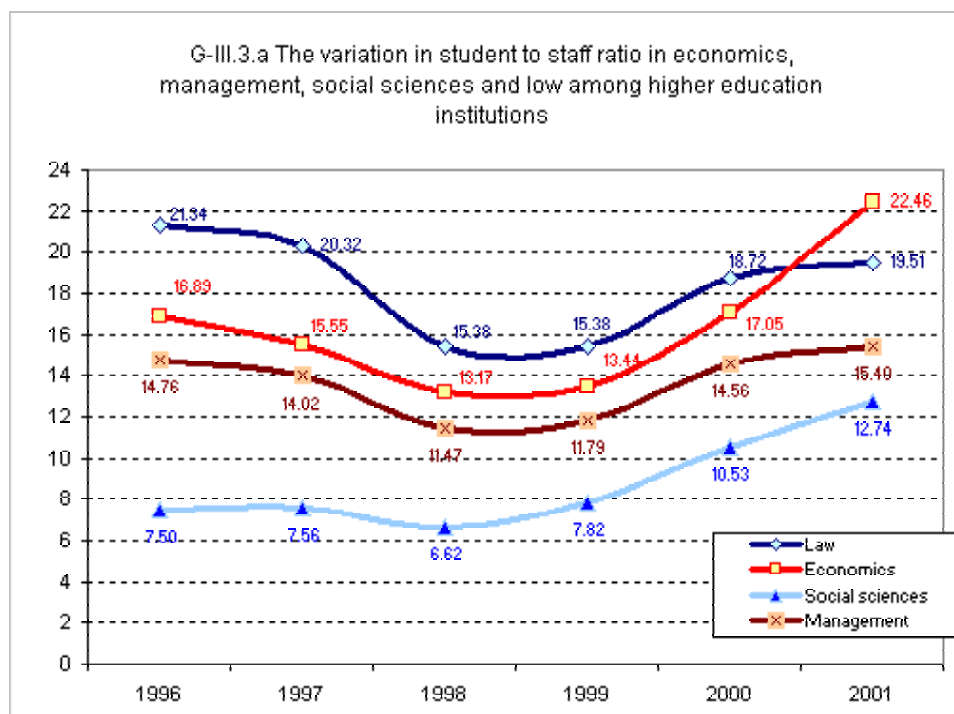




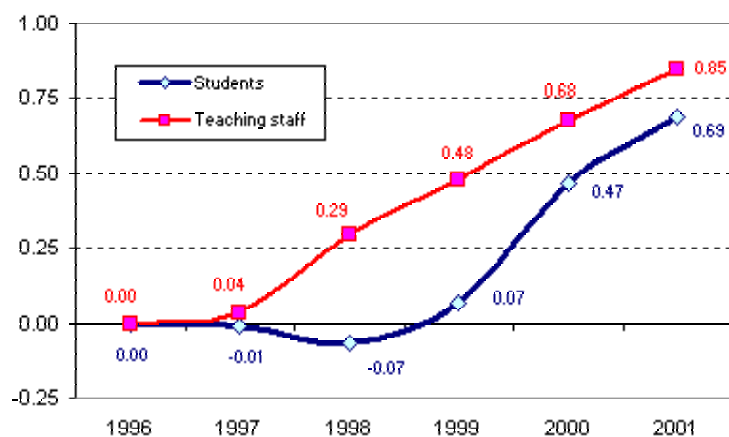


### III.3. Reduction in variation in student to staff ratio in economics, management, social sciences and law among higher education institutions.

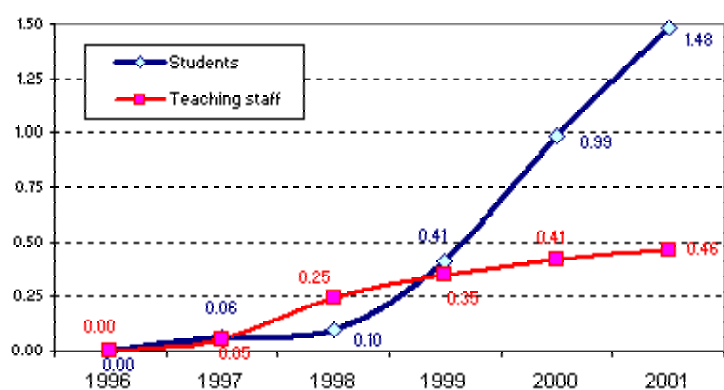
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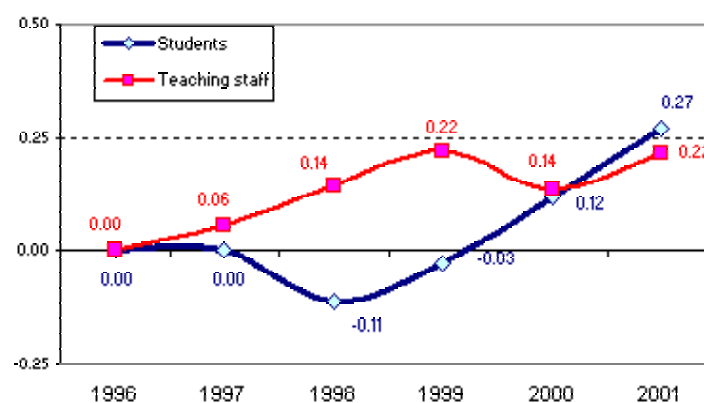
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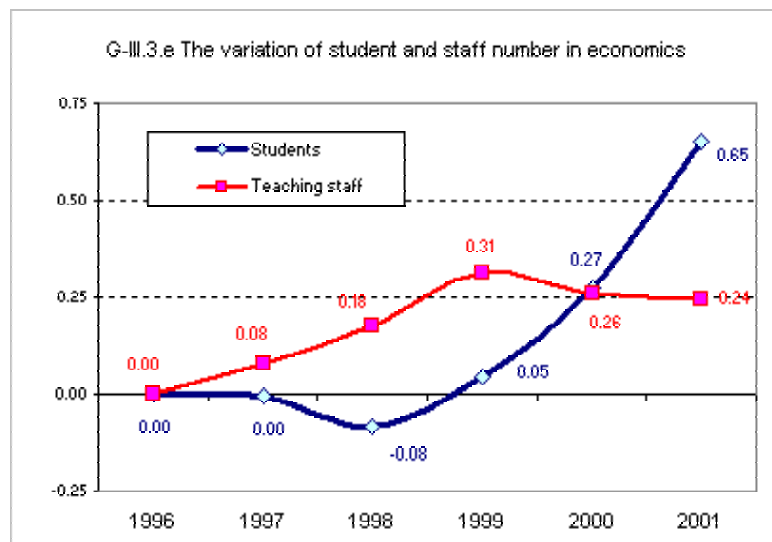


G-III.3.c The variation of student and staff number in social sciences



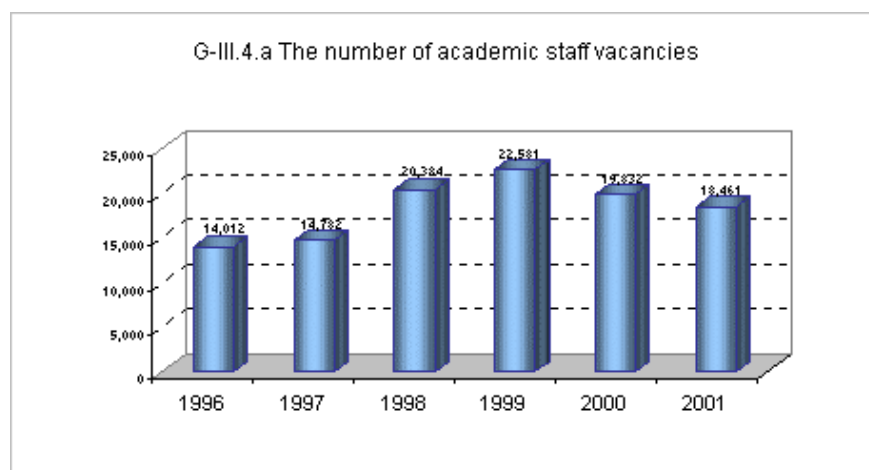
G-III.3.d The variation of student and staff number in management profile



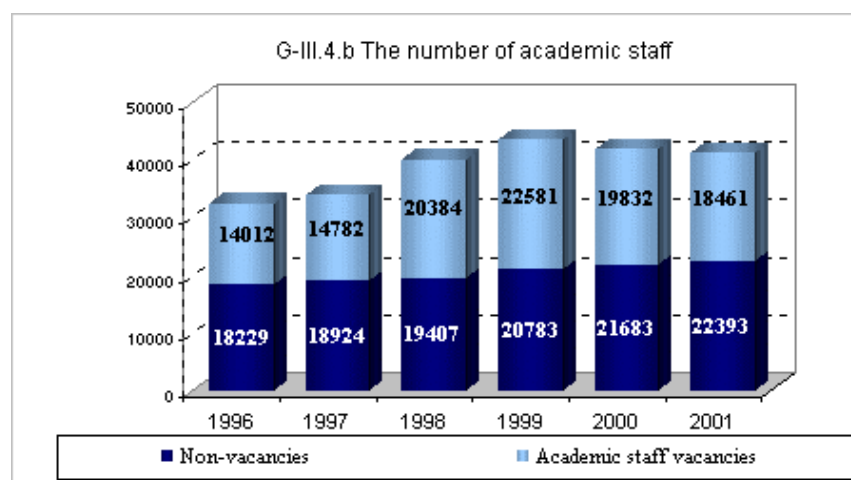


### III.4. Reduction in the number of academic staff vacancies.

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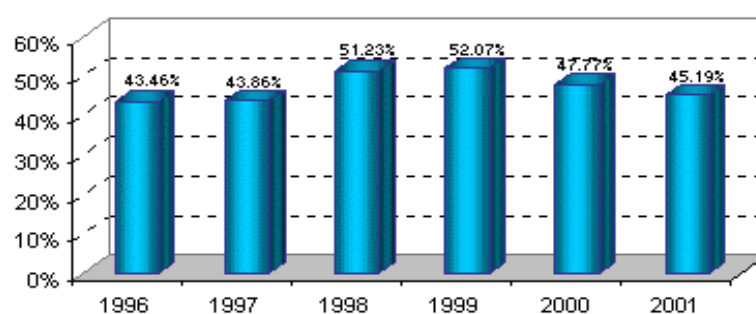


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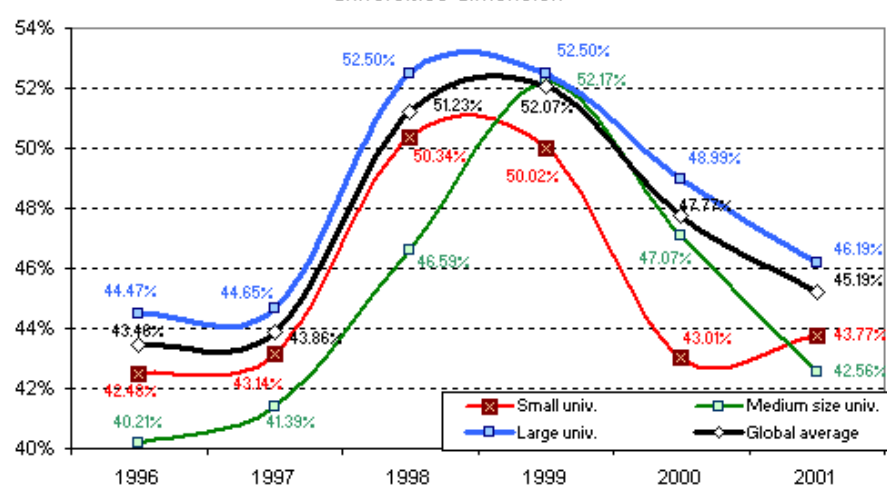




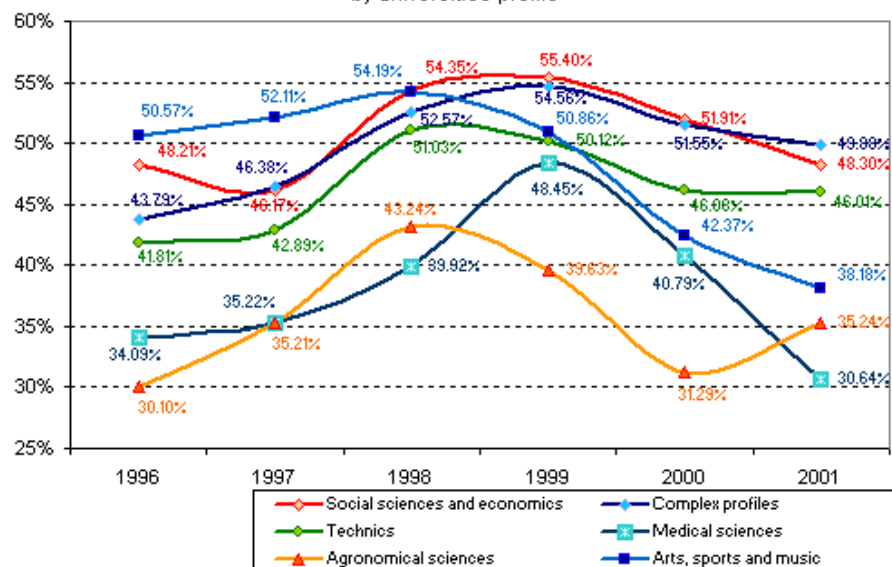
G-III.4.c The ratio between academic staff vacancies and academic staff positions



G-III.4.d The proportion of the academic staff vacancies, by the universities dimension

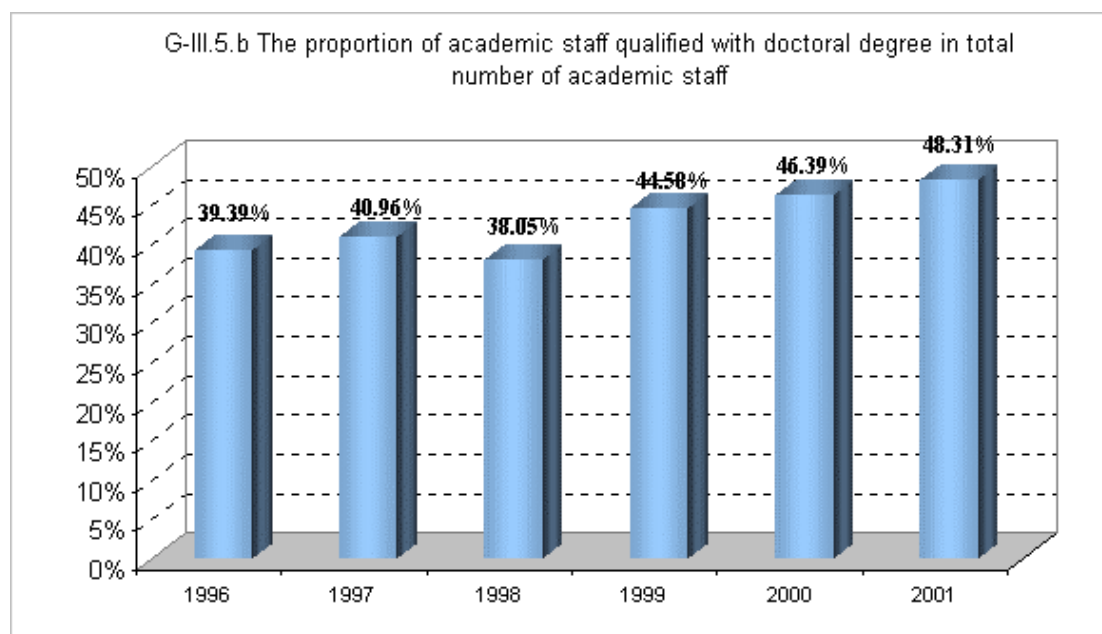
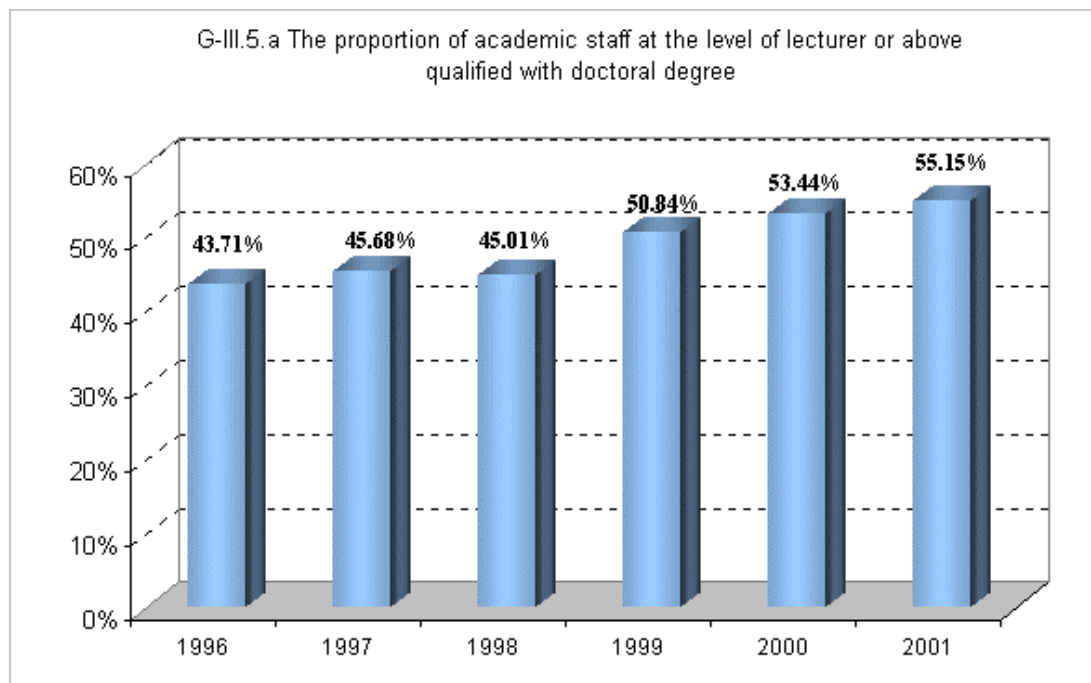


G-III.4.e The proportion of academic staff vacancies, by universities profile

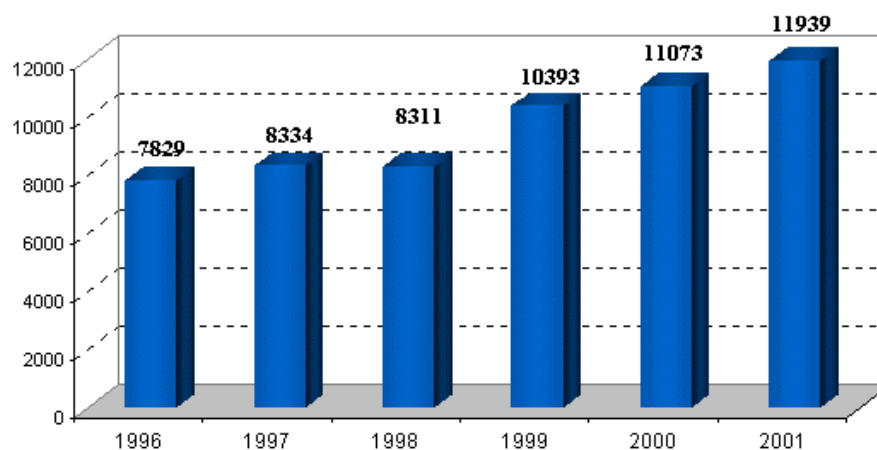


### III.5. Increase in the proportion of academic staff at the level of lecturer or above qualified with doctoral or equivalent degrees.

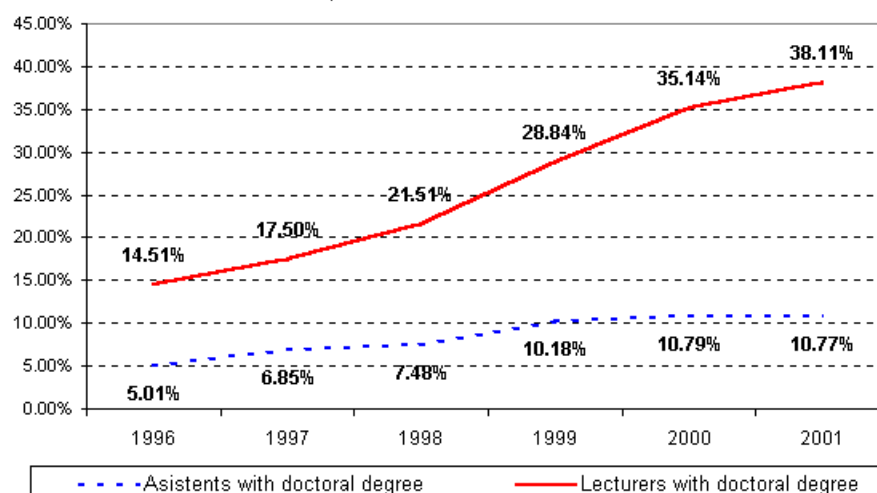
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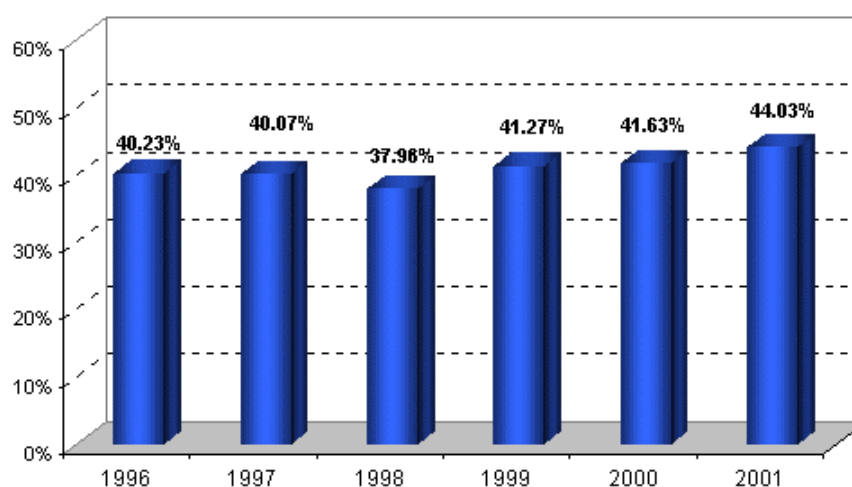
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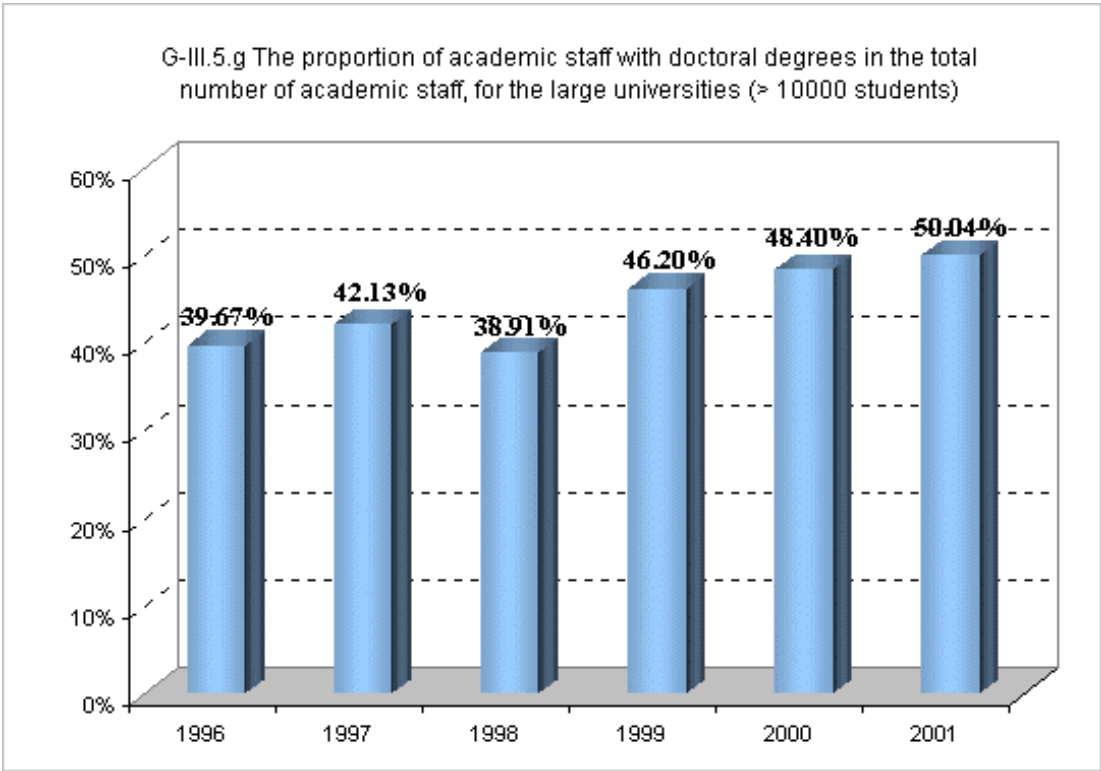
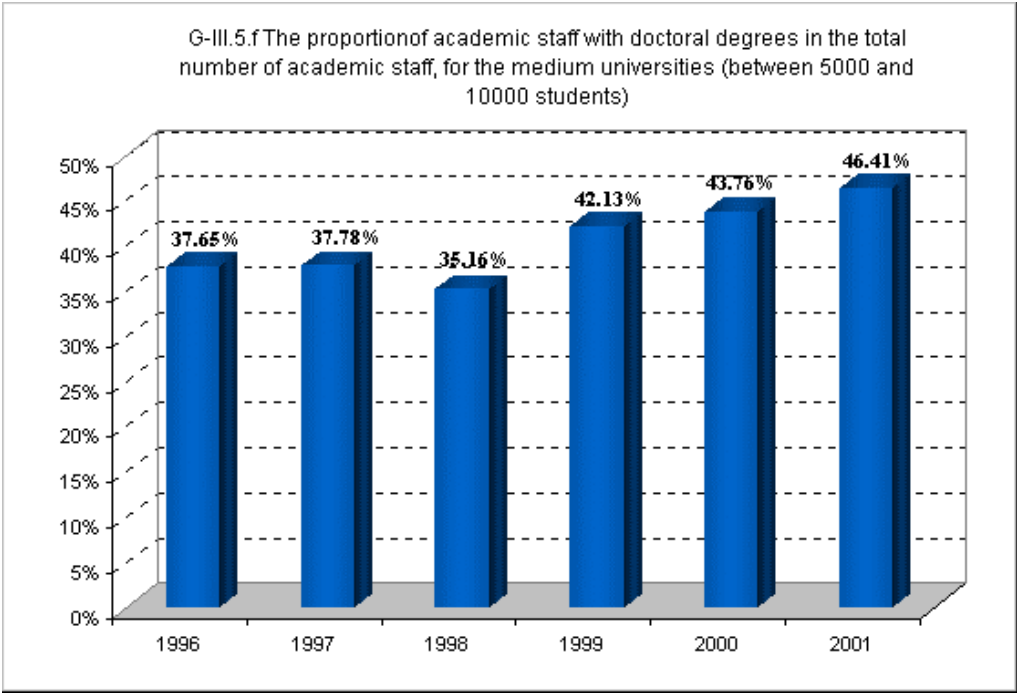


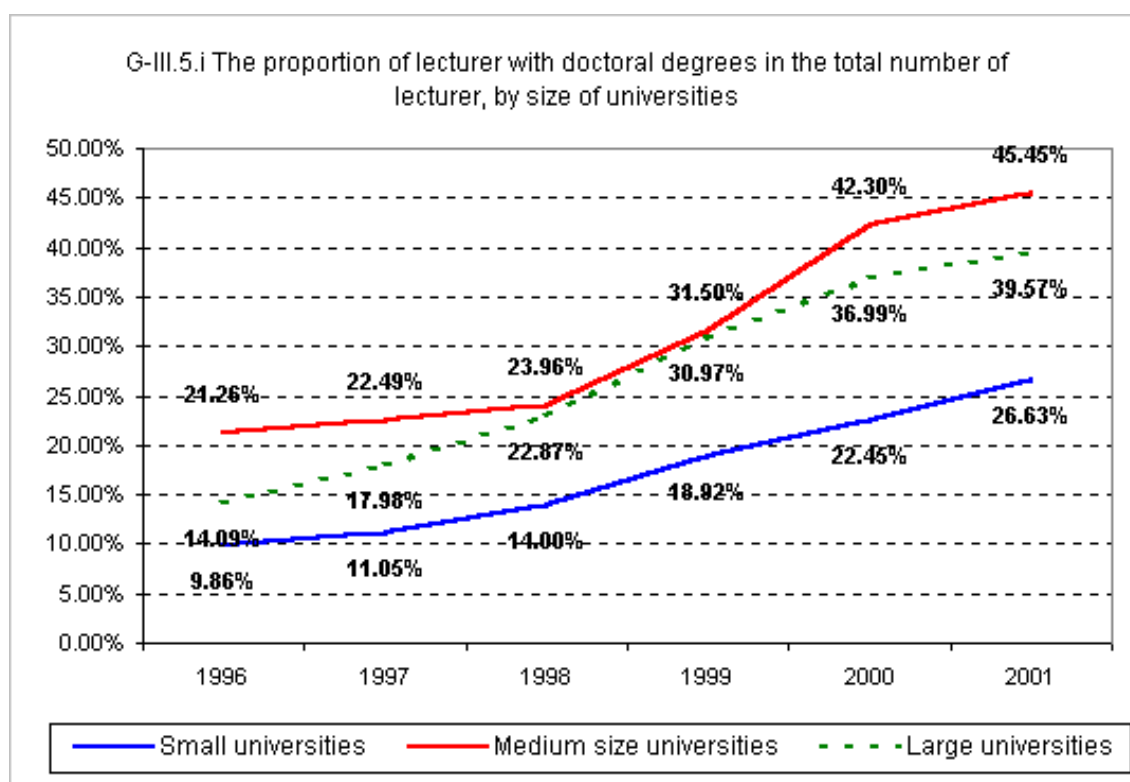
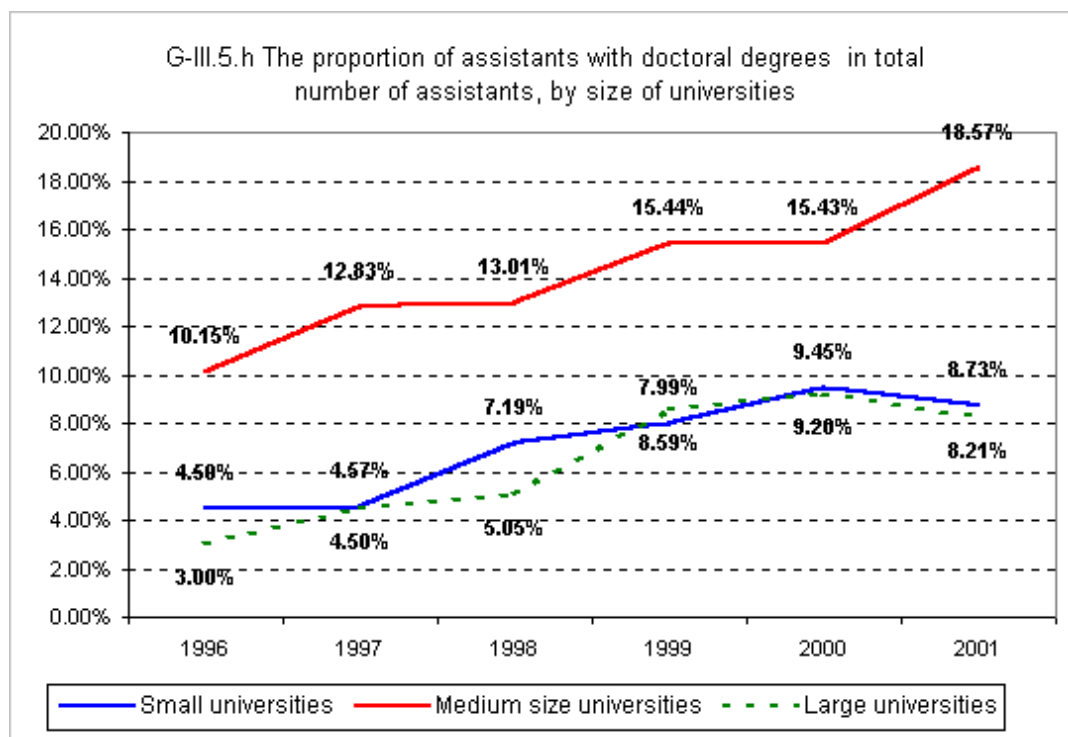
G-III.5.d The proportion of academic staff with doctoral degrees in academic staff, for the lecturer and assistant

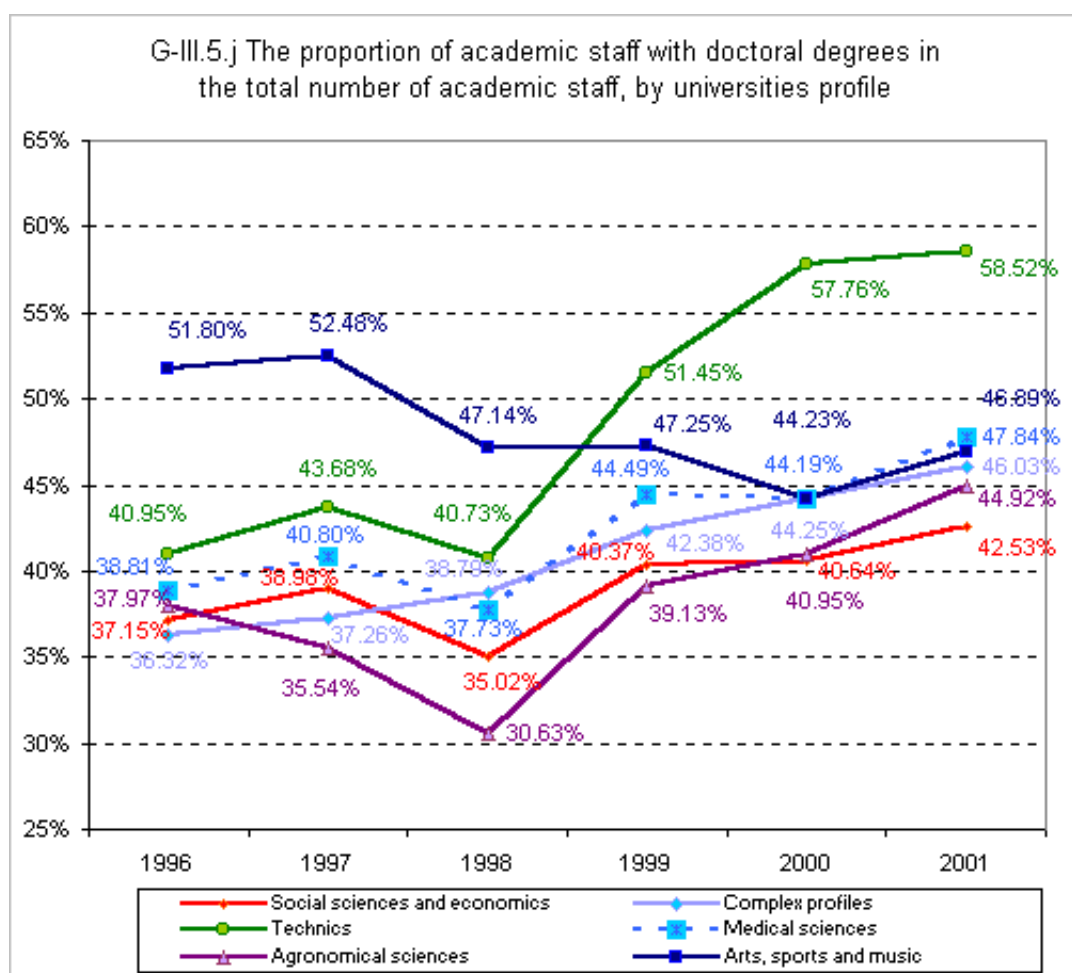


G-III.5.e The proportion of academic staff with doctoral degrees in total number of academic staff, for the small universities (< 5000 students)









**III.6. Increase the staff in accredited private higher education institutions** (the data from the CNEEA are in processing).

#### ***IV. Research:***

##### **IV.1. Increase in the support for fundamental research in universities** (see the graphics G. IV.1.1, G. IV.1.2, G. IV.1.3.).

According to the information rising from questionnaire the sources of funds for research are coming from World Bank Loan (NURC), EU grants (NURC, ANSTI, Romanian Academy) and national programs (Orizont, National Plan for Research-Development and Innovation).

The diagram (G1) shows trends of the total amount of found available in universities for research from all funding sources.

There were presented both trends in ROL and USD equivalent. USD trend (G2) is aiming to give a real view on the level of existing funds because the trends in ROL are very sensitive to the inflation (G3).

The G2 asks for a more detailed analyze on the received dates consistence, followed by an analyze of the weight of every component (source of funds) within the indicator.

For example we received reliable dates about the EU funds only from 9 universities. Some universities sent descriptive information about EU funds research projects (table 4.4 from questionnaire asked for indicator IV.4) and, unfortunately, no any financial information about these projects (table 4.1 from questionnaire is blank).

At this moment we try to identify the existing mistakes within reported data and to find the way for make data more reliable.

##### **IV.2. Reduction in the number of years needed to complete doctoral programs** (see the graphic IV.2.).

##### **IV.3. Increase in the success rate of Rumanian researchers seeking research funding from competitive European funding sources** (see the graphic IV.3).

##### **IV.4. Increase in the number of academic staff/postgraduate and postdoctoral students involved in funded collaborative research with colleagues in foreign countries** (graphic IV.4).

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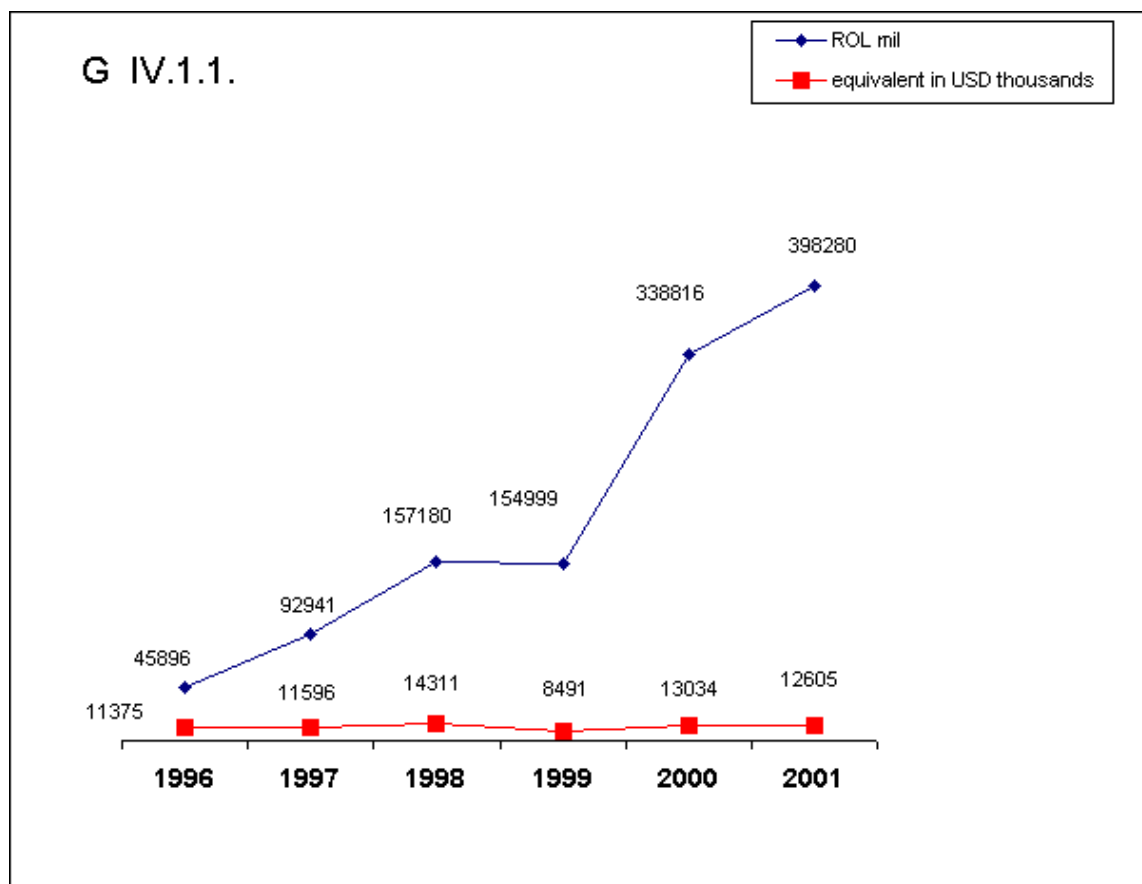
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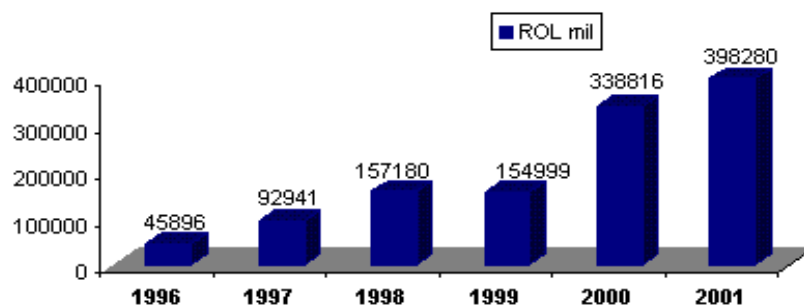
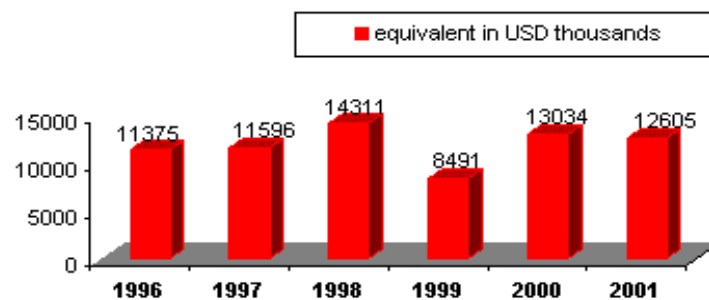
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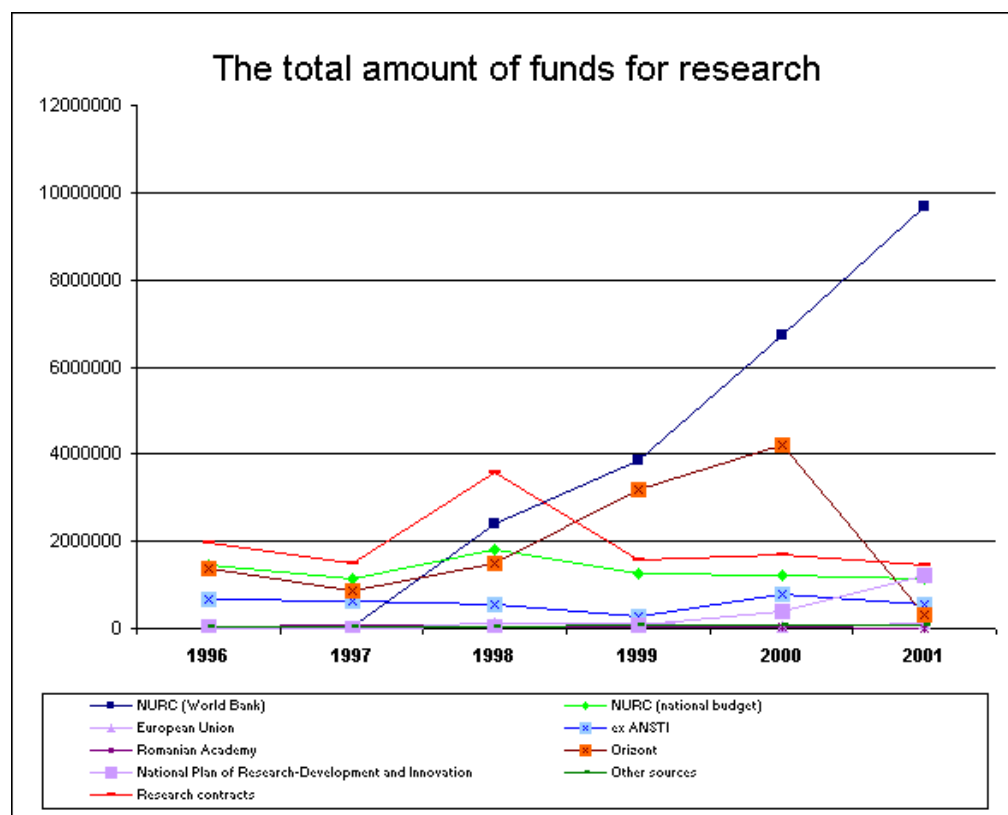


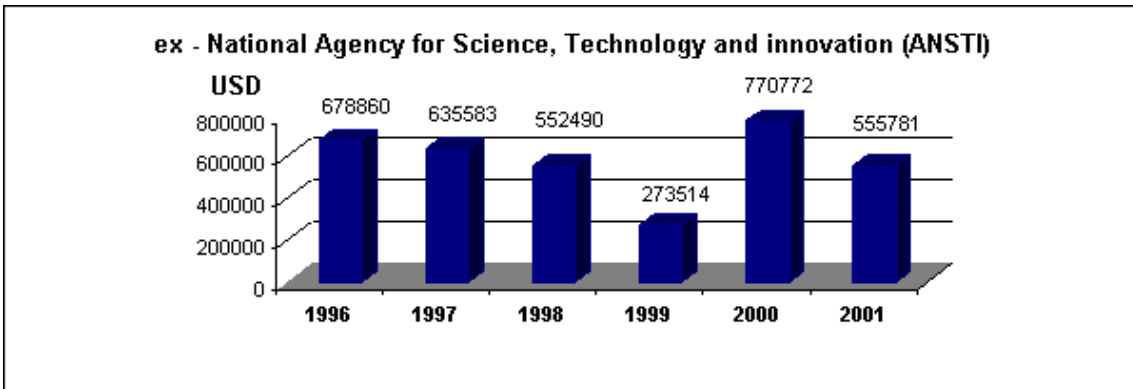
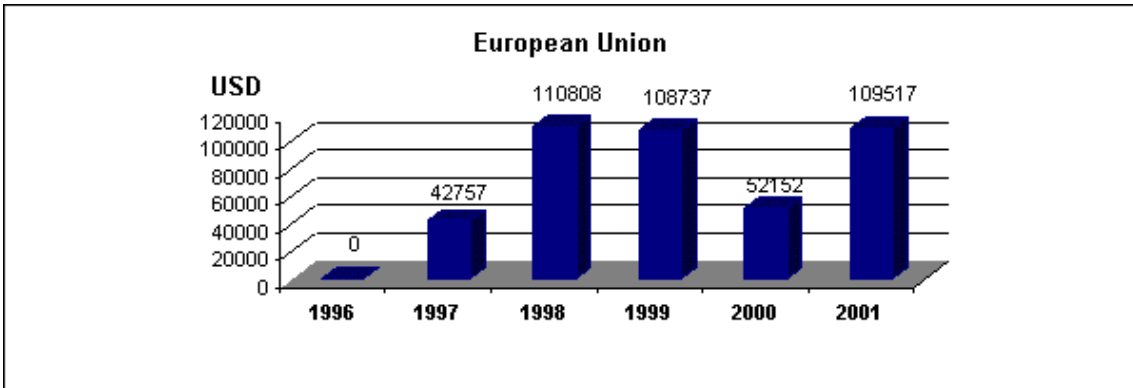
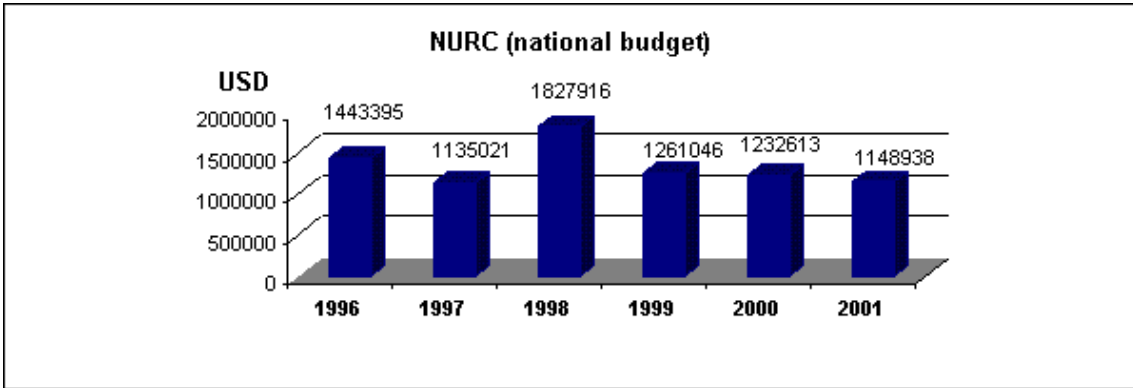
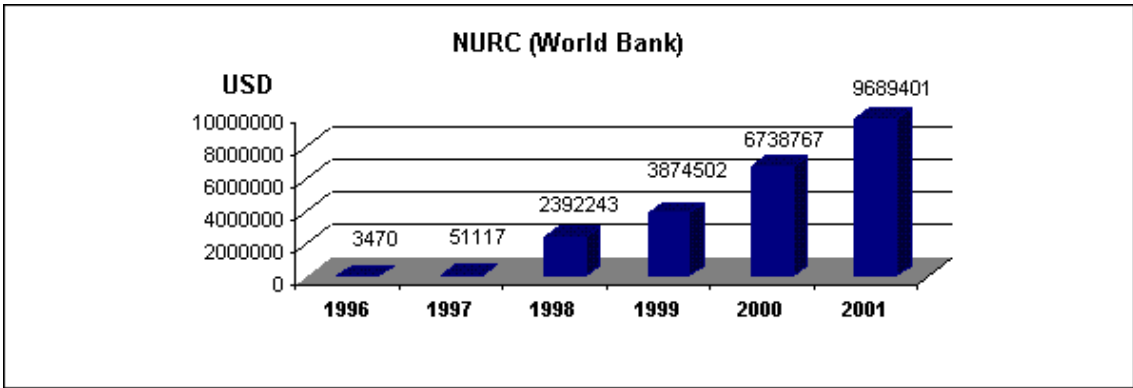
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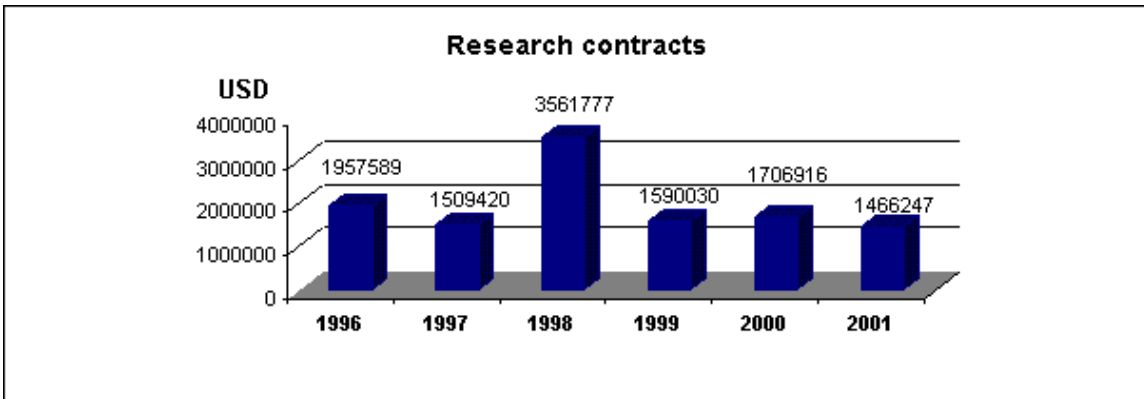
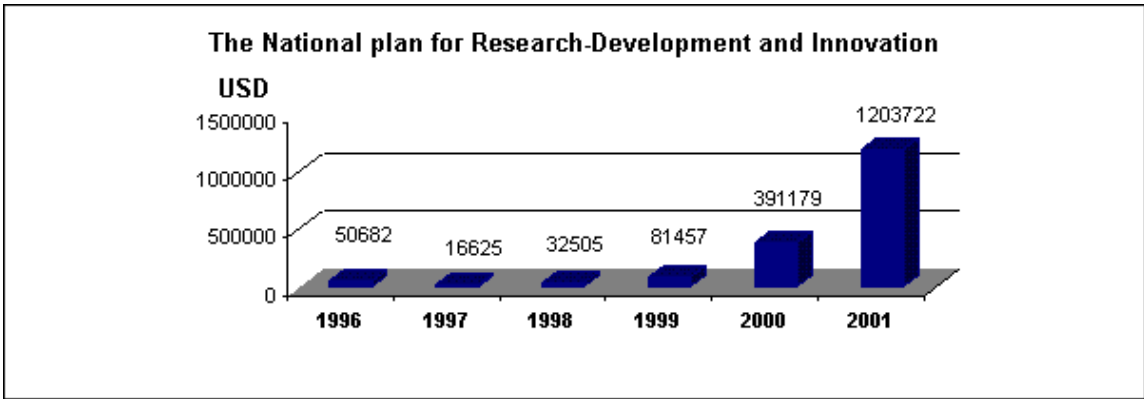
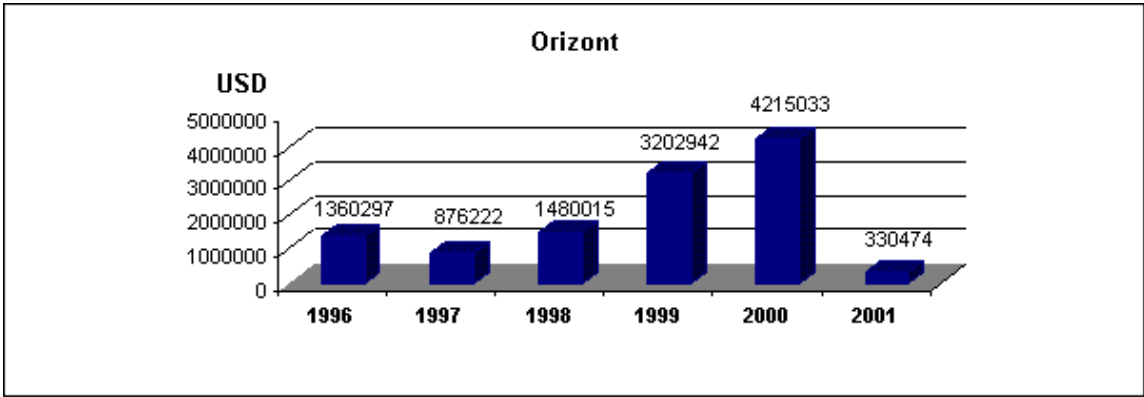
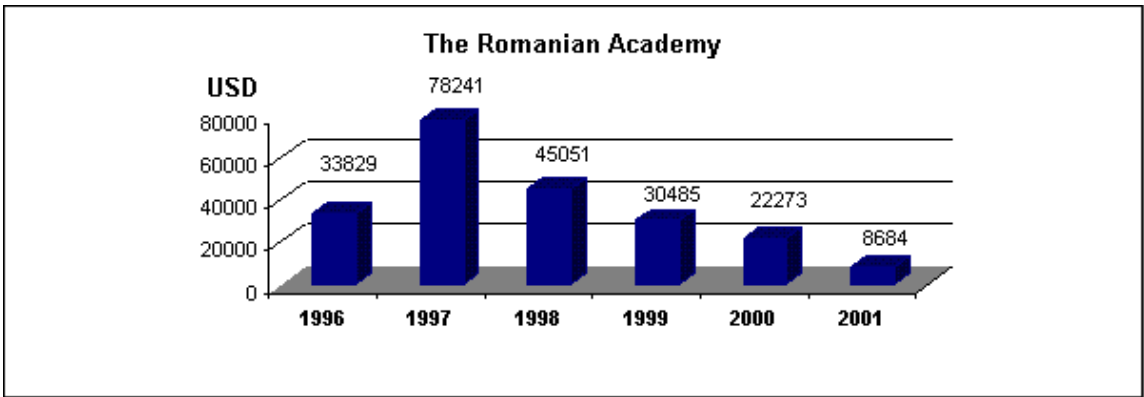


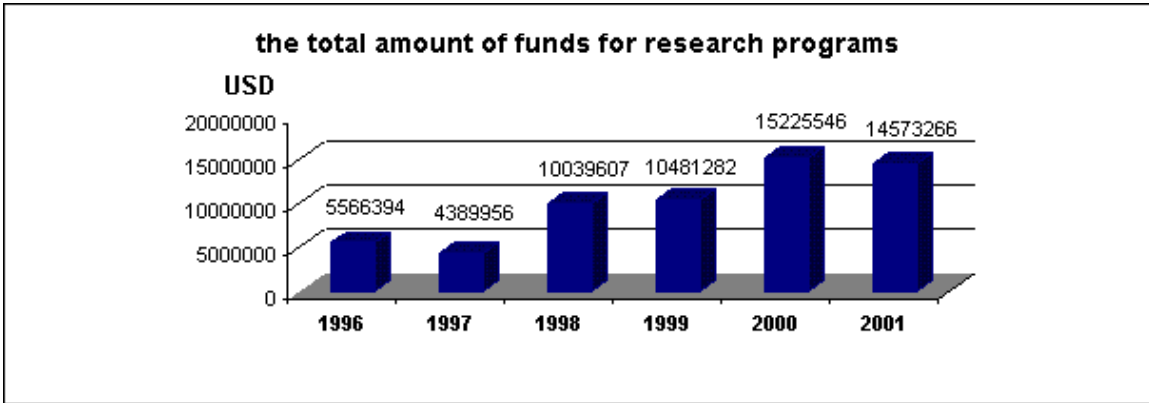
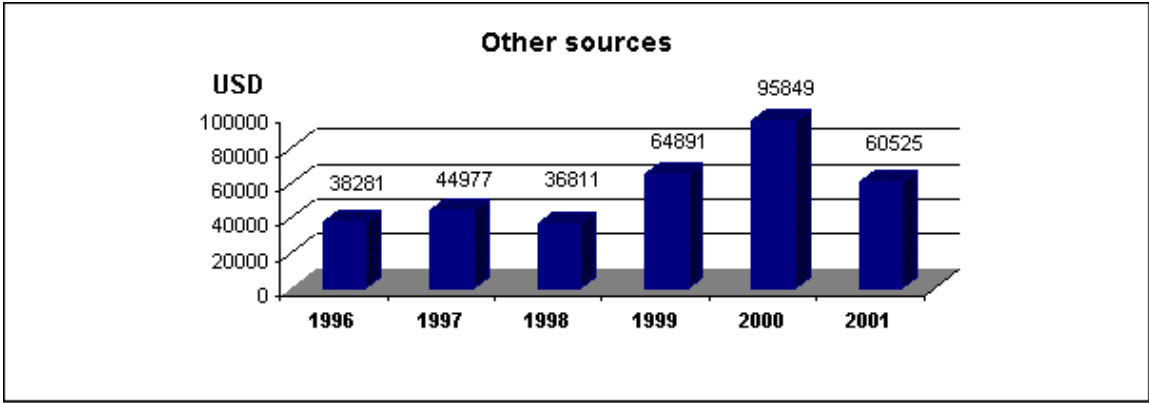
**Other information regarding funding sources for academic and research activity**

**Funds for research programs:**

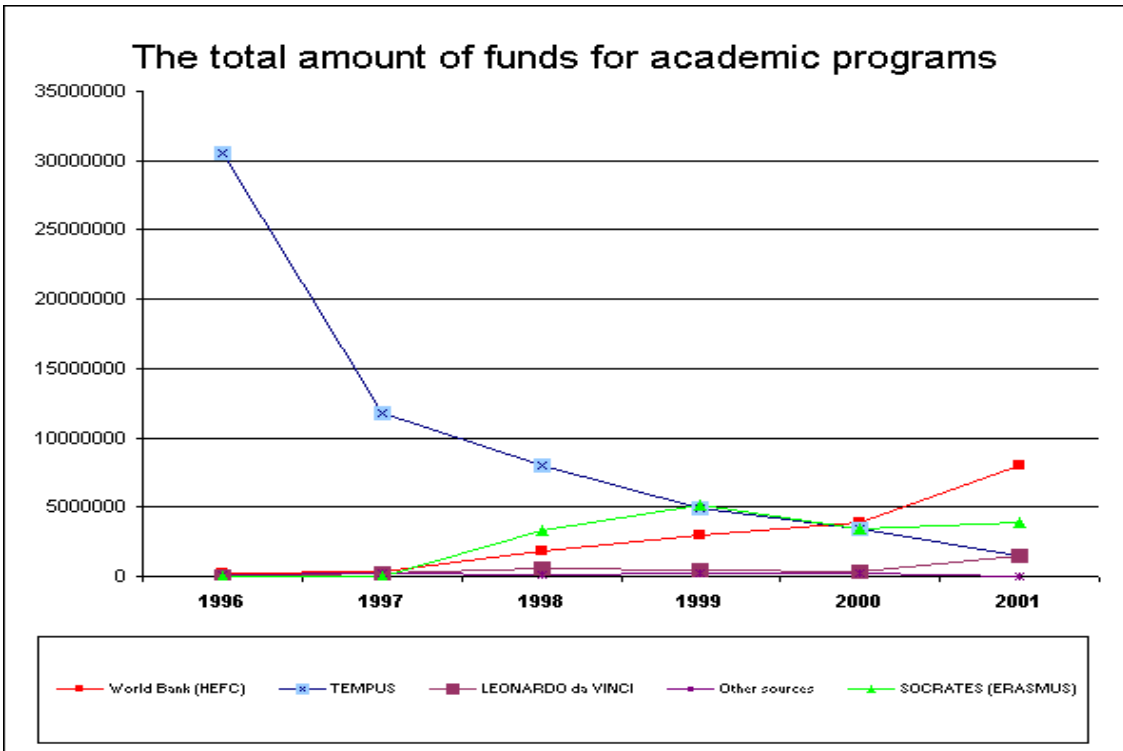


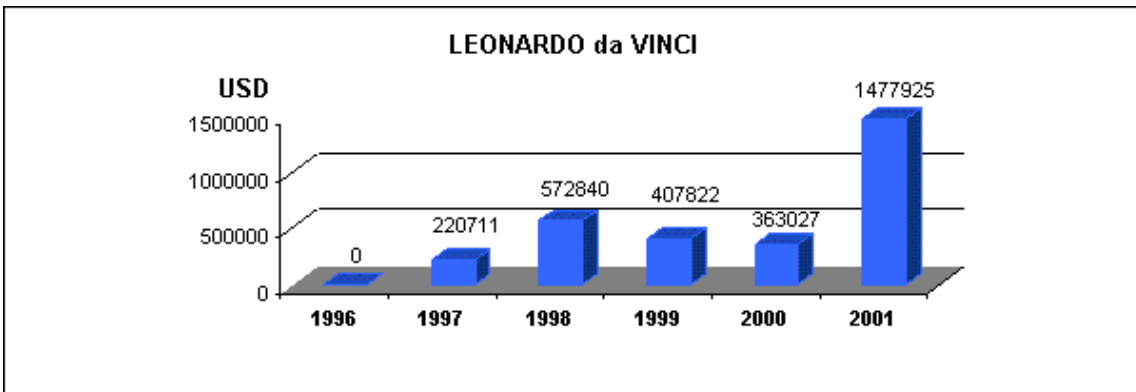
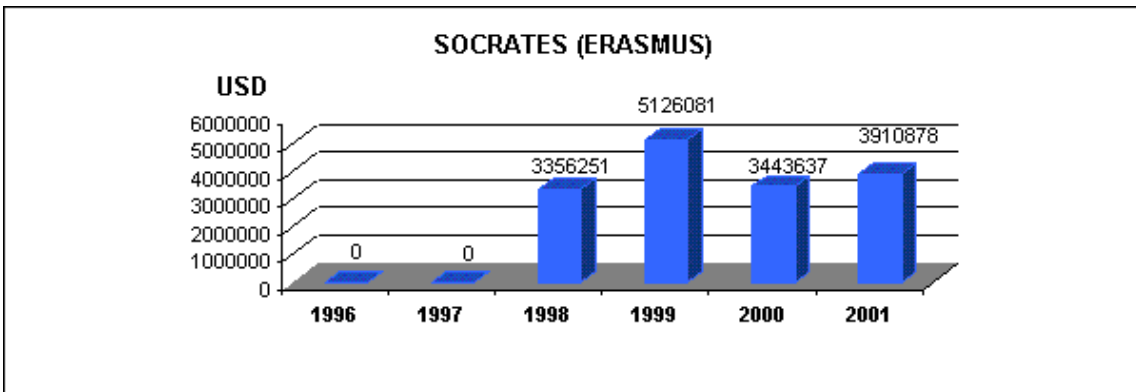
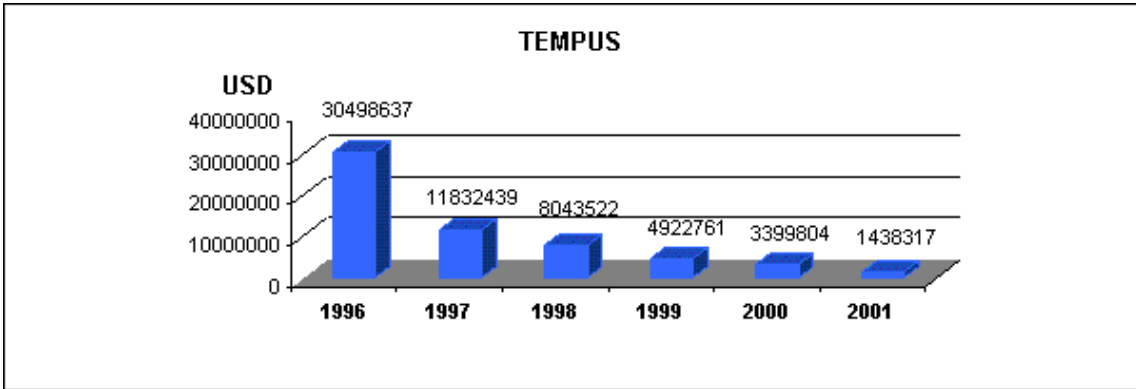
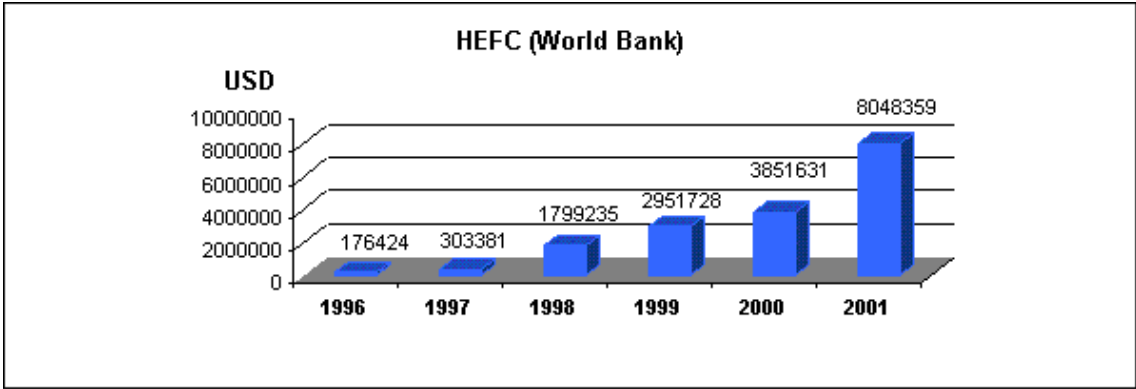


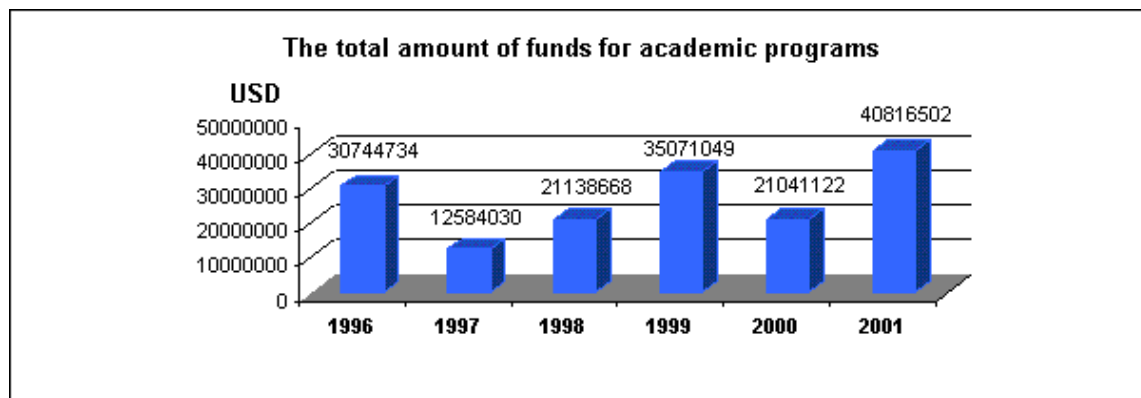
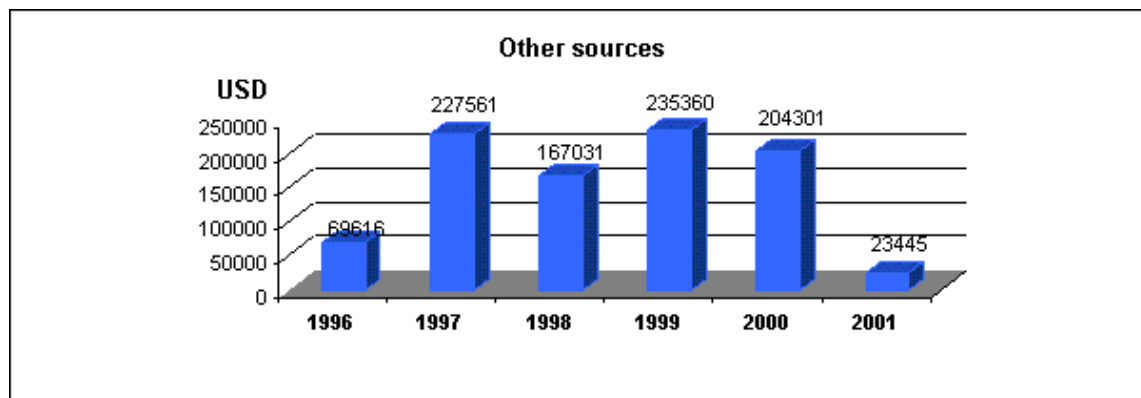




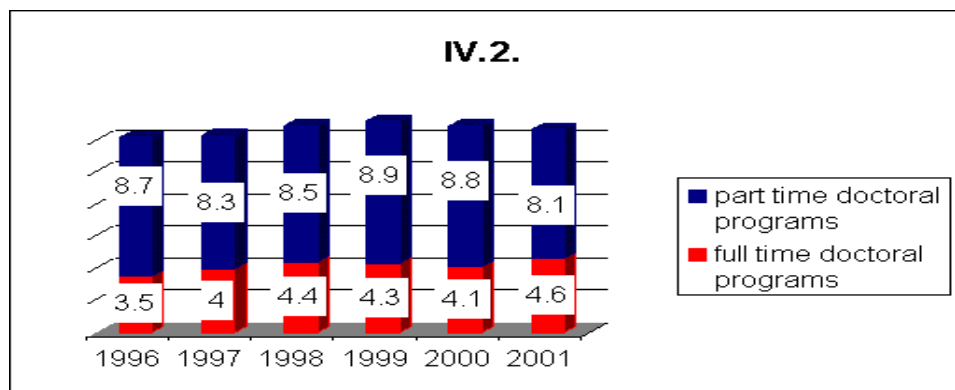
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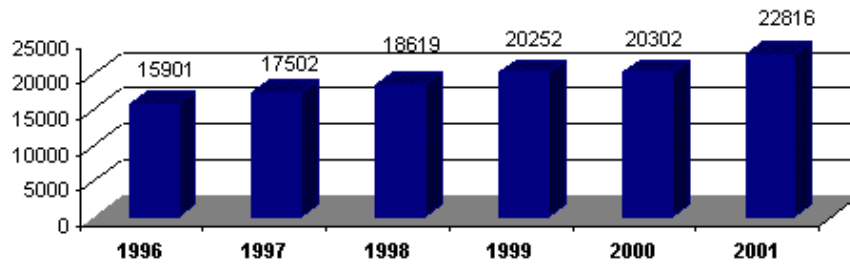
#### IV.2. Reduction in the number of years needed to complete doctoral programs



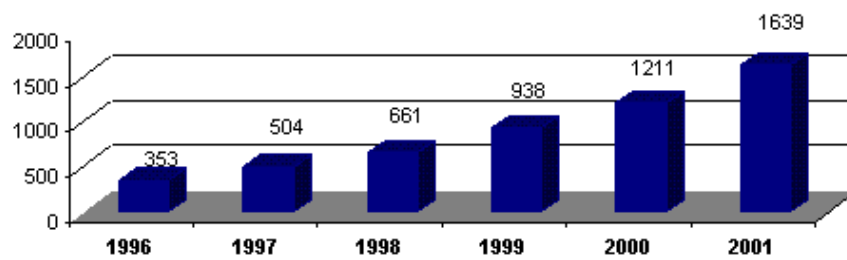
The part time doctoral programs asks for a more in detail analyse from the point of view of average number of years need to complete a doctoral program, in the light of new regulation about PhD programs (37/1999).

#### Other information regarding doctoral programs

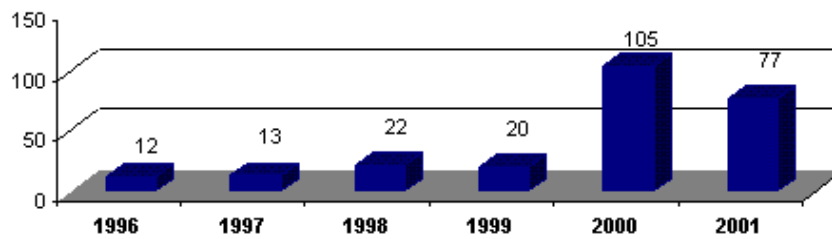
Number of PhD students - part time doctoral programs



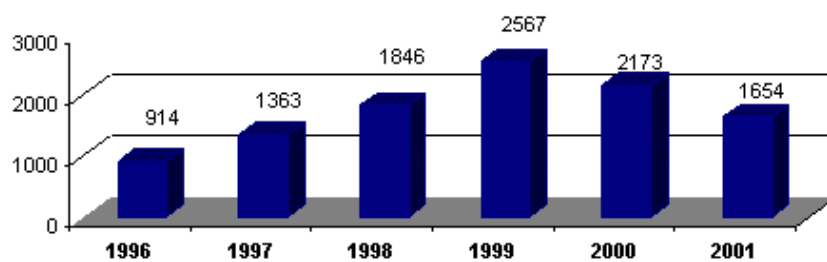
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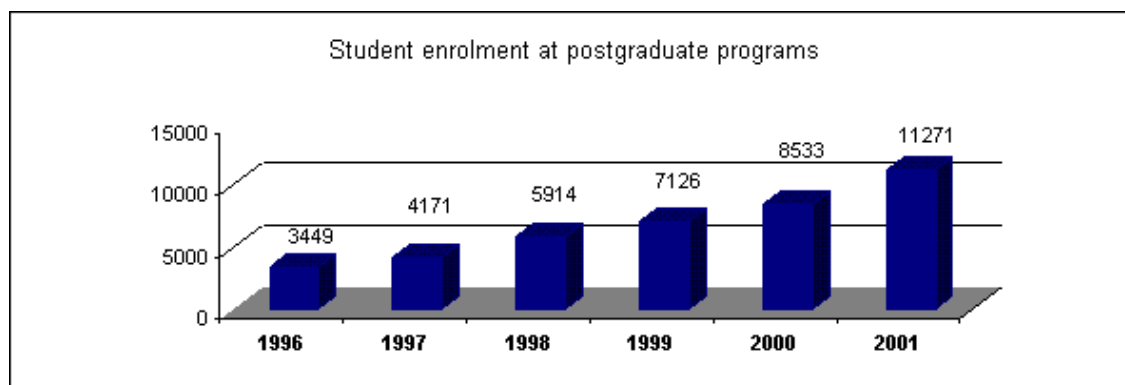
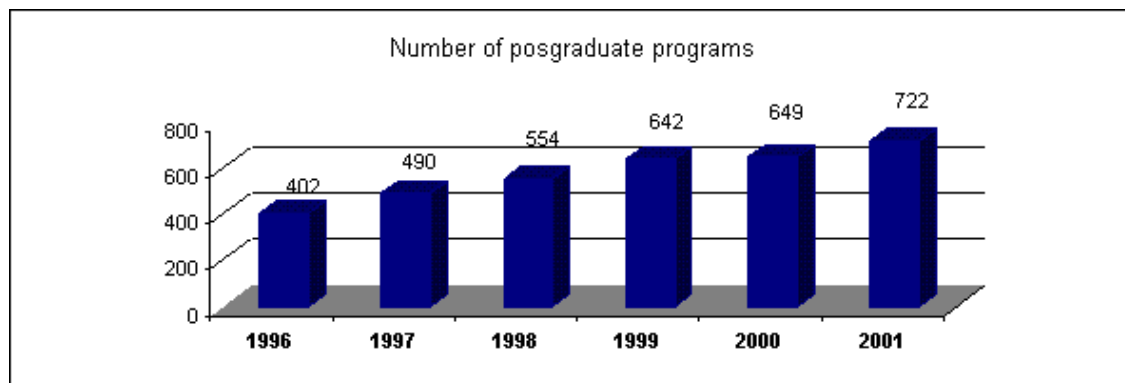


Number of doctor's degree awarded - full time doctoral programs

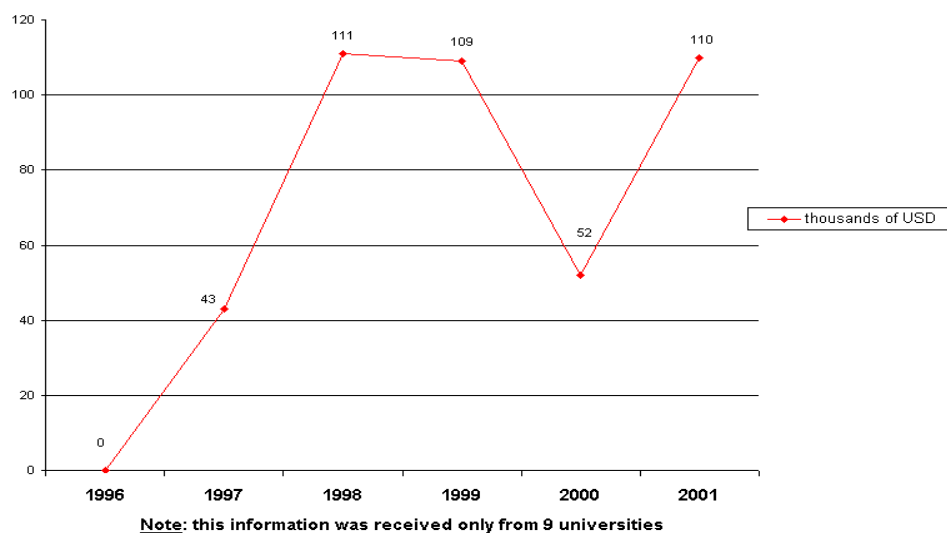


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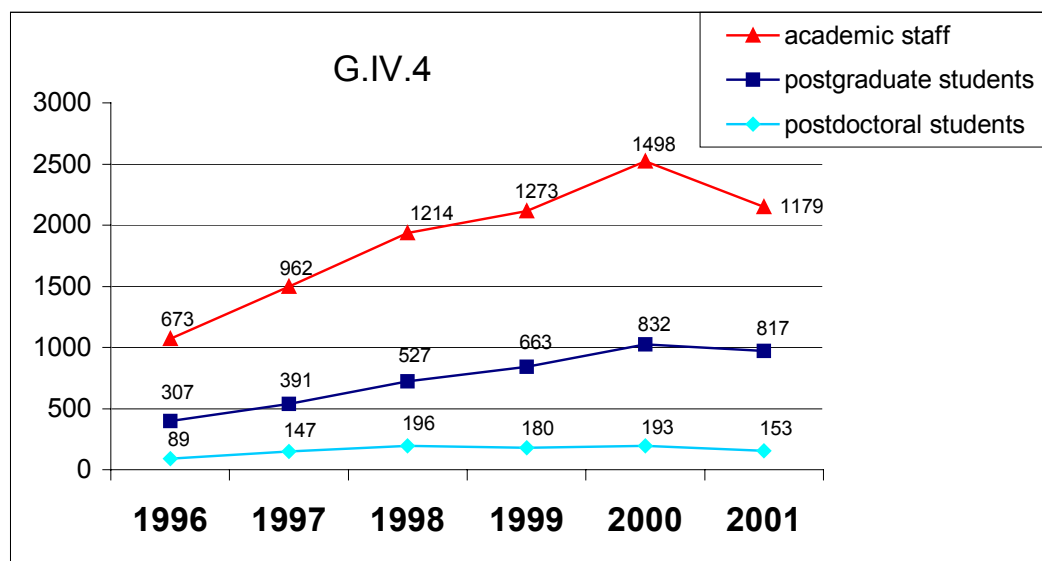
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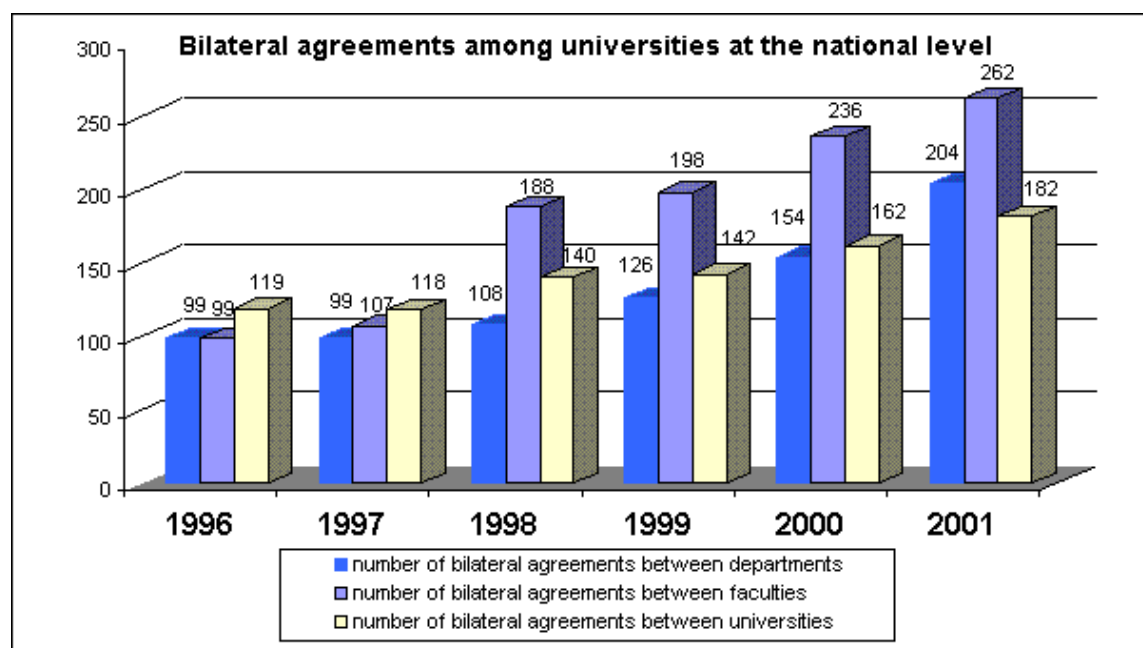
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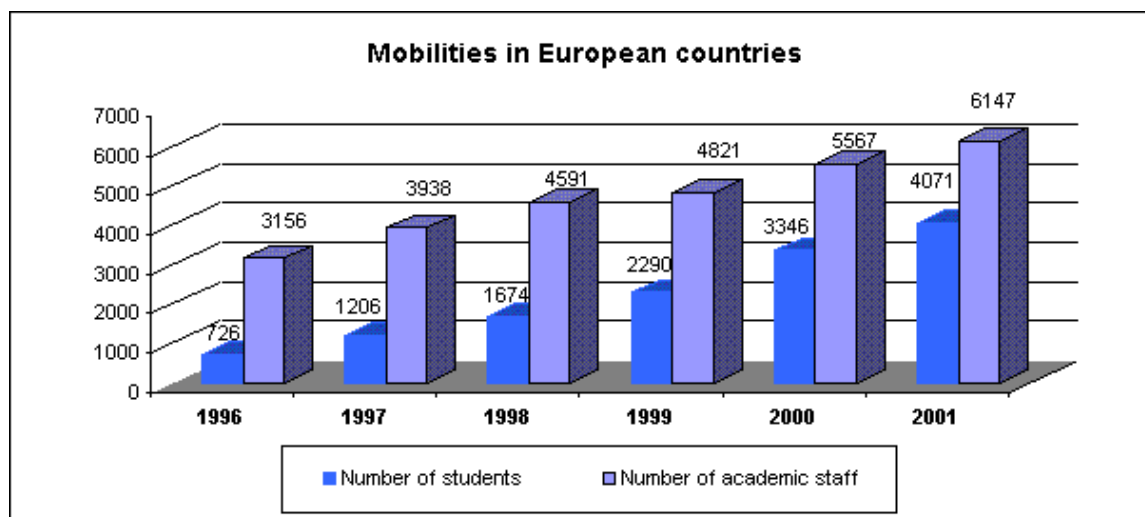
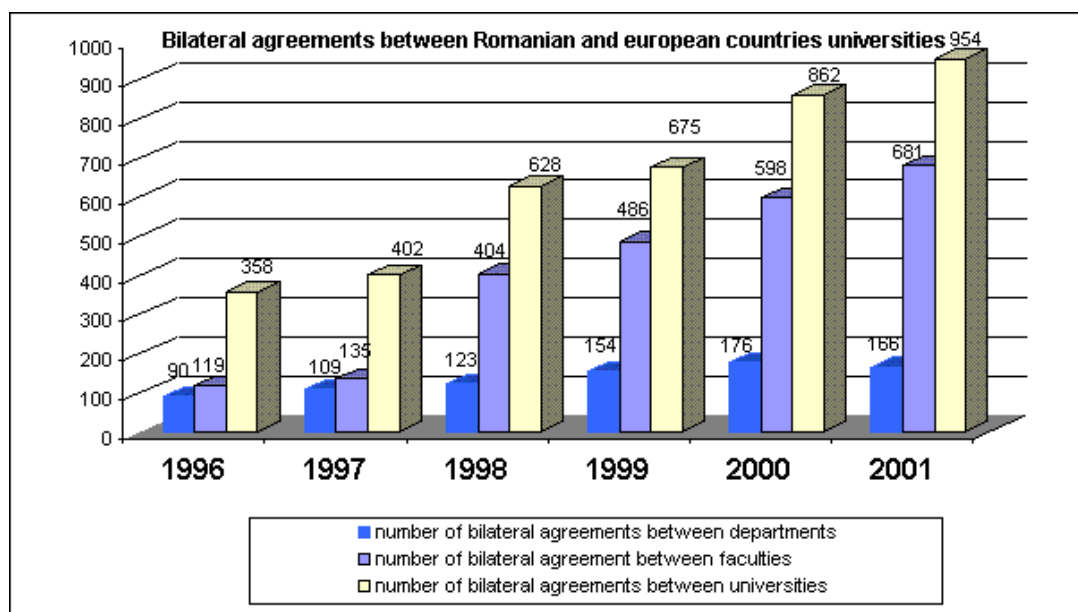
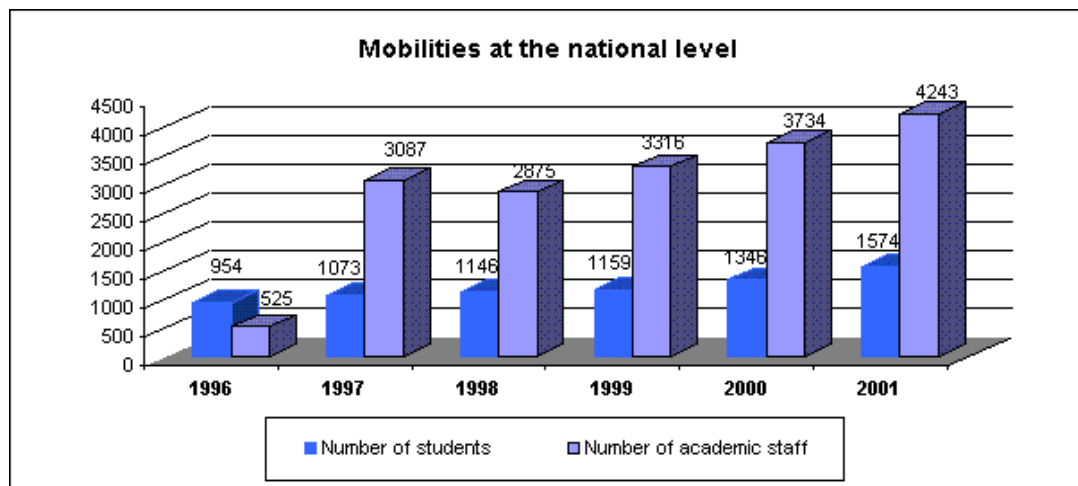


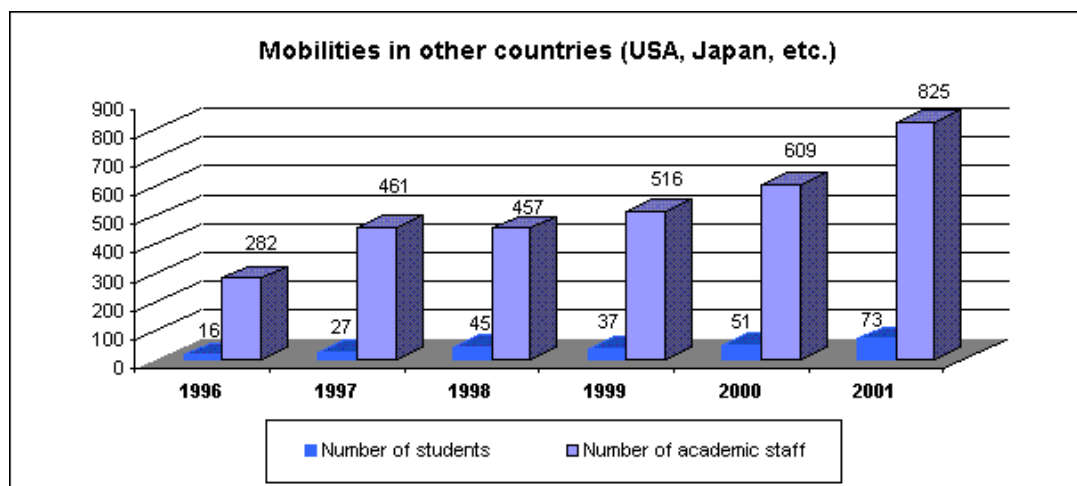
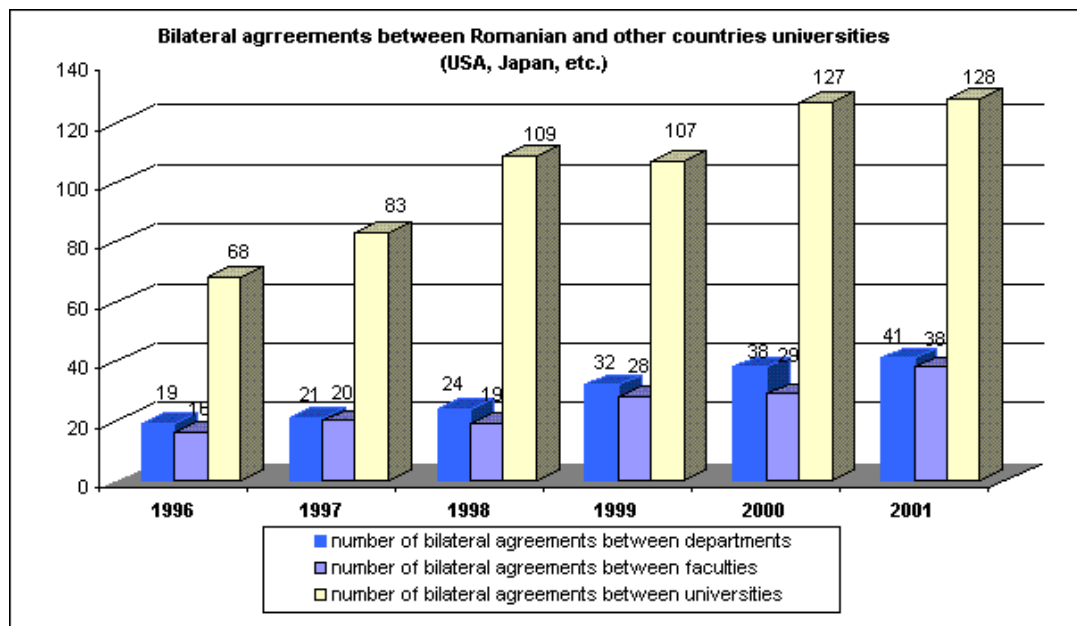
**IV.4. Increase in the number of academic staff/postgraduate and postdoctoral students involved in funded collaborative research with colleagues in foreign countries (graphic IV.4).**



**Other information regarding collaborative programs with colleagues from foreign countries**







**V. Institutional Management** (the data from universities are currently compared and consolidated with the data from other sources):

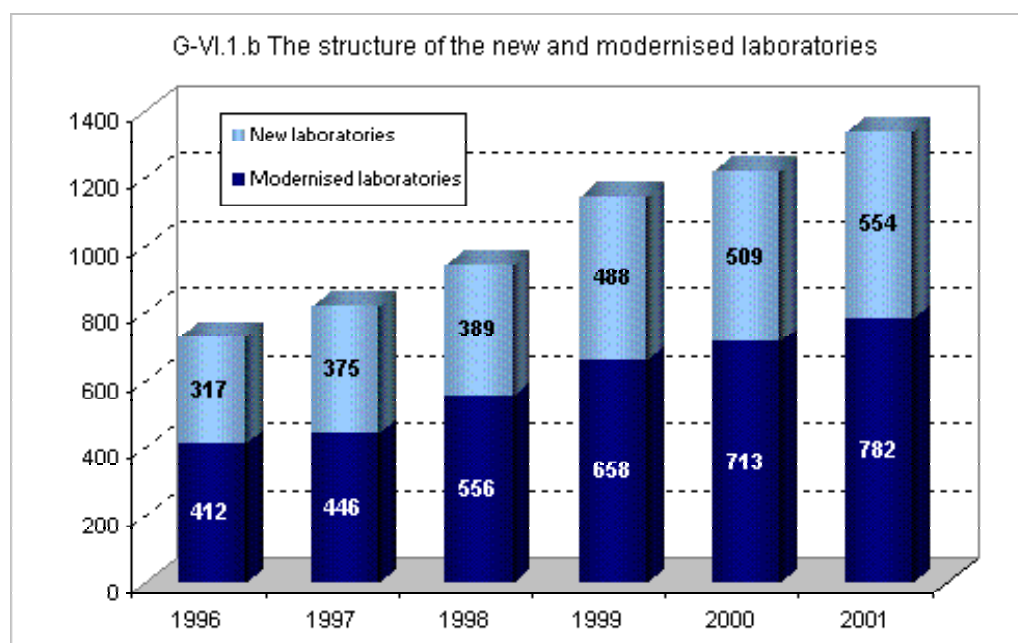
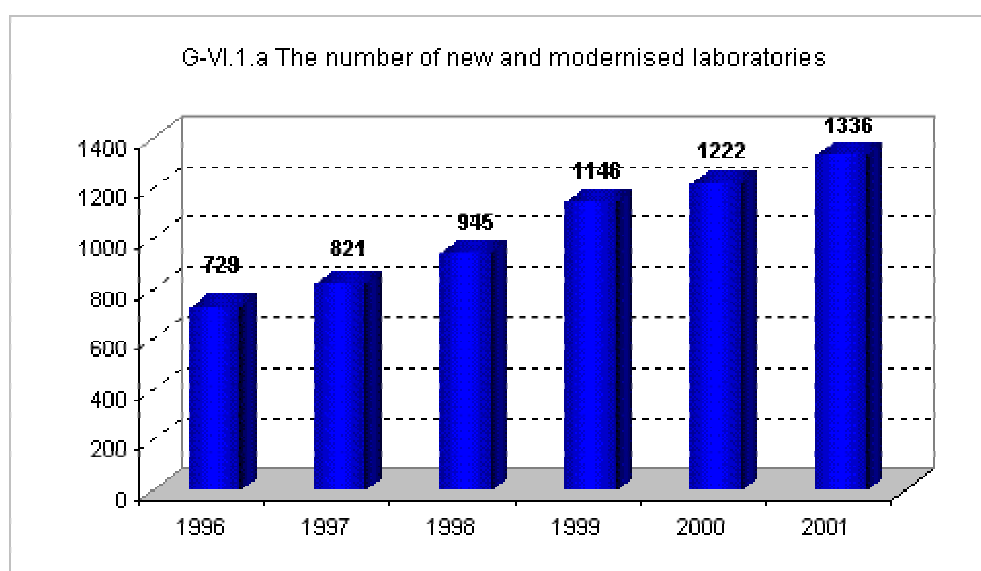
- V.1. Increase in use of forward budget planning by institutions and cost, efficiency performance based internal resource allocation mechanisms.**
- V.2. Increase in the number of institutions carrying out cyclical review of academic programs.**
- V.3. Increase in the proportion of institutional budgets allocated on a discretionary basis.**
- V.4. Increase in the number of institutions establishing specialised units with professionally trained staff to manage student financial support and services, recruit private financing, use of physical and financial assets and alumni relations, use of**

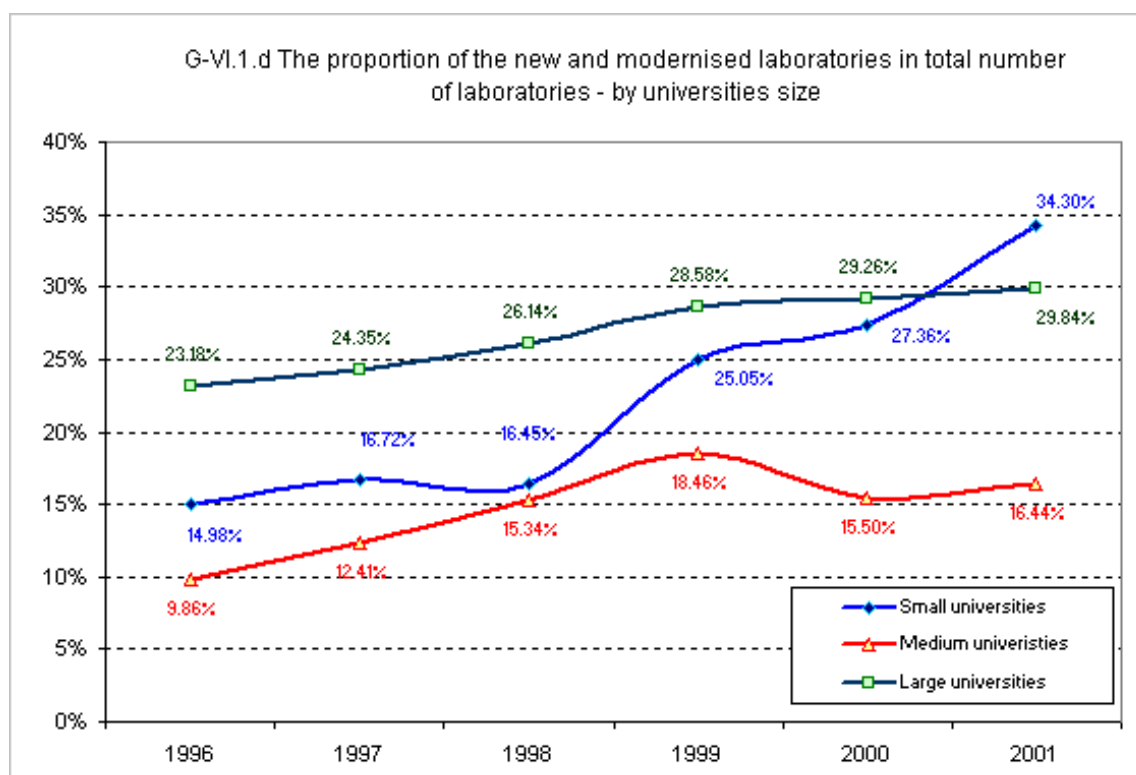
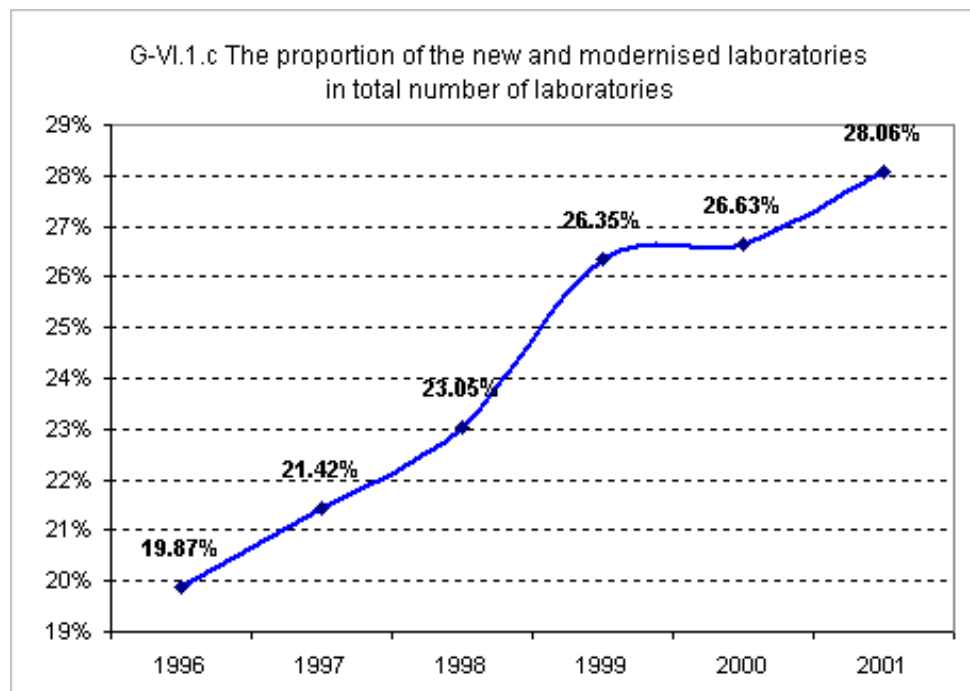
instructional and research facilities, instructional support services, research funding and industrial relations, and personnel services.

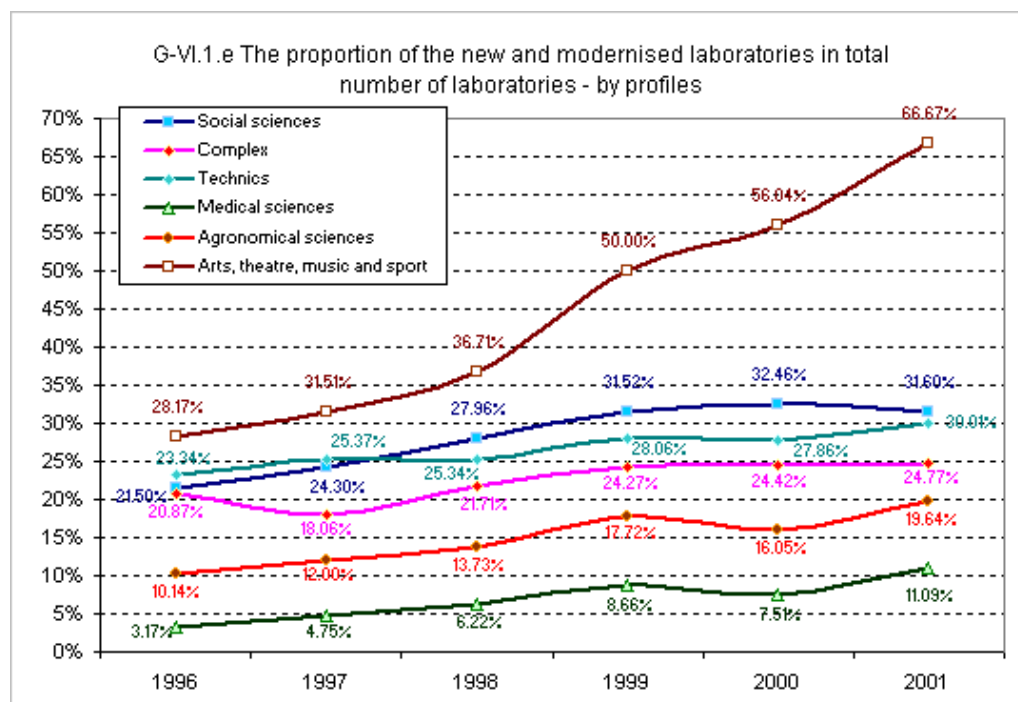
## ***VI. Curricula Improvement and New Teaching/ Evaluation Methods***

### **VI.1. Increase in new and modernised labs**

See the graphic G-VI.1. The number new and modernized laboratories.

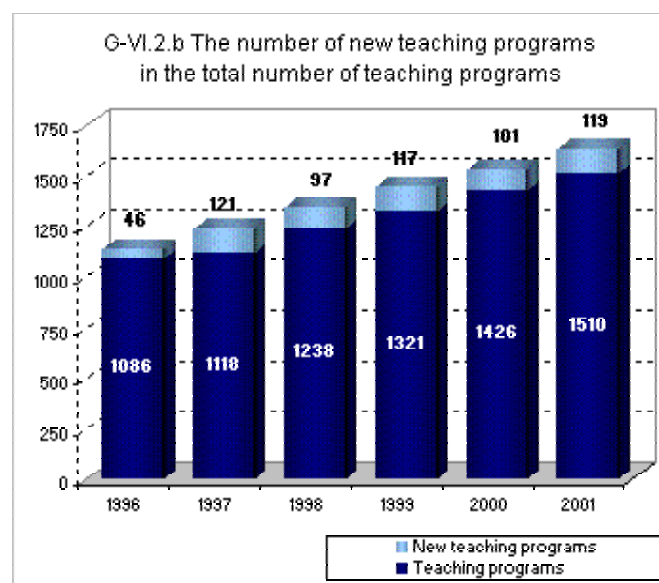
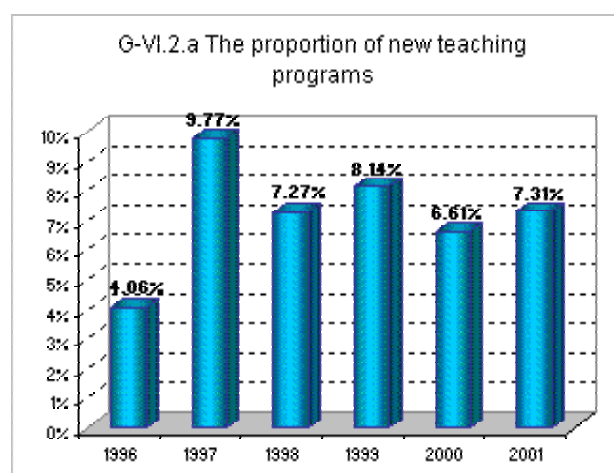


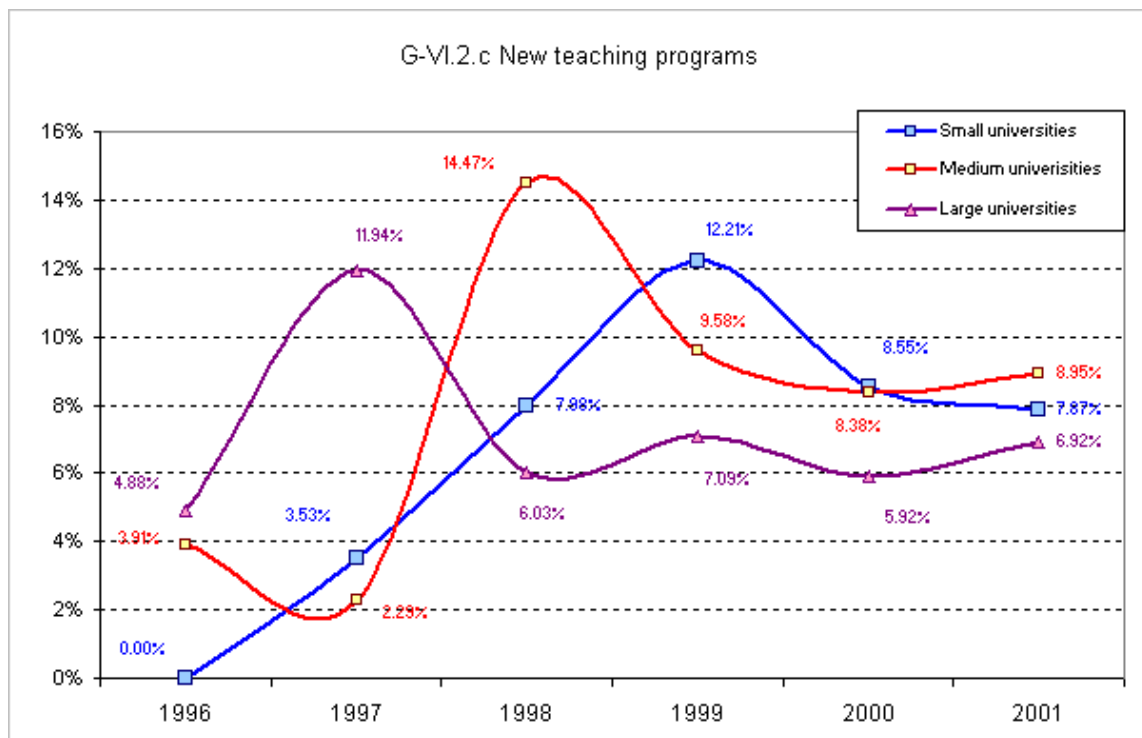




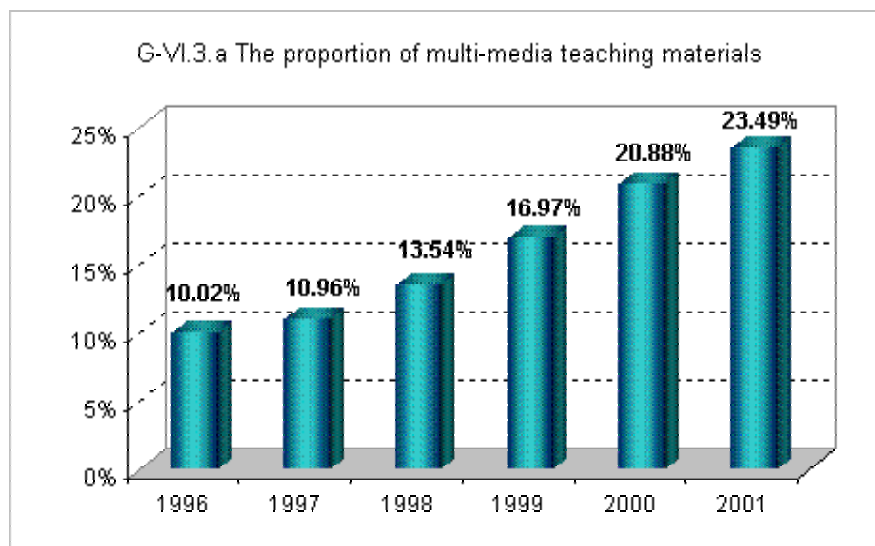
## VI.2. Increase in new teaching programs

See the graphic G-VI.2. The number of new teaching programs.

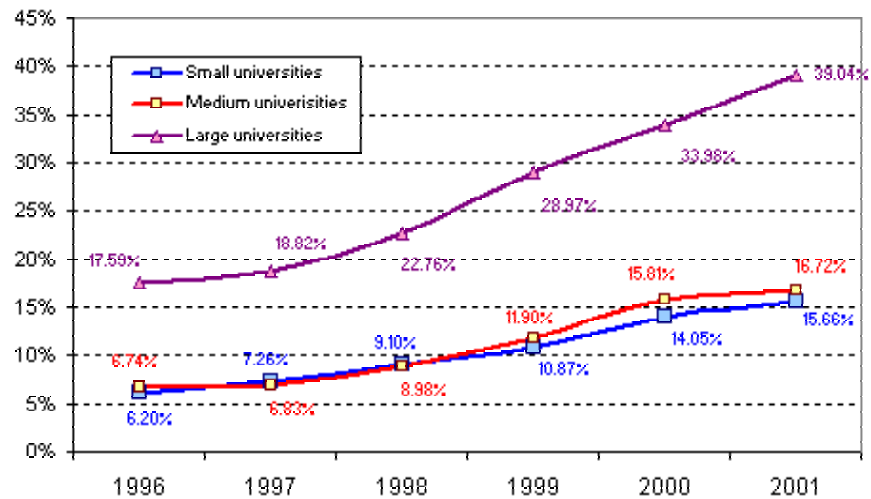




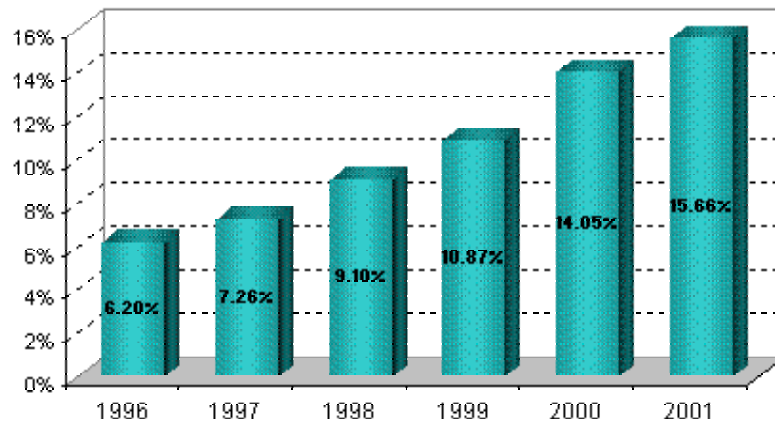
**VI.3. Increase in multi-media teaching materials** *(the data form universities are currently compared and consolidated with the data from other sources)*



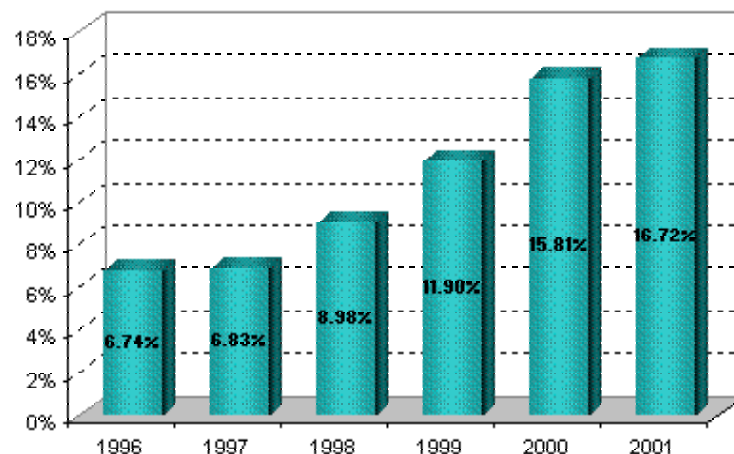
G-VI.3.b The proportion of multi-media teaching methods



G-VI.3.b-1 The proportion of multi-media teaching methods for small universities (less than 5,000 students)

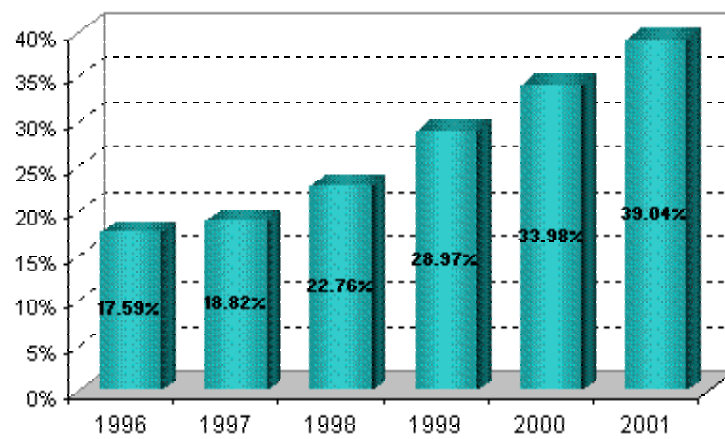


G-VI.3.b-2 The proportion of multi-media teaching methods for medium universities (the students number between 5,000 and 10,000 students)

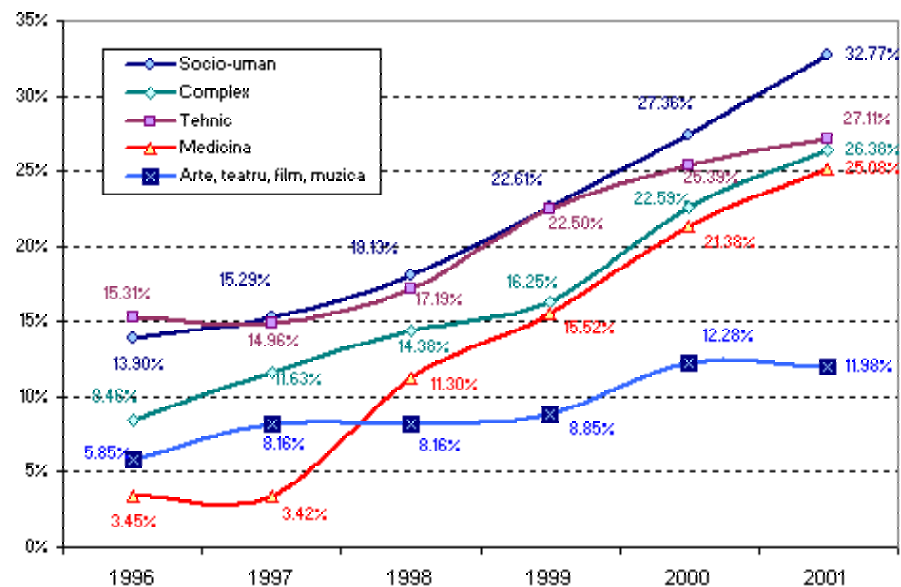


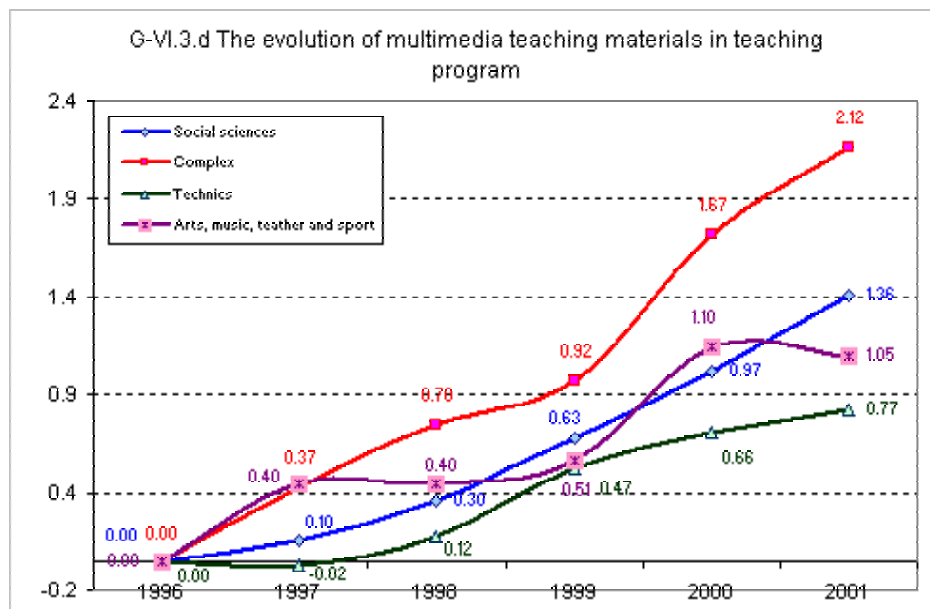


G-VI.3.b-3 The proportion of multi-media teaching methods for large universities (more than 10,000 students)



G-VI.3.c The proportion of multi-media teaching materials - by profiles





#### VI.4. Increase in training stages abroad (in no. of weeks) for

VI.4.a. academic staff

VI.4.b. student

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