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## *Newsletter II/2011 of the Swiss Contribution Office for Romania Bucharest, 18 October 2011*

Dear Reader,

We are progressing steadily with the implementation of the Swiss Contribution to Romania and since our first newsletter a number of important steps have been made. The numerous questions and requests received by the Swiss Contribution Office for Romania (SCO) testify to your continuous interest in the Swiss Contribution.

### **Launching Conference Energy Cities**

The launching conference for the programme “Energy Cities” took place on the 1st of July 2011 in Bucharest as part of the “Environment and Infrastructure” chapter of the Swiss Contribution. Mayors and energy managers of 45 cities with 45’000 to 350’000 inhabitants were invited to the event in order to be informed on the potential and benefits of sustainable energy management in cities. [Read more](#)

Interested cities then had time until the 30 September 2011 to apply for participation in the Energy cities programme. More than 20 applications have been received and will be evaluated; up to four cities will be selected for participation. For further information please consult the website of the Ministry of Administration and Interior [here](#).

### **Thematic fund Security started**

The implementation of the Thematic fund Security has started and a first mission of the Swiss Intermediate Body to Romania took place end of July. The Swiss experts met with their Romanian partners from the prospective Executing Agencies and other interested institutions. [Read more](#)

### **First call for Scholarships**

The 5th regular open call within the framework of the Sciex Programme for the New Member States was launched on 1st September. Researchers from the Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Poland and, for the first time, from Bulgaria and Romania are invited to submit their applications until 1st November 2011. [Read more](#)

### **Launch of the Romanian-Swiss Research Programme 2011 - 2016**

The Launch of the Romanian-Swiss Research Programme 2011 - 2016 took place on 16 September 2011 at the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest. The event has been organised by the Swiss National Scientific Foundation and its Romanian partner UEFISCDI.

The high number of participants proved the substantial interest by the Romanian and Swiss scientific community in the possibilities offered by the Romanian-Swiss Research Programme 2011 - 2016. [Read more](#)

### **Extension of Bucharest Metro system**

The Project Outline for the Feasibility Study for the extension of Metro Line 4 extension Gara de Nord – Gara Progresu has been approved by Switzerland on 12 July 2011. Therefore, the extension of Bucharest Metro Line 4 is the first project to have been approved in principal by Switzerland. On this basis the executing agency, Metrorex, is now preparing the final project proposal to be hopefully approved in early summer next year. [Read more](#)

Kind regards,

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