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Ligia DECA

Ligia Deca was a student at the Faculty of Navigation and Naval Transport within the Maritime University of Constanța. She completed her master's studies in the field of maritime and port management at the same university.

In 2008, Deca coordinated the pilot project of the Coalition for Clean Universities, project supported by the Romanian Academic Society (SAR). Up until 2010, she was the president of the European Students' Union and represented the interests of the students of 37 countries, in discussions on tertiary education with important organizations including the European Union, the Council of Europe, the European Higher Education Area, and UNESCO.

Between 2010 and 2012, she was the leader of the secretariat of the Bologna Process, who coordinated the organization process of the Conference of Ministers of Education from the member states of the European Higher Education Area. After 2012, and until 2015, she collaborated as expert with the Executive Unit for Financing Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation (or UEFISCDI for short). At the same time, she took lectures at the West University of Timișoara.

Ligia Deca is a political science researcher and in 2016 supported her doctorate in this field at the University of Luxembourg. Areas of interest in which she has studied include: the process of Europeanisation, public policies in higher education and the internationalization of education. Deca followed a postdoctoral program at New Europe College of Bucharest.

From 29 June 2015, Ligia Deca was State Councillor and on 23 December 2019 was named Presidential Councillor on education and research in the team of President Klaus Iohannis, coordinating the presidential project România Educată (Educated Romania).

On 3 October 2022, following the resignation of Sorin Cîmpeanu, Deca was sworn in as Minister of Education, being proposed and supported in this position by the National Liberal Party (PNL).