

**United Nations Development Programme**  
**Romania**  
**Project Document**

<b>UNCF Outcome(s):</b>	By end 2015, line ministries have enhanced capacity to implement innovative programmes for social inclusion, economic and political empowerment of vulnerable groups, and for deepening democratic practices with special emphasis on initiatives with the potential to be adapted to the needs of Romanian official development assistance priority
<b>Expected CP Outcome(s):</b>	Promoting inclusive growth, gender equality and Millennium Development Goal achievement and fostering inclusive participation
<b>Implementing partner:</b>	Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)
<b>Responsible Parties:</b>	<i>Ministry of Environment and Forests (MEF) – components 1 and 2</i> <i>General Inspectorate of Romanian Gendarmerie (GIRD) – component 3</i> <i>Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports (MERYS) - Executive Unit for Financing Higher Education, Development and Innovation (EUFHEDI)- component 4</i> <i>United Nations Development Programme – component 5</i>

**Brief Narrative Description:**

The UNDP will support the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to develop its capacity to implement ODA-funded projects. The programme is intended to support Romania's efforts to become a lead donor of development assistance in the priority (and in-attention) countries and regions of Romania's international development cooperation policy.

**Program Period:** 2010 – 2012  
**Project Title:** *Support to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to develop its capacity in implementing ODA projects 3*  
**Project ID:**  
**Start date:** 15 June 2011  
**End Date:** 31 December 2011  
  
**Management Arrangements:** NIM

Total resources required  
Total allocated resources: 298.550 EUR

- Regular: UNDP BDP, GPECS Programme: 17.550 EUR\*
- Other: Government: 281.000 EUR

GMS 5%: Government 13.130,84 EUR

ISS 2%: Government 5.252,34 EUR  
UNDP BDP, GPECS Programme: 334,12 EUR

Agreed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

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Agreed by UNDP Romania:

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## **General Objective:**

The general objective of the project is to enhance the capacity of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to implement ODA-funded projects, to help better define the niche areas in which Romanian ODA can be most effectively channelled.

## **Activities:**

### **1. Training for specialists in Central Asia on protection and sustainable use of the water resources in trans-boundary areas**

The *Ministry of Environment and Forests (MEF)* aims at providing training for specialists from *Central Asia on protection and sustainable use of the water resources in trans-boundary areas* in view of strengthening of the institutional capacities, the transfer of knowledge and experience and the increase of expertise of the Central Asian Authorities regarding the difficult water management with the neighbouring countries. Under this component, a training program will be delivered (topics: activities targeting implementation of bilateral agreements for the frontier waters and the specific regulations, elaboration/development of draft agreements, identification of participating institutions, issues and solutions discussed within bilateral meetings etc.) which will be held in one of the Central Asian countries on an agenda established together with the European Commission and the UNECE.

*Background:* Romania (through MEF) holds the presidency (2008-2011) of the Working Group for Eastern Europe, Caucasus region and Central Asia of the Water Initiative supported by the European Union started in 2002 with the purpose of fulfilling the targets of the Millennium Declaration (Johannesburg). Romania is responsible with the coordination of the public participation, information and training. The project will highlight Romania's contribution to supporting Central Asia in achieving the Millennium Development Goals and in implementing the provisions of the Water and Health Protocol (London 1999) and of the Convention regarding the protection and use of the Trans-boundary watercourses and international lakes (Helsinki 1992). In addition, due to its experience in the integrated water management and international waters management with neighbouring countries, as well as the ones from the Danube river basin, Romania is able to provide Central Asia countries with the necessary training for solving quantitative and qualitative boundary water management issues.

### **2. Training for specialists in Eastern Europe, Caucasus region and Central Asia (EECCA region) on drinking water supply, sewerage, urban waste water treatment and integrated water management**

The *Ministry of Environment and Forests (MEF)* aims at providing a training program to specialists in *Eastern Europe, Caucasus region and Central Asia (EECCA region) on drinking water supply, sewerage, urban waste water treatment and integrated water management* by enabling capacity building, transfer of knowledge and experience and the implementation of existing EU principles with regard to the integrated water management. Under this component, a training program will be organized in Romania for fifty (50) specialists from the EECCA region on development, exploitation and maintenance of the infrastructure of water supply, sewerage and the integrated water management. This program includes a seminar held in Bucharest and a study visit in some Romanian cities which were able to improve and modernize their infrastructure in this area.

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### **3. Modernizing the practices of the Carabineer Troops from the Republic of Moldova in Order and Public Safety Management**

The *General Inspectorate of Romanian Gendarmerie* will implement the component called "Modernizing the practices of the Carabineer Troops from the Republic of Moldova in Order and Public Safety Management" aiming to train the Moldovan carabinieri (*Department of Carabineer Troops (DCT)* within the Internal Affairs Ministry of the Republic of Moldova) for enhancing their professional skills, knowledge and practices in accordance with the European and international standards. This component

encompasses the implementation of specialized courses organized by the *Centre for Training the Military Police Force Personnel* from the Romanian Gendarmerie for training of officers with high and lower rank appointed by the DCT. The courses target the information, documentation and knowledge exchange so as to improve the training of the forces that maintain public order and security.

*Background:* The project responds to the geographic priorities of the Official Development Assistance (ODA) of the Foreign Affairs Ministry (MFA) and highlights the importance of the bilateral cooperation between Romania and the Republic of Moldova in view of its 2009-2013 Government Programme for the European Integration. Security in this sense is one of the targets and one of the most important sectors. The present project is also according to the provisions of the “Action plan for the coordination of the cooperation, experience exchange and specialized training in the common field of activity” signed in 2010 between DCT and the Romanian Gendarmerie.

#### **4. FOR-MOLDOVA**

*The Science Academy of Moldova (SAM)* together with *The Executive Unit for Financing Higher Education, Development and Innovation (EUFHEDI)* will implement the National Foresight Exercise of the Republic of Moldavia as a project called “FOR-MOLDOVA”. Foresight exercises are instruments for the development of medium and long term strategic visions. This exercise will lead to the creation of an innovative network which will include different stakeholders who will help with the implementation of future public policies for the Research-Innovation Sector and the consolidation of relations between researchers, business men and public officials. At the end of the project, the *Prospective Research Centre* of the National Science Academy of Moldova will be established. The project will timely contribute to establishment of a *Development Strategy for Research and Innovation in the Republic of Moldavia of 2020* which will explain the findings, the strategic vision proposed as well as the way in which this will be implemented and the way in which it will impact the county in the medium and long term.

*Background:* *The National Authority for Scientific Research (NASC)* in collaboration with EUFHEDI conducted a similar project in Romania in 2005-2006. The identification of scientific and technological necessities and priorities of the Republic of Moldavia is very important for its inclusion in the *European Community’s Frame Programme No 7 for Research* and for the cooperation with Romania as a strategic partner. The preparation of the project started in September – December 2010 when both countries participated at the Project for the Development of a Foresight Exercise in the Republic of Moldova – FOR MOLDOVA. Romania through its governance, economic development and professional education and training has the expertise necessary to fulfil this project with the partner in the Republic of Moldova.

#### **5. Workshop on Democratic Transformations**

*The Workshop on democratic transformation* aims at developing the capacity of the Romanian Permanent Electoral Authority, MFA and civil society for providing development assistance consisting of electoral assistance and experience exchange with partner countries, in organizing diverse aspects of elections after a change in the regime. The workshop will contain lectures on various topics such as: Drafting the electoral legislation, Electoral timeframe, Eligibility criteria, Voter Registration, Electoral Administration, Preventing fraud, Costs of elections, Tabulation and announcement of results, Challenges and appeals to results, Out of Country Voting which are in direct relation with the transition period from an authoritarian regime. Participants will come from Tunis and Egypt (electoral experts, journalists, academics and political parties’ representatives). Jordanian electoral experts and representatives of EMBs with recent transition experience in CEE region might also be invited. From the Romanian side, representatives from NGOs and PEA experts will be present together with UN electoral experts. For three (3) days the participants will have lectures on two (2) to three (3) subjects per day with open debates after each lecture. Each debate will have a moderator. The expected outcomes are the dissemination and sharing of information on the theme, identification of problematic areas in the transformational context and establishment of a network of experts from North Africa and Eastern Europe on elections in democratic transformational settings.

#### **Implementation and Management Arrangements:**

The Implementation Arrangements of the project are broadly within the context of UNDP’s ongoing programmatic partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with regard to the capacity development for ODA projects implementation. The project will be nationally implemented by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The UNDP will assign the Programme Manager (Governance Portfolio) to manage the project on behalf of UNDP. UNDP will provide implementation support services to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in contracting the consultants and other procurement processes as

needed for an ISS fee of 2% of the project proceeds. The Responsible Parties are in charge with the overall implementation of their respective activity.

**Monitoring Framework:**

**Annual Review Report.** An Annual Review Report shall be prepared by the Programme Staff and shared with the Implementing Partner. As minimum requirement, the Annual Review Report shall consist of the Atlas standard format for the QPR covering the entire project duration with updated information for each above element of the QPR as well as a summary of results achieved against pre-defined annual targets at the output level.

\*All the project deliverables will mandatory use the MFA logos.

# I. ANNEX ANNUAL WORK PLAN BUDGET SHEET

Year: 2011

EXPECTED OUTPUTS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES <i>List activity results and associated actions</i>	TIMEFRAME (months)				RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount in EUR
Support to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to develop its capacity in implementing ODA projects	Training specialists in Central Asia on protection and sustainable use of the water resources in trans-boundary areas			x	x	MEF	30071	71600 travel	34.000
								74200 interpretation costs	1.000
								74500 miscellaneous	1.000
	Training for specialists in EECCA region on drinking water supply, sewerage, urban waste water treatment and integrated water management			x	x	MEF	30071	71600 travel	62.300
								74200 interpretation costs	1.800
								74500 miscellaneous	2.900
	Modernizing the practices of the Carabineer Troops from the RM in Order and Public Safety Management			x	x	GIRD	30071	71300 local consultants	50.000
								71600 Travel	3000
								74500 miscellaneous	5.000
	FOR-MOLDOVA			x	x	MERYYS	30071	71300 local consultants	92.000
								74500 miscellaneous	3.000
	Workshop on Democratic Transformations		x	x		UNDP	30071 20012	71200 international consultants	6.000
								71300 local consultants	6.000
								71600 travel	25.000
								74200 printing and publications	2.000
					74500 miscellaneous			3.550	
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## II. ANNEX RISK LOG

Description	Date Identified	Type	Impact & Probability (1-5)	Countermeasures / Mngt response	Owner

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## III. ANNEX LEGAL CONTEXT

The legal context of this project is the Standard Basic Agreement between the UN and Government of Romania (1991)