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A principal founder of the UNESCO European Centre for Higher Education reflects on the origins of UNESCO-CEPES that he traces back to a chance encounter he had, in September 1954, with René Maheu, a future Director-General of UNESCO. Inaugurated in September 1972, as part, both of the détente process of those days and of the efforts of Romania to increase the presence of the United Nations and of its specialized agencies in Bucharest, the Centre assumed the task of promoting East-West co-operation in higher education. The author has been closely associated with the evolution of the Centre, which survived the "cold" period in Romania of the 1980s, and is currently celebrating its thirtieth anniversary. (HRK / Abstract übernommen)