



**Note of discussion:**

**Meeting with the Diplomatic Corps on 17 February 2016  
regarding Romania's Energy Strategy 2016-2030, with an outlook to 2050**

On 17 February 2016 the Ministry of Energy hosted an informative meeting with representatives of the Diplomatic Corps in Romania, with the propose of presenting the elaboration stages of the new National Energy Strategy.

This discussion was lead by Mr. Radu Dudău, the project coordinator of the National Energy Strategy. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Cristian Bușu, State Secretary in charge with international affairs. Mr. Bușu mentioned the new Energy Strategy is a long-awaited document, through which the Ministry of Energy wants to build on an accurate description of the current status of Romania's energy system in order to eventually build a useful guide for energy decision-makers, aligned with the country's strategic objectives.

The Strategy's three committees were introduced: the Council of Directors, the Advisory Board and the Project Team – structures that reunite members of the government, specialists of the public and private sectors, academia, regulatory authorities, as well as the relevant ministries involved in in the process.

Overall, about 200 specialists of the energy sector will be involved in the elaboration of the new Energy Strategy.

The project coordinator presented the fundamental and the operational goals of the Strategy, along with the principles of action. The elaboration stages were also delineated.

First, February 15 was the deadline for an updated and restructured version of the *Analysis of the current status of Romania's energy system*, whose first version was posted on the Energy Department's webpage at the end of 2014. The deadline was met and, after a few days of internal validation, the document is to be posted on the Energy Ministry's site.

Second, between February 29 and April 15, a series of specialized workshops will take place, bringing together the top specialists of each of the major sectors of Romania's energy:

1. Oil, petroleum products, and natural gas
2. Electricity
3. Energy efficiency, thermal energy, cogeneration and energy demand management



#### 4. Energy governance

#### 5. Energy security and energy diplomacy

They will take place under the coordination of the Advisory Board and will bring together specialists representing energy companies, associations, academia and research institutes, unions, NGOs and think-tanks.

Each working group will produce a summary report, according to a preset template. A final, integrated report is to be readied by April 25.

Third, a call for tenders is currently being prepared, with the aim of selecting a reputed international consultant, that will do a study of quantitative analysis and modelling of data. The consultant will be asked to elaborate and run three different development scenarios, defined in terms of distinct policy assumptions:

- Baseline scenario, which assumes freezing the current policies (including the 2020 energy and climate targets);
- Policies 2030 Max scenario, which assumes mandatory EU 2030 targets for greenhouse gas emissions (40% reduction, 27% renewables (RES) of the total energy mix, and 27% more energy efficiency compared to *business-as usual*)
- Policies 2030 – assumes mandatory 40% decarbonizing target, while keeping the RES and energy efficiency targets as indicative, thus creating room for „technological neutrality” with respect to the commercial technologies able to reduce carbon emissions, as well as provide energy security and economic competitiveness.

Radu Dudău mentioned that the Romania’s Energy Strategy will be an accessible and practical document, able to serve guide decision-making in the energy sector.

The deadline of the Strategy’s final report is set for 15 September 2016, when it will be submitted to public, as well as parliamentary debate.

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