

## Ciuca: Funds for relaunch of “Cantacuzino” Institute - from 2 percent of GDP allocated annually to Defence

**The Minister of National Defence, Nicolae Ciuca, declared on Thursday that the funds for the relaunch of the "Cantacuzino" Institute are based on the two percent of the GDP allocated annually to Defence.**

"Of the two percent allocated annually to Defence according to the national political agreement (...) we found funds to relaunch the Institute's activity, we found funds for research and, in the current context, for the involvement of specialists here in the fight against the pandemic that affected so much our lives," the minister said at the event celebrating the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the medical-military institution.

President Klaus Iohannis decorated the "Cantacuzino" Institute with the Order of "Sanitary Merit" in the rank of Grand Officer, on the occasion of the centenary.

"The high distinction you have bestowed on us honors us, but it also motivates us to continue and complete what we started, to turn 'Cantacuzino' into a success story for Romanians. We will give them all the financial support and decisively to resume, in the next period, the production of tetanus and influenza vaccine, but also of the long-awaited Polidin," said Nicolae Ciuca.

The "Cantacuzino" Institute was established on April 1, 1921, by the High Decree issued by King Ferdinand I, under the name of the "Dr. I. Cantacuzino" Institute of Serums and Vaccines.