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Swiss Contribution

Dear Reader,

You have shown interest in the past in the Swiss Contribution to Romania. This is the first number of our newsletter. We would like to inform you four times a year about developments and progress in implementing the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme in Romania.

Website

We are pleased to inform you about the newly established website <http://www.swiss-contribution.admin.ch/romania> of the Swiss Contribution Office in Bucharest. You will find information on project selection, thematic priorities, frequently asked questions and general information on the Swiss Contribution to Romania and to the other new EU member states. The website is in English but there is a similar web site in Romanian swiss.contribution@mfinante.ro managed by the Ministry of Public Finances - National Coordination Unit (NCU).

Swiss Intermediate Bodies

In February 2011 the first two Swiss Intermediate bodies have been selected. The consortium lead d by the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute (Switzerland will manage the Thematic fund "Reforms linked to the health issues" and the consortium lead by TC Team Consult SA (Switzerland) will manage the Thematic fund "Security". It is expected that in April 2011 the two Thematic funds could be operational. The selection process of the last Swiss Intermediate Body which will manage the Thematic fund "Reforms linked to civil society "and "Partnership enhancement" will be soon finished.

Development of capacity in Schengen topics

Due to the Romanian need to prepare the Schengen facilities till March 2011, the project aiming to develop personnel capacities concerning Schengen topics namely SIS and SIRENE, has already been implemented. The Swiss Romanian project has contributed to the fulfillment of the Schengen technical conditions which were accepted by the European technical experts.

Events

On March 25, 2011 in the presence of the Ambassador of Switzerland and of the Minister of Public Finances, will take place in the Romanian Athenaeum in Bucharest the Launching Conference of the Swiss – Romanian Cooperation Programme organized by the NCU and the Swiss Contribution Office. The objective of the event is to present to the participants the thematic priorities, the implementation rules and procedures of the Framework Agreement and exchange views with the potential beneficiaries and partners of the programme.

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Kind regards,

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