

**ROMANIA: ASSISTANCE TO THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC FINANCE FOR STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY IN FISCAL POLICY FORMULATION**

**Key Dates:**

**Sign Date:** May 23, 2013

**Completed:** September 22, 2014

**Duration:** 16 months

**Value:** RON 1.44 million (US\$0.53 million)

**Key Partner:** Romanian Ministry of Public Finance (MoPF)

**Objectives:** The objective of the Advisory Services is to strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Public Finance in fiscal and non-tax policy formulation. It includes the following:

- Participation in the opening conference of the project;
- Review and analysis of the tax systems and good practices in several EU member states, drawing on the taxation system in Romania, specifically relating to Value Added Tax (VAT), excise duties, direct tax and non-tax duties, and tariffs;
- Analysis of the most relevant case laws of the European Court of Justice relating to VAT and excise in order to render national legislation more efficient and EU-compliant;
- Review and analysis of good practices and tax systems in EU member states regarding the fiscal treatment of royalties and windfall gains obtained in the oil and gas sector (methods used to establish royalties);
- Review of the fiscal treatment of permanent establishments (the allocation of income, the determination of certain elements of income, etc.) and the fiscal treatment of income obtained from financial instruments;
- Review and analysis in the area of fiscal procedures and sanctions;
- Review of measures to fight tax evasion identified at the EU level;
- Comparative study of the interpretation of the fundamental rights (4) of the “Treaty regarding the European Union and the Operation of the European Union” in the field of tax legislation elaboration, as well as training.