ROMANIA: ASSISTANCE TO THE MANAGING AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME

Key Dates:

Signed: November 20, 2012 **Duration:** 12, 13, 15, 17 months

Value: US\$ 2.8 million (EUR 2.11 million)

Key Partners: Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Managing Authority for Regional Operational Programme

Objectives: 4 projects aim to provide support to the Managing Authority (MA) for Regional Operational Programme (ROP) as following:

P132399-Upgrade growth poles strategic planning and economic impact: aims to help the Government prepare the next programming period for the Regional Operational Programme by strengthening the effectiveness and efficiency of the growth poles policy in the country as well as enhancing the strategic planning capacity of the seven growth poles identified in Romania in order to better target investments that enhance economic impact.

P143088-Assessment of the communication and collaboration between MA and Intermediary Bodies (IB) of ROP and facilitation of proactive and direct support for beneficiaries: aims to develop the partnership between the MA ROP and Intermediate Bodies by providing a functional analysis of the implementation system in place, with special focus on the relationship between the MA and IBs, as well as on the current assistance available to ROP applicants and beneficiaries.

P143089-Identification of Project Selection Models: aims to assist MA ROP to identify and propose innovative selection models for the next programming period project evaluation process, with a strong link to the strategic development priorities of the next budgeting cycle.

P143090-Elaboration of integrated strategies for poor areas and disadvantaged communities: aims to characterize and establish typologies of disadvantaged and lagging urban areas and communities, and identify their spatial location and assess current integration strategies using quantitative and qualitative techniques. It also will design customized intervention tools for addressing their situation in an integrated manner under the next programming period of the ROP.