MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NORWEGIAN FINANCIAL MECHANISM

2014-2021

between

THE KINGDOM OF NORWAY,

hereinafter referred to as “Norway”

and

ROMANIA,

hereinafter referred to as the “Beneficiary State”

together hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

WHEREAS the Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Union on the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 establishes a financial mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the "Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021") through which Norway will contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area;

WHEREAS the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 aims to strengthen relations between Norway and the Beneficiary State to the mutual benefit of their peoples;

WHEREAS the enhanced co-operation between Norway and the Beneficiary State will contribute to securing a stable, peaceful and prosperous Europe, based on good governance, democratic institutions, the rule of law, respect for human rights and sustainable development;

WHEREAS the Parties agree to establish a framework for cooperation in order to ensure the effective implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021;

HAVE AGREED on the following:

Article 1
Objectives

1. The overall objectives of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 are to contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and to the strengthening of bilateral relations between Norway and the Beneficiary States through financial contributions in the priority sectors listed in paragraph 2. Accordingly, the Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding shall endeavour to select for funding programmes that contribute to the achievement of these objectives.

2. The financial contributions shall be available in the following priority sectors:

(a) Innovation, research, education and competitiveness;

(b) Social inclusion, youth employment and poverty reduction;

(c) Environment, energy, climate change and low carbon economy;

(d) Culture, civil society, good governance, fundamental rights and freedoms; and

(e) Justice and home affairs.

Article 2
Legal Framework

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be read in conjunction with the following documents which, together with this Memorandum of Understanding, constitute the legal framework of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021:

(a) the Agreement between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Union on the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement");

(b) the Regulation on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 (hereinafter referred to as the "Regulation") issued by Norway in accordance with Article 10.5 of the Agreement;

(c) the programme agreements that will be concluded for each programme; and

(d) any guidelines adopted by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (hereinafter referred to as "NMFA") in accordance with the Regulation.

Article 3
Financial Framework

1. In accordance with Article 2.1 of the Agreement, the total amount of the financial contribution is € 1,253,650,000 in annual tranches of € 179,100,000 over the period running from 01/05/2014 to 30/04/2021, inclusive.

2. In accordance with Article 6 of the Agreement, a total of € 227,300,000 shall be made available to the Beneficiary State over the period referred to in Paragraph 1.

3. In accordance with Article 3.2.b) of the Agreement, 1.00 % of the total amount referred to in paragraph 2 shall be set aside for a fund for the Promotion of Decent Work and Tripartite Dialogue.

4. In accordance with Article 10.4 of the Agreement and Article 1.9 of the Regulation, the management costs of Norway shall be covered by the overall amount referred to above. Further provisions to this effect are set out in the Regulation. The net amount of the allocation to be made available to the Beneficiary State is € 210,252,500.

Article 4
Roles and responsibilities

1. Norway shall make funds available in support of eligible programmes proposed by the Beneficiary State and agreed on by the NMFA within the priority sectors listed in Article 3.1 of the Agreement and the programme areas listed in the Annex to the Agreement. Norway and the Beneficiary State shall cooperate on the preparation of concept notes defining the scope and planned results for each programme.

2. The Beneficiary State shall assure the full co-financing of programmes that benefit from support from the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 in accordance with Annex B and the programme agreements.

3. The NMFA shall manage the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 and take decisions on the granting of financial assistance in accordance with the Regulation.

4. The NFMA shall be assisted by the Financial Mechanism Office (hereinafter referred to as the "FMO"). The FMO shall be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 and shall serve as a contact point.

Article 5
Designation of authorities

The Beneficiary State has authorised a National Focal Point to act on its behalf. The National Focal Point shall have the overall responsibility for reaching the objectives of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 as well as for the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 in the Beneficiary State in accordance with the Regulation. In accordance with Article 5.2 of the Regulation, the National Focal Point, the Certifying Authority, the Audit Authority, and the Irregularities Authority are designated in Annex A.

Article 6
Multi-annual Programming Framework

1. In accordance with Article 2.5 of the Regulation, the Parties have agreed on an implementation framework consisting of the following financial and substantive parameters:

(a) a list of agreed programmes and the financial contribution from the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 by programme;

(b) identification of programmes, their objective, their main focus, as appropriate, the grant rate by programme, the bilateral ambitions as well as any specific concerns relating to target groups, geographical areas or other issues;

(c) identification of programme operators, as appropriate;

(d) identification of Donor Programme Partners, as appropriate;

(e) identification of International Partner Organisations, as appropriate;

(f) identification of pre-defined projects to be included in relevant programmes.

2. The implementation framework is outlined in Annex B.

Article 7

Fund for bilateral relations

In accordance with Article 4.6 of the Regulation the Beneficiary State shall set aside funds to strengthen bilateral relations between Norway and the Beneficiary State. The National Focal Point shall manage the use of the fund for bilateral relations and shall establish a Joint Committee for Bilateral Funds in accordance with Article 4.2 of the Regulation.

Article 8
Annual meetings

In accordance with Article 2.7 of the Regulation an annual meeting shall be held between the NMFA and the National Focal Point. The annual meeting shall allow the NMFA and the National Focal Point to examine progress achieved over the previous reporting period and agree on any necessary measures to be taken. The annual meeting shall provide a forum for discussion of issues of bilateral interest.

Article 9
Modification of the annexes

Annex A and B may be amended through an exchange of letters between the NMFA and the National Focal Point.

Article 10
Control and Access to Information

The NMFA, the Office of the Auditor General of Norway and their representatives have the right to carry out any technical or financial mission or review they consider necessary to follow the planning, implementation and monitoring of programmes and projects as well as the use of funds. The Beneficiary State shall provide all necessary assistance, information and documentation.

Article 11
Governing Principles

1. The implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding shall in all aspects be governed by the Regulation and subsequent amendments thereof.

2. The objectives of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 shall be pursued in the framework of close co-operation between Norway and the Beneficiary State. The Parties agree to apply the highest

degree of transparency, accountability and cost efficiency as well as the principles of good governance, partnership and multi-level governance, sustainable development, gender equality and equal opportunities in all implementation phases of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

3. The Beneficiary State shall take proactive steps in order to ensure adherence to these principles at all levels involved in the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

4. No later than 31/12/2020, the Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding shall review progress in the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding and thereafter agree on reallocations within and between the programmes, where appropriate. The conclusion of this review shall be taken into account by the National Focal Point when submitting the proposal on the reallocation of the reserve referred to in Article 1.11 of the Regulation.

Article 12
Entry into Force

This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the day after the date of its last signature.

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This Memorandum of Understanding is signed in four originals in the English Language.

For the Kingdom of Norway	For Romania
Signed in Bucharest on 13/10/2016	Signed in Bucharest on 13/10/2016
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ANNEX A

National management and control structures

1. National Focal Point

The General Directorate for European Non-reimbursable Financial Mechanisms and Instruments (GDENFMI) shall act as the National Focal Point.

The GDENFMI is a General Directorate within the Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds, headed by a General Director and under the coordination of a Secretary of State. In addition to its role as National Focal Point, the GDENFMI is designated Paying Authority for the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme and holds various roles in a number of EU financed programmes.

The General Director of the General Directorate for European Non-reimbursable Financial Mechanisms and Instruments shall act as the head of the National Focal Point.

The roles and responsibilities of the National Focal Point are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 5.3 thereof.

2. Certifying Authority

The Certifying and Paying Authority (CPA) shall act as Certifying Authority.

The Certifying and Paying Authority is a General Directorate within the Ministry of Public Finance, headed by a General Director and under the coordination of a Secretary of State.

The CPA acts as the executive body of the National Authorising Officer (NAO) for EU pre-accession funds and Certifying Authority for the Structural and Cohesion Funds.

The General Director of the Certifying and Paying Authority shall act as the head of the Certifying Authority.

The roles and responsibilities of the Certifying Authority are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Artlcle 5.4 thereof.

3. Audit Authority

The Central Harmonization Unit for Public Internal Audit (CHUPIA) shall act as Audit Authority.

The CHUPIA is a directorate within the Ministry of Public Finance, headed by a Director and under the direct coordination of the Minister of Public Finance.

The CHUPIA is the national authority responsible for the preparation and implementation of the strategy and general normative framework for public Internal audit, the coordination and evaluation of the public internal audit activity at national level, conducting public internal audit missions of national Interest with multi-sectoral implications and Audit Authority for the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme.

The Director of the CHUPIA shall act as the head of the Audit Authority.

The roles and responsibilities of the Audit Authority are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 5.5 thereof.

The Audit Authority shall be functionally independent of the National Focal Point and the Certifying Authority.

4. Irregularities Authority

The Certifying and Paying Authority shall act as the Irregularities Authority.

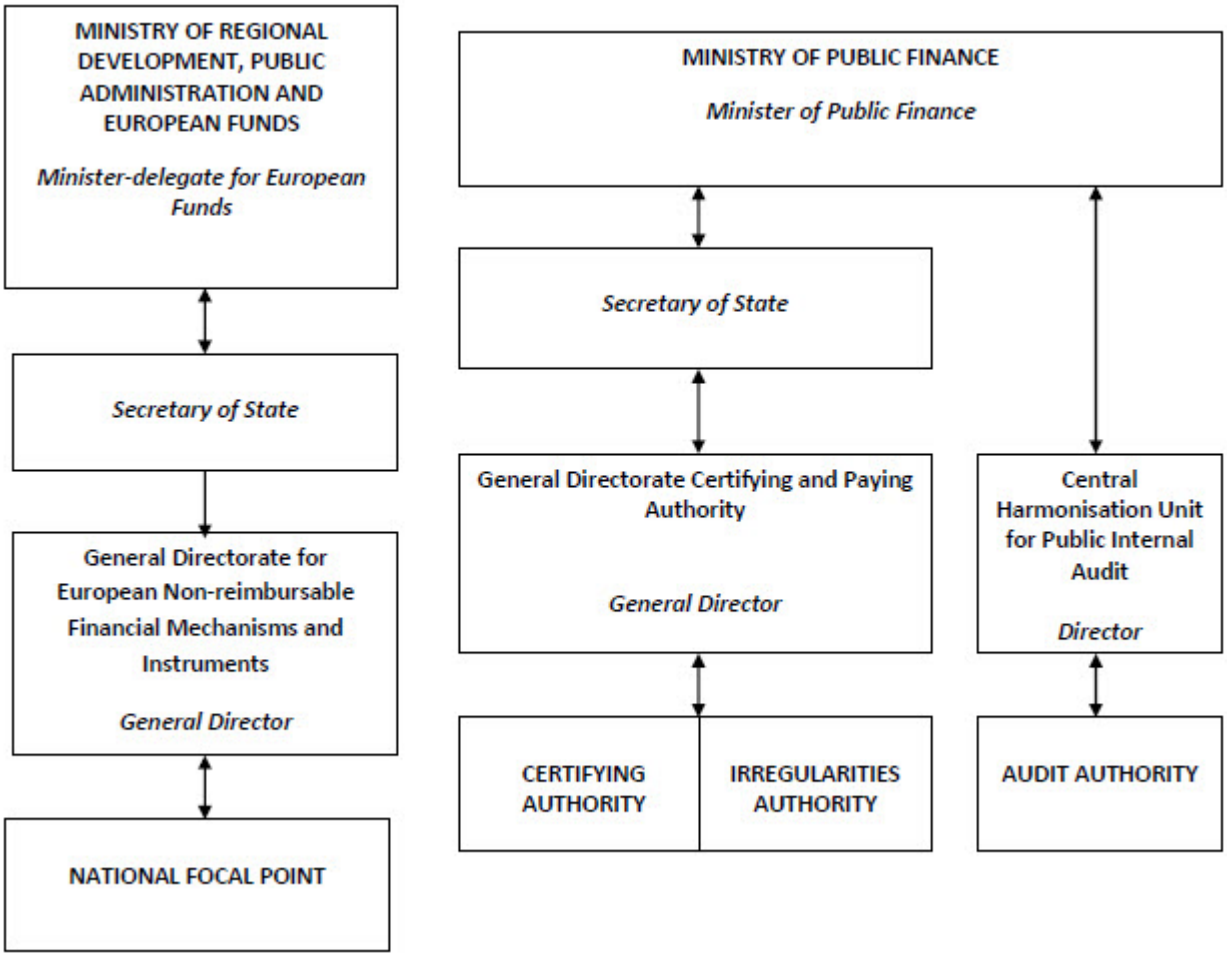
The Certifying and Paying Authority is organised as General Directorate within the Ministry of Public Finance, headed by a General Director and under the coordination of a Secretary of State.

The roles and responsibilities of the Irregularities Authority are stipulated in the Regulation, in particular Article 12.3 thereof.

5. Strategic Report

In accordance with Article 2.6 of the Regulation, the National Focal Point shall annually submit to the NMFA a Strategic Report on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 in the Beneficiary State. The Strategic Report shall be submitted to the NMFA at least two months before the annual meeting unless otherwise agreed.

6. Organigram


MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND EUROPEAN FUNDS
Minister-delegate for European Funds
Secretary of State
General Directorate for European Non-reimbursable Financial Mechanisms and Instruments
General Director
NATIONAL FOCAL POINT
MINISTRY OF PUBLIC FINANCE
Minister of Public Finance
Secretary of State
General Directorate Certifying and Paying Authority
General Director
CERTIFYING AUTHORITY
IRREGULARITIES AUTHORITY
Central Harmonisation Unit for Public Internal Audit
Director
AUDIT AUTHORITY

ANNEX B

Implementation framework

In accordance with Article 2.5 of the Regulation, the Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding have agreed on an implementation framework outlined in this annex.

1. Financial parameters of the implementation framework

	Romania	Norway Grants contribution	National contribution
	Programmes		
1	Business Development, Innovation and SMEs	€ 20,000,000	N/A
2	Research	€ 27,400,000	€ 4,835,294
3	Local Development and Poverty Reduction, Enhanced Roma Inclusion	€ 51,400,000	€ 8,629,412
4	Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security	€ 31,433,500	N/A
5	Social Dialogue - Decent Work	€ 2,273,000	N/A
6	Justice	€ 44,400,000	€ 7,835,294
7	Home Affairs	€ 24,000,000	€ 4,235,294
	Other allocations		
	Technical Assistance to the Beneficiary State (Art. 1.10)	€ 1,500,000	N/A
	Reserve (Art. 1.11)	€ 0	N/A
	Reserve for completion of projects under FM 2009-2014 (Art. 1.12)	N/A	N/A
	Fund for bilateral relations (Art. 4.6.1)	€ 7,846,000	N/A
	Net allocation to Romania	**€ 210,252,500**	**€ 25,535,294**

2. Specific concerns

Bilateral relations between Norway and Romania shall be strengthened with the aim of stimulating and developing long-term cooperation within all areas listed in the Annex to the Agreement. It is also an ambition to strengthen bilateral cooperation at political level and European level in areas of common interest.

The Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding agree that, in addition to measures implemented under the programme 'Local Development and Poverty Reduction, Enhanced Roma Inclusion', at least 10% of the combined total eligible expenditure of the programmes 'Research', 'Justice' and 'Home Affairs' and the programmes 'Research', 'Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship', 'European Public Health Challenges' and 'Cultura' Entrepreneurship, Cultural Heritage and Cultural Exchange' under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021, shall target the improvement of the situation for the Roma population. The Parties shall agree on how to reach this target through a plan to be coordinated by the National Focal Point.

3. Substantive parameters of the implementation framework

The programmes described below are to be implemented subject to the approval of the NMFA, in accordance with Article 6.3 of the Regulation.

A. Programme Business Development, Innovation and SMEs

Programme objective: Increased value creation and sustainable growth
Programme grant: € 20,000,000
Programme co-financing: Not-applicable
Programme Operator: The Financial Mechanism Office in accordance with Article 6.13 of the Regulation. Innovation Norway (IN) is appointed Fund Operator in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 6.13 of the Regulation.

Programme area(s):	Business Development, Innovation and SMEs
Special-concerns:	National Programme Partner could be considered in order to build up capacity and transfer knowledge. In developing the concept note and during the implementation of the programme, the Programme Operator shall seek to ensure synergies with the programme Research, the programme Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security, the programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship (implemented under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021) and other programmes, where relevant.
Bilateral ambitions:	€ 200,000 shall be allocated to the programme from the fund for bilateral relations. This does not prevent the Joint Committee for Bilateral Funds from allocating additional funds to the programme.

The programme will be implemented in conjunction with the programme Business Development, Innovation and SMEs implemented under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

B. Programme Research

Programme objective:	Enhanced research-based knowledge development
Programme grant:	€ 27,400,000
Programme co-financing:	€ 4,835,294
Programme Operator:	Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)
Donor Programme Partners(s):	Research Council of Norway (RCN)
Programme area(s):	Research
Special-concerns:	The programme shall, inter alia, include support to research in the following areas: energy, environment, health, social sciences and humanities including gender studies and social inclusion studies. Research on carbon capture and storage shall be encouraged. The programme should support basic and applied research selected on the basis of research excellence. This programme shall contribute to the improvement of the situation for the Roma population and shall contribute towards the target set in section 2 'Specific concerns' of this Annex. In developing the concept note and during the implementation of the programme, the Programme Operator shall seek to ensure synergies with the programme Business Development, Innovation and SMEs, the programme Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security, the programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship (implemented under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021) and other programmes, where relevant.
Bilateral ambitions:	€ 200,000 shall be allocated to the programme from the fund for bilateral relations. This does not prevent the Joint Committee for Bilateral Funds from allocating additional funds to the programme.

The programme will be implemented in conjunction with the programme Research implemented under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

C. Programme Local Development and Poverty Reduction, Enhanced Roma Inclusion

Programme objective:	Strengthened social and economic cohesion
Programme grant:	€ 51,400,000
Programme co-financing:	€ 8,629,412
Programme Operator:	Romanian Social Development Fund (RSDF)
Donor Programme Partners(s):	Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (KS)
International Partner Organisation(s):	Council of Europe (CoE)
Programme area(s):	Local Development and Poverty Reduction Roma Inclusion and Empowerment Human Rights – National Implementation Children and Youth at Risk Good Governance, Accountable Institutions, Transparency
Special-concerns:	The programme shall include measures that address education, including combating early school leaving, housing improvement, employment and health components. Municipalities in disadvantaged areas with a high percentage of Roma population shall be given priority. The programme shall strengthen the national implementation of human rights standards and norms, focusing on anti-discrimination legislation. The possibility of pre-defining project(s) with the Council of Europe and, as relevant, other international stakeholders, shall be explored when developing the concept note. The possibility of pre-defining project(s) with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) shall be explored when developing the concept note. A minimum of € 20 million shall be set aside for further developing the results Of projects funded by the Programme 'Poverty Alleviation' under the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014. The modalities, including any pre-defined projects, shall be specified during the development of the concept note. A maximum level of funding available from the total eligible expenditure of the programme for infrastructure (hard measures) shall be identified in the concept note. The National Focal Point and the Programme Operator shall at the latest by the submission of the programme concept note, submit a plan to ensure adequate programme management capacity of the Programme Operator. The additional funds allocated from other Programmes in 2023 shall be used to increase the budget of existing projects targeting the improvement of housing conditions for vulnerable people, including Roma, with the purpose of increasing the impact and results of the Programme. In case of projects receiving additional funds targeting the purchase of real estate and land, the maximum percentage for this component shall be set in the Programme Agreement, in line with Article 8.6.1 of the Regulation.

Bilateral ambitions:	€ 150,000 shall be allocated to the programme from the fund for bilateral relations. This does not prevent the Joint Committee for Bilateral Funds from allocating additional funds to the programme.

The programme will be implemented in conjunction with the programme Local Development and Poverty Reduction, Enhanced Roma Inclusion implemented under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

D. Programme Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security

Programme objective:	Less carbon intensive energy and increased security of supply
Programme grant:	€ 31,433,500
Programme co-financing:	Not-applicable
Programme Operator:	The Financial Mechanism Office in accordance with Article 6.13 of the Regulation. Innovation Norway (IN) is appointed Fund Operator in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 6.13 of the Regulation.
Donor Programme Partners(s):	Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE)
Beneficiary State Programme Partner(s):	Romanian Ministry of Environment Romanian Ministry of Energy
Programme area(s):	Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security
Special-concerns:	Special concern shall be given to electricity supply solutions in areas where connection to the electricity network is not feasible with the aim to increase access to energy to at least 5000 households not connected to the energy network. Special concern shall be given to research and development related to Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security. In developing the concept note and during the implementation of the programme, the Programme Operator shall seek to ensure synergies with the programme Business Development, Innovation and SMEs, the programme Research, the programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship (implemented under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021) and other programmes, where relevant.
Bilateral ambitions:	€ 200,000 shall be allocated to the programme from the fund for bilateral relations. This does not prevent the Joint Committee for Bilateral Funds from allocating additional funds to the programme.

The programme will be implemented in conjunction with the programme Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security implemented under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

E. Programme Social Dialogue - Decent Work

Programme objective:	Strengthened tripartite cooperation between employer organisations, trade unions and public authorities and the promotion of decent work
Programme grant:	€ 2,273,000
Programme co-financing:	Not-applicable
Programme Operator:	FMO in accordance with Article 6.13 of the Regulation. Innovation Norway (IN) (IN) Norway is appointed Fund Operator in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 6.13 of the Regulation.
Programme area(s):	Social Dialogue – Decent Work (Norway Grants)

F. Programme Justice

Programme objective:	Strengthened rule of law
Programme grant:	€ 44,400,000
Programme co-financing:	€ 7,835,294
Programme Operator:	Ministry of Justice - Romania
Donor Programme Partners(s):	Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security (NMOJ) Directorate of Norwegian Correctional Service (KDI) Norwegian Courts Administration (DA)
International Partner Organisation(s):	Council of Europe (CoE)
Programme area(s):	Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Judicial System, Strengthening Rule of Law Correctional Services and Pre-trial Detention Domestic and Gender-based Violence Good Governance, Accountable Institutions, Transparency
Special-concerns:	No more than 60% of the total eligible expenditure of the programme and no more than 50% of the total eligible expenditure of the programme area 'Domestic and Gender Based Violence' shall be available for infrastructure (hard measures). The programme shall include measures to increase the use of alternative sanctions to imprisonment. This programme shall contribute to the improvement of the situation for the Roma population and shall contribute towards the target set in section 2 'Specific concerns' of this Annex. In developing the concept note and during the implementation of the programme, the Programme Operator shall seek to ensure synergies with the programme Home Affairs in order to strengthen the justice chain, inter alia, regarding access to justice, good governance, gender based violence and trafficking in human beings. Synergies between the programme areas within this programme shall be ensured to strengthen the justice chain, inter alia, regarding the use of alternative sanctions to imprisonment. Interaction and cooperation with relevant civil society organisations shall be encouraged. A maximum amount of EUR 4,352,941 shall be set aside for the exploration of three pre-defined projects in the area of Correctional Services and Pre-trial Detention, Good Governance Accountable Institutions, Transparency and Domestic and Gender-based Violence, respectively.
Bilateral ambitions:	€ 250,000 shall be allocated to the programme from the fund for bilateral relations. This does not prevent the Joint Committee for Bilateral Funds from allocating additional funds to the programme.
Pre-defined projects:	
	Name of project: Correctional Services

Description:	Project with the objective of establishing up to five pilot correctional centers (possibly in Bala Mare, Vaslui, lasi, Targu Mures, Botosanl) that will improve the capacity to provide social reintegration services to inmates, former inmates and persons supervised by the probation services, through the collaboration of the penitentiary and probation systems and of local authorities in Romania.
Project-Promoter:	National Administration of Penitentiaries
Donor Project Partner:	TBD
Project Partner(s):	TBD
Maximum-grant:	€ 31,870,000

Name of project:	Judiciary Training and Capacity Building
Description:	Project on judiciary training and capacity building, addressing, inter alia, the concept of European judicial culture, the European Convention on Human Rights and upgrading the training infrastructure.
Project-Promoter:	Superior Council of Magistracy
Donor Project Partner:	Norwegian Courts Administration (DA)
Project Partner(s):	TBD
Maximum-grant:	€ 2,500,000

Name of project:	Domestic and Gender Based Violence
Description:	Project on Domestic and Gender Based Violence addressing recommendations of Council of Europe based on the Istanbul Convention. The project shall be designed to strengthen the justice chain in this domain and ensure cooperation with civil society.
Project-Promoter:	TBD
Donor Project Partner:	TBD
Project Partner(s):	TBD
Maximum-grant:	€ 2,500,000

Name of project:	Fighting Criminality and Corruption

Description:	Project on fighting criminality including corruption and good governance which will, Inter alia, improve the knowledge and capabilities of staff, upgrade the technical equipment needed to carry out these measures.
Project-Promoter:	TBD
Donor Project Partner:	TBD
Project Partner(s):	TBD
Maximum-grant:	€ 4,250,000

G. Programme Home Affairs

Programme objective:	Strengthened rule of law
Programme grant:	€ 24,000,000
Programme co-financing:	€ 4,235,294
Programme Operator:	Ministry of Internal Affairs (MoIA)
Donor Programme Partners(s):	Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security (NMOJ) National Police Directorate (POD) Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection (DSB) Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) - to be decided
International Partner Organisation(s):	Council of Europe (CoE)
Programme area(s):	International Police Cooperation and Combating Crime Asylum and Migration Disaster Prevention and Preparedness
Special-concerns:	No more than 60% of the total eligible expenditure of the programme shall be available for infrastructure (hard measures). This programme shall contribute to the improvement of the situation for the Roma population and shall contribute towards the target set in section 2 'Specific concerns' of this Annex. In developing the concept note and during the implementation of the programme, the Programme Operator shall seek to ensure synergies with the programme Justice in order to strengthen the justice chain, inter alia, regarding access to justice, good governance, gender based violence and trafficking in human beings. Synergies between the programme areas within this programme shall be explored during the concept note phase and implementation of the programme. The projects shall enhance the interaction and cooperation with relevant Civil society organisations.

Bilateral ambitions:

€ 250,000 shall be allocated to the programme from the fund for bilateral relations. This does not prevent the Joint Committee for Bilateral Funds from allocating additional funds to the programme.

Pre-defined projects:

Name of project:	Project on International Police Cooperation and Combatting
Description:	The project will include bilateral cooperation and possibly deployment of Romanian and Norwegian police, combatting trafficking and economic crimes and improving the technical capacity Of the Romanian police and other specialized structures of the MolA in fighting crime to international standards.
Project-Promoter:	General Inspectorate of Romanian Police
Donor Project Partner:	TBD
Project Partner(s):	TBD
Maximum-grant:	€ 10,000,000

Name of project:	Asylum and Migration
Description:	Project on asylum and migration mainly focusing on improving the conditions for the most vulnerable asylum seekers, improving quality related to reception facilities and case handling and preparedness towards mass influx of asylum seekers.
Project-Promoter:	General Inspectorate for Immigration
Donor Project Partner:	TBD
Project Partner(s):	TBD
Maximum-grant:	€ 5,882,353

Name of project:	Disaster Prevention and Preparedness (Nuclear and Radiology Safety)
Description:	The project on disaster prevention and preparedness, including the continuation of the project 'Regional Excellence Project on Regulatory Capacity Building in Nuclear and Radiological Safety, Emergency Preparedness and Response in Romania' financed under the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014.
Project-Promoter:	National Commission for Nuclear Activities Control (CNCAN)
Donor Project Partner:	TBD
Project Partner(s):	TBD

Maximum-grant:	€ 4,117,647
Name of project:	Disaster Prevention and Preparedness (Emergency Capacity)
Description:	The project shall mainly focus on preventing and reducing the risk of disasters and associated vulnerabilities, enhancing cooperation in the area of disaster prevention and preparedness between relevant Romanian and Norwegian authorities and strengthening the capacity of the emergency situations personnel, by increasing professional skills, creating/upgrading the training infrastructure and enhancing the hosting capacities of temporary shelters
Project-Promoter:	The General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations
Donor Project Partner:	TBD
Project Partner(s):	TBD
Maximum-grant:	€ 5,882,353