ROMANIA: DEVELOPMENT OF THE CAPACITY OF THE CENTRAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION TO CARRY OUT IMPACT STUDIES	
Key Dates: **Signed:** March 9, 2016 **End Date:** April 8, 2018 **Duration:** 25 months **Value:** RON 12.67 million (US$3.11 million)	**Key Partner**: General Secretariat of the Government
Objectives: To strengthen the capacity of the Romanian administration for evidence based policy making. The main types of activities to be undertaken in order to achieve the project goal are: impact assessment studies carried out in selected institutions, training modules, the set-up of a community of practice, and advocacy events. Through these activities, the proposed Reimbursable Advisory Services (RAS) will seek to achieve a set of outcomes, which will be tracked by a number of key indicators. The main goals of this project are to increase administrative capacity required to undertake an evidence –based policy making process, by enhancing relevant knowledge and skills, develop comprehensive impact studies following best practice methodologies, and raise awareness across the political and civil society spectrum regarding the need for evidence-based regulation. The project aims to: (a) create and expand technical capacities within the Romanian administration for the use of Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) by providing best practice examples of impact assessments for relevant legislation through the development of five impact studies in collaboration with selected institutions within the Romanian administration, emphasizing a learning-by-doing approach; (b) strengthen the technical capacities within the public administration through the provision of training, study tours, technical assistance, and knowledge exchanges; and (c) increase public awareness regarding the role and importance of RIA through advocacy and awareness events for universities, civil society, NGOs, journalists.	