ROMANIA: ASSISTANCE TO THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR STRENGTHENING THE AGRI-FOOD SECTOR STRATEGY FORMULATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (MARD)

Key Dates:

Signed: September 28, 2012 Completed: September 27, 2014

Duration: 24 months

Value: RON 11.69 million (US\$3.2 million)

Key Partner: Ministry of Agriculture and Rural

Development (MARD)

Objectives: The objective of the Programmatic Advisory Services is to assist the Recipient in strengthening its administrative capacity with regard to the following corresponding four agreements:

P143673-Strengthening the Agri-Food sector strategy formulation in the MARD to assist the Recipient in strengthening its administrative capacity with regard to the management of public policy cycles in the agri-food sector.

P143674-Assistance to the MARD for Strategic Planning for Agricultural Administration to assist the Recipient in strengthening the undertaking of efficient strategic and operational management.

P143675-Assistance to the MARD for the Implementation of an Internal Management System at the ministry and its subordinated structures to assist the MARD in strengthening the efficiency and effectiveness of its operational management and that of selected subordinated structures, by supporting the development and implementation of an internal management/control system. It will help develop and implement a set of tools to improve management functioning and to develop management skills among staff with leadership and coordination functions at the MARD and selected subordinated structures.

P143676-Assistance for Developing an Integrated Financial Management System at the MARD to strengthen its capacity to manage budget funds. In particular, it will help enhance the MARD's financial management capacity by: (i) facilitating the prioritization of allocations for the implementation of agriculture and rural development (ARD) policies; (ii) supporting the sound and efficient use of budgetary resources; and (iii) tracking expenditures on a regular basis.