

United Nations Development Programme
Romania
Project Document

UNDAF Outcome(s): By end 2012, institutional, legal and financial systems in place for Romania to implement a “new model of development cooperation” in line with applicable OECD-DAC standards and responding to the evolution of the global aid architecture, in pursuit of active implementation by Romania of the Paris Aid Effectiveness Declaration (2010-2012)

Expected CP Outcome(s): Aid effectiveness and relevance of Romania’s international development cooperation programs, including its ODA, strengthened (2010-2012)

Implementing partner: Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Responsible Party: United Nations Development Programme

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 countries and regions of Romania’s international development cooperation policy. The programme implementation is also part of the larger objective to better define the niche areas in which Romanian ODA can be most effectively channelled and to set up the institutional framework of the Romanian Training Centre for Post-conflict Reconstruction that will ensure the sustainability of efforts in this area.

Program Period: 2010 –2012
Project Title: *Support to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to develop its capacity in implementing ODA projects 2*
Project ID:
Start date: March 2011
End Date: December 2011
Management Arrangements: NIM with UNDP implementation

Total resources required
Total allocated resources: 110.000 EUR

- Regular 0
- Other: 110.000 EUR
Government CS 110.000 EUR

GMS 5%: 5,140.2 EUR
ISS 2%: 2,056.08 EUR

Agreed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

Agreed by UNDP:

General Objective:

The general objective of the project is to develop 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 and to support setting up the institutional framework of the Romanian Training Centre for Post-conflict Reconstruction that will ensure the sustainability of efforts in this area.

Activities:

1. The implementation of 2 (two) specialized training programmes on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Recovery

The 5-day training programs target practitioners of post-conflict recovery as well as civilian and military actors in recovery and reconstruction. The ultimate objective of the programs is to enhance the capacities of actors in the field to respond to the multi-dimensional needs of post-conflict recovery and reconstruction. They are unique in terms of its focus on the post-conflict recovery and developmental assistance nexus and seek to provide the necessary theoretical and applied linkages between peace keeping, peace building, humanitarian assistance and developmental assistance in post-conflict situations. In this effort, the programs seek to bring together participants from Romania and EU countries, with or without any experience in civilian and military peace-keeping operations, with practitioners and actors from countries and regions where post-conflict recovery and reconstruction efforts have been led.

The courses are addressed to civilian and military experts from ministries and non-governmental organisations (previously or not involved in post-conflict missions) and practitioners of recovery and reconstruction efforts. The programs are expected to bring together Romanian and other international participants in civilian and military missions with practitioners from the countries that have and/ or are continuing to experience recovery and reconstruction interventions. The overall number of available places is 30, Romanian and foreign nationals altogether.

The lecturers will include Romanian and international experts, academics, international organisations and humanitarian and developmental agencies' representatives, with a solid research background and field experience in post-conflict recovery and reconstruction.

2. Training addressed to diplomats in the Caucasus – Central Asia region, training to be implemented in partnership with the Romanian Diplomatic Institute under MFA

The UNDP and the Romanian Diplomatic Institute will organize in 2011 the third edition of specialized training on International Relations and Diplomacy targeting ten diplomats from the Caucasus - Central Asia. The main aim of this project is to ensure the know-how transfer from the Romanian diplomats towards their counterparts invited to join the project as direct beneficiaries. The training program for the diplomats will last for three months, from 15th September until 15th December 2011. The courses will be structured in two sections: the diplomatic training program and documentation work /study tours (conducted for two days in Brasov and Constanta).

The main objectives are: 1. Transfer know-how in international relations and diplomacy to Ministries of Foreign Affairs in Central-Asia countries; 2. Boost communication – at personal and institutional level – among the participants; 3. Boost the creation of a framework in which the MFA and RDI can exchange in real time ideas / diagnosis / prognosis of future developments in the area with the institutional actors in countries from the Caucasus - Central Asia region (initiating a formal or informal mechanism that could act as an early warning unit)

This initiative is aimed at expanding the cooperation between EU member states and the other countries from the Black Sea, to strengthen democratic stability and economic cooperation in the region and, to diversify the EU infrastructure links with the countries from the Caucasus - Central Asia region. These countries are part of a wider geopolitical area (and geo-strategic) where Romania has important interests (some of which are vital) stated in the National Security Strategy. The Black Sea region is recognized as a strategically important connector, linking the

Euro Atlantic community (a security provider and consumer of energy) with the Middle East - Caspian Region - Central Asia area.

3. Training addressed to senior official from the Republic of Moldova, training to be implemented in partnership with the Romanian Diplomatic Institute under MFA

The activity aims to ensure the transfer of know-how and good practices in international relations and diplomacy by training ten diplomats and senior government officials from the Republic of Moldova. The training program is organized by the Romanian Diplomatic Institute and will take place in Bucharest in 2011, from 4th of July until 13th of July 2011. The selection of participants is ensured by the RDI, in partnership with the Moldavian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration.

The main objectives are: Transfer the know-how in international relations and diplomacy to improve the capacity of Moldovan diplomats and senior government officials engaged in the European integration process to attain better performances; Boost communication – at personal and institutional level – among the participants; Boost the formation of a working framework within which the MFA and RDI can exchange in real time ideas / diagnosis / prognosis with institutional actors from Moldova (initiating a formal or informal mechanism that might operate as an early warning unit).

One of Romania's foreign policy priorities is the development of good and constant bilateral relations with the Republic of Moldova acting towards bringing it closer to the European values. In this respect Romania selected the Republic of Moldova as one of its priority countries for directing its development assistance according to the National Strategy on International Cooperation for Development Policy. Moreover, Romania manages cross-border projects financed by the European Union together with the Moldavian customs institutions in order to ensure the stability and security of the Romanian eastern border which represents at the same time the EU' s eastern border. Supporting the integration of the Republic of Moldova within the EU is one of the main vectors of Romanian foreign policies targeting the area.

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 organizing the events for an ISS fee of 1% of the project proceeds. The MFA will nominate a project representative from the Directorate for Political Affairs to manage the activity 1 on behalf of MFA, and a project representative from the Romanian Diplomatic Institute to manage the activities 2 and 3 mentioned above.

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. Based on the above report, an annual project review shall be conducted in early 2011 to assess the performance of the project and appraise the Annual Work Plan (AWP).

*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	The implementation of 2 (two) specialized training programmes on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Recovery				X	UNDP MFA	30071	71200 intl consultants	5.000
		X	X	X				71300 national consultants	3.000
								71600 travel	35.000
								72100 contractual services	2.500
								72500 supplies	1.729
	Training addressed to diplomats in the Caucasus – Central Asia region			X	X	UNDP MFA	30071	71300 national consultants	5.000
								71600 travel	30.000
								72100 contractual services	5.000
								72500 supplies	3.000
								74500 miscellaneous	3.729
	Training addressed to senior official from the Republic of Moldova					UNDP MFA	30071	71300 national consultants	1.500
								71600 travel	7.000
								72500 supplies	500
								74500 miscellaneous	345,79
	TOTAL								
								GMS 5%	5,140.2
								ISS 2%	2,056.08
Grand Total EUR									110.000

II. ANNEX RISK LOG

Description	Date Identified	Type	Impact & Probability	Countermeasures / Mngt response	Owner

III. ANNEX LEGAL CONTEXT

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