1. Basic Information

1.1 CRIS Number: 2003/005-551.02.03

1.2 Title: “Strengthening the capacity for analysis, macroeconomic forecast and elaboration of economic policies within the Ministry for Development and Prognosis”

1.3 Sector: Economic Criteria

1.4 Location: Romania

2. Objectives

2.1 Overall objective

The general objective of this project is to strengthen the capacity of the Government of Romania, namely the Department of Strategy and Prognosis, the Department of Economic Policies, and the Prime Minister’s Cabinet, to design economic policies complying with the European accession process, and to enhance the implementation of the undertaken policies, in accordance with the Government Program, with the Partnership for Accession and Road Map.

Permanent tasks of the project are:
- Support negotiations with EU by a permanent evaluation of the PEP commitments;
- Advise upon request on specific economic aspects and decisions;
- Contribution to the preparation, implementation and updating of PEP and any other accession document;
- Strengthening the communication framework between institutions involved in the process of national strategies elaboration;
- Encourage the partnership between private and public sector;
- Contribution to the conceptual and methodological adjustment of macroeconomic forecasts and development scenarios upon the European Commission requests.

2.2 Project purpose

Providing economic assistance and consultancy for the decision making process at the highest governmental level (MDP, Department of Economic Policies, Prime Minister’s Cabinet and Minister for European Integration) for the followings:
- Assistance in preparation and updating of the PEP;
- Elaboration and updating of a medium and long term view of the Romanian economy as basis for economic policy decisions;
- Elaboration of studies and analyses on specific macroeconomic issues in the internal preparation process for EU accession;
- Providing specific expertise on the economic policy of the Government focused on the aspect of market functioning: the goods and services market, capital market, structure and competition issues, business environment and corporate governance.

• Strengthening the capacity of the Department for Strategies and Prognosis to monitor and evaluate the economic-financial impact of the measures taken to meet the economic criteria for accession.
• Offering specific expertise through an integrated synthetic approach comprising data collection, policy impact, policy analysis and policy alternatives recommendations;
• Compliance of forecast methodologies with the EU practices;
• Providing conceptual and methodological assistance for the elaboration of the Convergence Program after EU accession;
• Improvement of personnel professional capacity in the field of modern forecasting methods and increasing participation in the process of economic developments harmonization with EU member countries.

2.3 Accession Partnership and NPAA priority

• Establish macroeconomic stability, in particular through the implementation of structural reforms.
• Promote competitiveness through market-driven enterprise restructuring including: (i) continuing the privatisation process with a view to completing the Government's programme; (ii) taking measures to stimulate domestic and foreign investment, (iii) simplification of legal and administrative procedures; (iv) implementing new bankruptcy procedures, and (v) stabilising and increasing the transparency of the rules governing privatisation and business operation.
• Create an SME-friendly economic and legal environment, and in particular continue simplification of registration and licensing procedures.

2.4 Contribution to National Development Plan:

N/A

2.5 Cross Border Cooperation: N/A

3. Description

3.1 Background and justification

The integration of Romania in EU has arrived in the final stage, the period 2004-2006, precursory to the established date of Romania joining the EU, 1st of January, 2007. Observing the time schedule depends in a decisive way on the progress achieved in the internal preparation process for accession and on the way in which the accession criteria has been met, with a focus on the economic level, on the harmonization and implementation of the *acquis communautaire* and the commitments undertaken in the position documents.

In this context the Pre-Accession Economic Program (PEP), the basic document as regards the economic policy on medium term, gains an increased importance representing the main program based on necessary measures for compliance with the economic accession criteria established in Copenhagen.

The general policy and sectoral measures promoted in 2001 and 2002 by Romanian Government led to substantial progresses in fulfillment of economic criteria for accession and in the same time make the economic environment in Romania more favorable to Governing Programme implementation. However, the history of transition to market economy after 1990 in Romania – characterized by hesitation and economic policies' readjustment – led, in the early 2001 to the existence of several lagging behind in some sectors, that couldn't be recovered during 2001-2002. This is why the Government of Romania considered the economic reform's acceleration and economy's preparation for integration in EU as fundamental objectives for the current stage, thus establishing a Plan of Priority Measures for European Integration.

In the same time, a process of permanent monitoring of the implementation of commitments from Pre-accession Economic Plan is taking place.

A second specific aspect of Romania in the past years was represented by the fact that one hasn't always ensured the correlation of economic policy measures. From this point of view, the present Government paid a large attention to unitary coordination of economic policy programmes' elaboration and implementation. Among the actions for that, there are by one side the setting up of Economic Policies Department – in charge with coordination of main economic policy directions and by the other side, the concentration of activities for establishment of concrete economic measures for action and monitoring of these at the Ministry of Development and Prognosis – Department for Strategies and Prognosis.

Having in view the scope and emergency of the application of economic reform measures in the next years for the fulfillment of the objective of Romania’s accession to EU to January 1, 2007, the activities of coordination of the entire process and of those of monitoring become essential, task for which the improvement of institutional capacity of the above mentioned institutions is very important.

The Ministry of Development and Prognosis, as a synthetic ministry, has the role to implement the Government strategy and program as regards the promotion of economic and social development policies in order to stimulate foreign investment in Romania, to formulate analysis and forecasts for the development of Romanian economy being also responsible for the PEP updating, through its Department of Strategy and Prognosis. During the preparation of the two versions of the PEP, the Department for Strategy and
Prognosis has developed monitoring activities in order to evaluate the economic reforms and has achieved a good co-operation with other public institutions responsible for the implementation of governmental programs.

In this context, one has to mention that one of the basic conditionalities of economic policies implementation is represented by the correct evaluation and timing of proposed measures’ financing possibilities, requirement however highlighted by European Commission within the recommendation concerning the PEP elaboration.

In the same time, in the current stage – when the implementation of measures regarding the accession economic criteria’ fulfillment entered in the final phase – the analysis of advantages and disadvantages of proposed measures’ application gets a special importance.

From this perspective, specific for Romania is the fact that the activity of projection of the budgets based on multi-annual programmes is at the beginning, as well as the fact that the activity of Department for Strategies and Prognosis of costs and economic policies’ effects analysis is not developed, due to the non-existence, currently, of methodologies and econometric methods for correlated analysis of coherent implications.

However, taking into account the necessity of reform acceleration and achievement of the provisions of the Accession Partnership and Road Map, it is necessary to strengthen the monitoring capacity for meeting the economic criteria for accession, to develop the evaluation methods for the economic and financial impact of economic policy measures in order to reflect them in a proper way in the macroeconomic forecasts and development strategies.

In the same time, the improvement of experts skills in analysis and macroeconomic forecast is necessary, and this also because once Romania will join UE, our country will have to prepare the Convergence Program necessary for the accession to the Economic and Monetary Union and adoption of EURO currency.

In the area of economic and social forecast, the Ministry of Development and Prognosis has the following duties:

a) elaborates strategies of economic and social development for medium and long term, according to the Governing Programme;
b) elaborates forecast and studies concerning the macroeconomic, sectoral and regional balance; for the substantiation of forecast studies, makes studies concerning the branches and sub-branches development, including by property forms; estimates the production potential and proposes solutions for its use, according to the resources and restructuring and re-technologization programmes; estimates the capital outlays for the total investments in economy and for the public investments, by their destination; participates to the elaboration of proposals for hierarchization of public investment projects priority;
c) analyses the financial, monetary, currency and budgetary policies’ effects on the real economy; makes studies about the efficiency of capital utilization in real economy, by branches and property forms and elaborates forecast based on these analyses; analyses the financial flows and their influence on the national economy as a whole; makes analyses concerning the inflationary process effects on financial, monetary, currency and budgetary balances;

From the perspective of integration in EU as well as of the Romanian economy’s specificity, the priorities strictly linked to the prevision activity are:

- extension of the use of econometric methods for analysis and prevision and improvement of macroeconomic models, mainly through the passing to the models based on quarterly trends, as in Member Countries (France, Netherlands etc.)
- development of forecast in sectoral and regional profile, motivated by the pronounced gaps from the regional development point of view;
- perfection of prevision methodologies for several indicators which are not currently forecasted, but are essential for the assessment of Romania’s contribution to community budget, as gross national product, GDP and GNP at the purchasing power parity and the standard purchasing power.

### 3.2 Linked activities

In 1999, in order to speed-up the Accession process of the Candidate Countries, the EU Member States have asked each candidate country to elaborate their PEP, with the envisaged economic measures, in line with the required accession economic criteria. The PEP is regarded as an early precursor to the
convergence and stability programmes of the EU Member States. The preparation of the PEPs started in 2001 and are to be updated on regular basis up to the date of Accession.

Romania has elaborated and submitted on 1st of October 2001 the first draft of the PEP, referring to the measures needed to be taken in order to achieve the accession economic criteria and create the premises for Romania’s participation in EMU.

European Commission has invited the Candidate Countries to make improvements in the following areas:

- presentation of the data in a standard set of tables, including data regarding economic growth; labour market trends; consolidated budget developments based on ESA95 standards;
- a more solid and credible description of the structural reform plans, including the calendar, costs and political commitments.

The PEP was drafted with the involvement of key line ministries and institutions responsible for the forecasting and implementation of different components of the economic policy, under the overall coordination of the Romanian Ministry of Development and Prognosis.

Consequently, these requirements imply the need of strengthening the professional capacity and the activity of the Department for Strategies and Prognosis within the Ministry of Development and Prognosis and of the main institutions involved in the preparation of the PEP.

During the period July 2001-December 2003, the Ministry of Development and Prognosis (MDP), together with the non-profit foundation, Romanian Center for Economic Policies (RCEP), have carried out the two PHARE Projects - RO 9804.01.03 and RO 0108.01.01.03 – "Monitoring Capacity Building for Economic Policies" and “Institution Building for Economic and Social Cohesion - Improving the Institutional Capacity for Development Policies Implementation", under which activities of major importance for the MDP and the Government of Romania were performed, under the coordination of Giovanni Ravasio, personal counselor to the Prime Minister. These projects aimed at improving the capacity of the MDP for drafting and monitoring economic strategies and programmes, and improving cooperation among key ministries involved in the implementation of economic policies. The proposed project is also a follow up of various activities initiated in these previous projects, as described below:

- Drafting the Executive Summary of the Pre-Accession Economic Programme for Romania, and offering consultancy to the team in MDP (Ministry for Development and Prognosis) during the drafting of the final version of the PEP-2001 and PEP 2002.
- Enhancing the content of the “Action Plan for Improving the Business Environment in Romania”, an initiative of the Ministry for Development and Prognosis.
- Drafting a Fiscal Paper on Romanian Public Finance and Fiscal Consolidation issues.
- Preparing the EBRD Conference, special day for Investment in Romania.
- Considering the opportunity of rethinking the Social Pact Framework in Romania and drafting paper on Social Agreement for Prosperity and Social Cohesion.
- Drafting papers focusing on the impact of inflation in Romania, VAT differentiation, pension reform, neutral industrial policy, etc.
- Drafting papers referring to “The opportunities of aligning the Romanian currency to the EURO and other monetary reform issues”.
- Monitoring the implementation stages and the measures taken by the Government in fulfilling the targets of the PEP-2001 and PEP 2002.
- Expert consultancy work in preparing the PEP-2002 paper and the Executive Summary.
- Elaboration of the following studies: “Macroeconomic Model”, “Addressing Current Account Imbalances” and “Analysis of Arrears and Policy Recommendations”.

The activities of the previous projects described above, as well as the ones in the proposed project have to be correlated with other tasks in similar fields of interest, developed in the projects by IFIs (World Bank, IMF).

### 3.3 Results

**Technical assistance:**

- Increased and strengthened professional and institutional capacity through a gradual increase of the capacity of macroeconomic forecast elaboration.
b) A well-equipped and developed specialized structure to take over and to have as main responsibilities the formulation of proposals of economic policies devolved from the macroeconomic forecasts, and in the same time, correlated with the PEP, Road Map and Accession Partnership provisions.

c) Annual update of the Pre-accession Economic Programme.

d) Improved monitoring capacity for the commitments assumed in the PEP, the Government Action Plans as well as the Accession Partnership’s objectives.

e) Closer cooperation between institutions involved in designing national programs and strategies.

f) More developed partnership between public administration and civil society in results formulation and projection of macroeconomic developments scenarios.

g) Conceptual and methodological adequacy of forecasts to the European Commission requirements, mainly in the direction of extension of forecast to the indicators used in the calculation of the contribution to the Community budget, respectively Gross National Product, the level of several taxes separately highlighted in the GDP’s structure.

h) Improved evaluation capacity of the economic and financial impact of economic policy measures adopted in the accession documents.

Investment:

i) Developed database in true time as regards the main macroeconomic indicators in order to operate with modern econometric methods and techniques for forecast elaboration, under the conditions in which at present both the European Commission and the Member States use models based on quarterly developments, and in Romania the officially published quarterly data series cover a short time period, the constitution of a database with quarterly periodicity through other methods is essential for the improvement of macroeconomic modelling.

3.4 Activities

Technical Assistance

• Specific economic assistance regarding macroeconomic issues and policies formulation for the Department of Strategies and Forecasts within MDP, for the Department for Economic Policies, the Ministry of European Integration as well as for the Prime Minister Cabinet;

• Annual update of PEP;

• Elaboration of sectoral studies as early warnings in order to ensure a smooth development in the field of analysis.

• Providing conceptual and methodological assistance for the elaboration of the Convergence Programme after EU accession;

• Assistance in the methodology development (with a focus on sectoral forecast methods) and improvement of econometric models to comply with EU countries practices and accommodate international methods to the Romanian economy;

• Training of personnel in the field of modern forecasting methods and increasing participation in the process of economic developments harmonization with EU members countries;

• Organization of seminars with local and foreign experts having as topics methods and techniques for macroeconomic forecast and sharing experience of EU members states in the projection of convergence and stability programs;

• Training periods, including study and visiting tours in EU Member States, which will provide a comprehensive view of national experiences and practices in EU member states as regards forecasts elaboration with a focus on forecasts based on national account systems as well as the approach and formulation of sectorial forecasts (regional, medium and long term);

Investment:
• Purchase of logistic equipment especially PCs and specialized soft programs, printers, copy-machines, faxes, telephones.

### 3.5 Lessons learned

The main lessons are that the following areas require immediate support:
- improving the monitoring capacity of the Government's programmes;
- improving the overall economic coordination capacity among key institutions;
- further develop the analytic capacity and forecast of the staff from the Department for Strategies and Prognosis within the Ministry of Development and Prognosis.

There is also a need for permanent advisory support to the Government of Romania, on main issues of macroeconomic interest, and on key aspects related to the negotiation process with various IFIs, as well as on specific economic matters.

### 4. Institutional framework

The Ministry of Development and Prognosis through the Department for Strategies and Prognosis will be responsible with the technical management, implementation and supervision of the project. The beneficiary institutions, participating in this project, are the main institutions with responsibilities in elaboration and monitoring the economic policies measures in Romania's preparation for accession, namely the Ministry of European Integration, the Prime Minister Cabinet and the Department for Economic Policies.

The Prime Minister Cabinet is preparing the meetings agenda of the Government and may require professional advise in the decision making progress.

The Ministry for European Integration is coordinating the whole internal process of preparation for accession and is monitoring the fulfilment of the measures adopted in the Priority Actions Plan for integration, in the Partnership for Accession and the Road Map established for Romania.

The Department for Economic Policies has an important role in the coordination in economic and social policies.

The results of the project will be reported to the Ministry of Public Finance and National Bank of Romania, with a major role in formulating the financial and monetary policy, important elements in the convergence program's elaboration.

The main constraints, which have to be avoided by the assistance provided within this project, are the cooperation between these institutions in formulating a unitary economic policy, the smooth development of the internal process for accession as well as the monitoring the fulfilment of the undertaken measures.

### 5. Detailed Budget

The Phare budget will be of 2 mil. EUR, out of which 1.8 mil EUR Phare assistance and 200,000 EUR national co-financing. The budget comprises technical assistance component and a component representing logistic support for the IT development system. This one will provide hardware and software in order to improve the information flow between beneficiary institutions and their access in real time to the data basis. The national co-financing is to be done from the budget of Ministry of Development and Prognosis.

The estimation of equipments and informational technologies necessary is presented in annex no. 4. In principal, the investment component has in view the purchasing of software for institutional capacity improvement. According to the national laws, a soft cannot be used through the takeover from another beneficiary institution, unless through the license's purchasing.
The softs and server station are designated to the Ministry of Development and Prognosis - Department for Strategies and Prognosis, as responsible institution for the conceiving and monitoring of measures for economic criteria fulfillment.

The proposals concerning informational equipments have in view the necessary of teams with responsibilities in this area from the three institutions involved in the project: MDP, MEI and the Department for Economic Policies.

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The cofinancing under the Investment component should be intended as joint and net of taxes (including VAT)

Within the technical assistance component, the proposed budget covers the personnel costs, for the project leader, senior experts and short term experts in specific areas respectively, for scientific workshops and study tours organization, as well as for economic studies elaboration.

Through the technical assistance contract a team comprising a project leader and foreign and domestic experts will be recruited. The project leader will follow and coordinate all the technical aspects of the project.

A senior expert in economy, of high level, preferably from abroad will carry on the activity of economic consultant of Prime Minister and of the Head of Department for Economic Policies.

In the same time, a senior expert has been foreseen, specialist in macroeconomy and prevision, that will carry on the activity of economic consultant of the Head of Ministry of Development and Prognosis and Ministry for European Integration.

As far as the short term experts are concerned, a team of experts with experience in economic and social policies will be constituted. They will carry on activities specific to their area, with relevance for the project. The short term experts will be appointed so that to cover all the areas included in the reference terms. They have to have very good abilities in English and Romanian, both writing and speaking.

According to the project’s objectives, the budget will cover 4-5 workshops for the presentation of results achieved within the project, each of them with the participation of 40-50 persons and 4-5 scientific debates and working meetings, each of them for 10-20 persons (room renting, translation, presentation works, technical equipment).

The budget also covers the expenses for the realization of research and analyses of important issues, relevant for the project, as well as experience sharing with Member States.

6. Implementation Arrangements

6.1. Implementing Agency

The CFCU is acting as Implementing Agency. The PAO is Mrs. Jeana Buzduga, director of CFCU, tel. +4021 301 9302.
The Ministry for Development and Prognosis, through its Department for Strategies and Prognosis will act as implementation authority, being responsible for the technical management of the project. The General Director of General Department for Strategies and National Development Programmes will be „Senior Project Officer”.

Project beneficiaries: Ministry of European Integration, Department of Economic Policies, and Prime Minister Cabinet.

Contact person within MDP:

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- Mr. George Georgescu, Director, phone no. 4106405, fax 4107054, e-mail: prognoza@mdp.ro.
- Mrs. Alexandra Simache, Director, phone no. 4106805, fax no. 4107054, e-mail: prognoza@mdp.ro.

**Project Steering Committee (PSC)** will be formed when the projects commences. The PSC will include representatives from the key stakeholders involved in the Project (Ministry of European Integration, Department of Economic Policies, Prime Minister’s Cabinet) and will be chaired by MPD, as Implementing Authority. It will provide strategic advice and guidance on the progress and achievements of the project and will approve the project’s work programme (as embodied in the Inception Report) as well as any changes required during implementation.

6.2. Twinning: No twinning component

6.3. Non standard aspects

The project will be implemented according to the DIS and Practical Guide for Phare, ISPA & SAPARD procedures.

6.4. Contracts

Contract 1 - Technical assistances contract of 1,500,000 euro

Contract 2 – Supply contract of 500,000 euro, out of which 200,000 euro national co-financing

It is envisaged to contract both technical assistance and investments components according to the Practical Guide for Phare, ISPA and SAPARD.

7. Implementation Schedule

7.1. Start of tendering/call for proposals:
March-April 2004

7.2. Start of project activity
August-September 2004

7.3. Project completion
November 2006

8. Equal opportunity

The contractors will be encouraged to make available both female and male staff as pre-accession advisers and short term experts as well as technical assistance experts. While designing socio-economic programmes or grant schemes, the Romanian institutions will pay particular attention in following the gender-mainstreaming concept and in ensuring a full and equal participation of women, ethnic minorities and other socially disadvantaged or excluded groups.
9. Environment
Not applicable in respect of Institution Building projects.

10. Rates of return
Not applicable in respect of Institution Building projects.

11. Investment criteria
Not applicable in respect of Institution Building projects.

12. Conditionality and sequencing
A PIU should be established by December 2003.
ANNEXES TO PROJECT FICHE

1. Logical framework matrix
2. Detailed implementation chart
3. Contracting and disbursement schedule
4. The list of necessary equipments and informational technologies
Annex 1 LOGFRAME PLANNING MATRIX

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### Overall objective

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<td>Strengthen the capacity of the Government of Romania, specifically the Department for Strategies and Prognosis of MDP, Department for Economic Policies and Prime Minister’s Office, to design and implement economic policies, in accordance to accession process to EU, Government’s programme, Accession Partnership and Roadmap.</td>
<td>Increased administrative efficiency of these institutions by the end of the project. Number of persons trained in specific policy design by the end of the project. Evaluations by European Commission and Member States of the state of play in Romania’s economic policies design. EU Common Position on this issue. Country Report</td>
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### Project purpose

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### Results

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<td>Improved methodologies Number of trained staff</td>
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Annex 1: Logframe Matrix for project “Strengthening the capacity for analysis, macroeconomic forecast and elaboration of economic policies of the Department of Strategies and Prognosis within the Ministry for Development and Prognosis”

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involvement in economic policies harmonization.

7. Workshops with local and foreign experts on: methods and techniques of macroeconomic forecasting, experience of the Member States in drafting convergence and stability programmes

8. Study visits aimed to improve the knowledge on EU member states experience in relevant issues like: use of national accounts in forecasting, sectoral and local medium and long-term forecasting, etc.

9. Procurement of adequate IT equipment, especially PCs, software, printers, copy machines, faxes and phones.

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## Annex 2: Detailed implementation chart for project “Strengthening the capacity for analysis, macroeconomic forecast and elaboration of economic policies of the Department of Strategies and Prognosis within the Ministry for Development and Prognosis”

### Strengthening the capacity of the Department of Strategies and Prognosis within the Ministry for Development and Prognosis

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NB: 1. All contracting should normally be completed within 6-12 months and must be completed within 24 months of signature of the FM.

2. All disbursements must be completed within 36 months of signature of the FM.
1. PC – 30 pcs.
2. Laptop – 10 pcs.
4. 24x10x100 Fast Ethernet switch – 4 pcs.
5. Digital slim flash drive – 100 pcs.
6. DVD-CD Duplicator – 1 pc.
7. Scanner with soft for image and text – 2 pcs.
8. Soft Novell – 100 users
10. Statistical soft WSPSS – 25 users
11. Mathematic soft MATHLAB – 1 server license
12. Soft SAS - 1 server license
15. Laser printer – 10 pcs.
18. Page laminator – 1 pc.
19. Spiral machine – 1 pc.
20. Fax machine – 3 pcs. for the teams that ensure the monitoring process.