

## THE ROLE OF KNOWING ONE'S NATIONAL CULTURAL HISTORY IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE

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**Abstract.** *In this paper it is argued how the development of the national culture and citizens' awareness of the place and role of their national culture in Europe and in the world improve their quality of life. Now, with our integration in the European political space and our desire to build a new society, we must consider a number of hard-to-quantify factors, including "the cultural differences in the sphere of aspirations", when we determine our development strategy. To this end, several papers on the place and role of our national culture in Europe and in the world should be written and a national cultural strategy should be developed to generate and disseminate culture throughout the country, to spread the Romanian values abroad and to change the current mentalities, which delay our social cultural development.*

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### 1. Introduction

A physicist-philosopher wondered, "Who believes in the future of a nation without values". But we have a country with a great past, we are still having some natural resources, we can manage a habitat with multiple ecological and spiritual valences that influence the quality of life and the level of integration into the European cultural and economic space and still we are not one of the countries to set an example for others. Why? What could be done to improve the quality of life of our fellow citizens, taking into account a number of difficulties that our country faces today: the demographic decrease, the brain drain and the exodus of skilled and low-skilled labor, the decline of the domestic industry, the unemployment and the lack of jobs, the soil deterioration, the pollution of air, of ground and of surface waters, the aesthetic pollution, the loss of some local traditions, the relatively isolated character, the low investments, the lack of a developed road or fluvial transport infrastructure, the insignificant modernization of the utilities, such as the fresh water supply and household waste sewage etc.

The Romanian Institute of Projects for Innovation and Development argues, in its second study on the retraining of the national human resource, entitled "Romania's chance – its people. Romania's Retraining", that "retraining is a must in Romania in order to correct the serious errors in the national training strategies

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