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# Weekly Report - NRRP and EC Priorities

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# National Recovery and Resilience Plan

## C1. Water management

### Reforms

**REFORM 2, M4 – WATER LAW.** The law fulfilling **NRRP Component 1 (Water Management), Reform 2, Milestone 4**, establishing a **revamped economic mechanism for the National Administration "Apele Române" (ANAR) based on World Bank technical recommendations** was published in the Official Gazette. To ensure long-term maintenance, rehabilitation, and development of flood risk management infrastructure such as dams and dikes, the law mandates that ANAR dedicate minimum thresholds of its own revenue to investment projects: **at least 12% from 2027 to 2031, rising to 18% starting in 2032**. Furthermore, the act introduces mandatory quantitative and qualitative water metering across all commercial users, establishing indirect metering guidelines and a specific 7.32% rate indexation (reflecting 2025 CPI) for hydroelectric producers lacking technical metering capacity, while applying phased rate increases (2% in 2027, 4% in 2028, and 3.7% in 2029) for other industrial and municipal sectors (excluding surface and groundwater irrigation). Finally, the legislation updates regulatory tariffs for permits and land use, while creating new specific contribution categories for emerging clean energy technologies, including green hydrogen producers, pumped-storage hydroelectric plants, and geothermal heat recovery operations.

### Investments

**No relevant updates.**

## C2. Forests and biodiversity protection

### Reforms

**No relevant updates.**

## Investments

**No relevant updates.**

## C3. Waste management

### Reforms

**No relevant updates.**

### Investments

**INVESTMENT 1, T49 – INAUGURATION OF THE FIRST CAV.** The Minister of Environment, Water and Forests, Diana Buzoianu, participated today, in Cluj-Napoca, at **the inauguration of the first Large Voluntary Collection Center (CAV)** in Romania, financed through **NRRP - Component 3, Investment 1, Target 49**. The investment budget is over **RON 27.4 million**, representing non-reimbursable European funds from NRRP, and this is the first of the 13 to be implemented at national level. The entire infrastructure of the Cluj center covers an area of **1.4 hectares (14,000 sq m)** and is equipped with concrete platforms and specific containers, a chemical analysis laboratory, administrative spaces, a cold room for storing animal carcasses, as well as a large-tonnage scale for monitoring waste flows. The CAV allows for **the separate collection of household waste that cannot be collected through the "door-to-door" system, as well as special waste flows**. Recyclable waste and biowaste that cannot be collected in individual bins can be delivered, as well as bulky waste, used textiles, wood waste, furniture, used tires and waste electrical and electronic equipment.

## C4. Sustainable transport

## Reforms

No relevant updates.

## Investments

No relevant updates.

# C5. The Renovation Wave

## Reforms

No relavant updates.

## Investments

No relevant updates.

# C6. Energy

## Reforms

**REFORM 1, M116 – PERIMETERS FOR OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY.** A new draft decision that **approves six offshore wind perimeters and development zones within the Romanian sector of the Black Sea** was published by the Ministry of Energy. It authorizes the Ministry to initiate competitive concession procedures and providing developers staged access to projects with an estimated total capacity of 11.5 GW. Importantly, this measure **directly contributes to the fulfillment of Milestone 116 (Reform 1) under Component 6 of the NRRP**, which focuses on expanding offshore renewable energy production. The initiative offers energy developers and investors the opportunity to bid for concession rights across a total area of approximately **3,848 km<sup>2</sup>**, structured into a first phase of fixed-foundation perimeters 1–3 (3,100 MW), followed by perimeters 4–5 (2,400 MW) and zone 6 (up to 6,000 MW utilizing deep-water fixed or floating technologies). However, winning concessionaires must fully fund their projects and navigate operational constraints involving oil and gas infrastructure, military areas, navigation routes, fishing, underwater heritage, and ecological sensitivity, as perimeter approval does not confer building rights or replace the mandatory environmental impact assessments and separate legal authorizations required prior to construction.

## Investments

**No relevant updates.**

## C7. Digital transformation

### Reforms

**No relevant updates.**

### Investments

**INVESTMENT 3, M160 – e-SănătateaMea PORTAL.** Initiated by UDMR Senator Cseke Attila, the law **integrating the "e-SănătateaMea" patient portal** into the National Health Insurance Platform (PIAS), fulfilling **NRRP Component 7 (Digital Transformation), Investment 3, Milestone 160** was published in the Official Gazette. Administered by the National Health Insurance House (CNAS), the platform will

provide insured citizens with secure digital access to their personal medical records, electronic prescriptions, and health documents starting in the second half of 2026. Furthermore, the law mandates all healthcare providers, including clinics, hospitals, medical offices, pharmacies, and medical device operators, to utilize the integrated electronic appointment system starting in the fourth quarter of 2026, following an initial pilot phase. **This regulatory update aligns with the broader NRRP deadline of August 31, 2026, for optimizing PIAS, requiring participating medical institutions to adapt their internal workflows, IT systems, reception desks, and data protection protocols accordingly.**

**INVESTMENT 4 – COMPLETION OF ROMARMIS 2.** The National Agency for the Administration of Confiscated Assets (ANABI) announces the completion of the project "**Development of the integrated national information system for recording receivables from crimes (ROARMIS 2)**", implemented within the NRRP, **Component 7** - Digital Transformation, **Investment 4** - Digitalization of the judicial system. It was implemented over a period of **37 months**, with the objective of qualitative and quantitative development of the integrated national information system for recording receivables from crimes - **ROARMIS** and the consolidation of the information infrastructure necessary for carrying out specific activities for the recovery of receivables from crimes. Its final value is **RON 1,716,447.00**. The system consists of **the operational module ROARMIS Interface**, which expands the capacity from 17,000 to 40,000 users, and the ROARMIS Interface Hub (Smart Map) component, intended for geospatial analysis and monitoring of performance indicators. Although already used by ANABI and prosecutor's offices since December 2023, the application is gradually expanding its access to courts, the Romanian Police, ANAF, the Ministry of Justice and banking institutions.

## C8. Tax reform and pension reform

### Reforms

**No relevant updates.**

### Investments

**INVESTMENT 7, M237 - PROPERTY DATABASE.** The Official Gazette published the law approving the emergency ordinance which

**extends a series of deadlines related to property taxation and strengthening administrative capacity in this area** and approves the **development of a national property database** and the implementation of specific taxation models in order to fulfill **Milestone 237, Investment 7 of the Component 8 of NRRP**. It is also foreseen to establish a specialized structure within the Ministry of Finance, which will have the responsibility of managing the real estate database and coordinating the implementation of the property taxation reform. It will collaborate with the National Agency for Cadastre and Real Estate Advertising for access to the necessary IT systems, such as the integrated cadastre and land book system. The law entered into force on July 23.

## C9. Support for the private sector, research, development, and innovation

### Reforms

**REFORM 1, M243 & M246 – UNIQUE INDUSTRIAL LICENSE.** The Government adopted an informational note which analyzes the **implementation status of the Electronic Single Contact Point for Industrial Licensing (PCUEL)** and highlights the necessity of maintaining all competent authorities, including the National Energy Regulatory Authority (ANRE), within the integrated framework to ensure the success of the reform. This reform is directly tied to the commitments assumed by NRRP. Firstly, Milestone 243, which required the entry into force of the legislative framework for the unique industrial license via Emergency Ordinance No. 140/2022, has already been deemed completed by the European Commission. However, reopening or amending this normative framework to exclude ANRE or its nine corresponding energy CAEN codes would pose significant risks regarding the reversibility of **Reform 1 (Component 9)**, thereby **jeopardizing the favorable assessment of Milestone 243**. Secondly, the investment coordinator (MEDAT) is managing the **completion of Milestone 246**, which mandates the **full operationalization of the One Stop Shop digital platform (PCUEL) connected to the government cloud by July 30, 2026**. Excluding ANRE or failing to integrate its administrative workflows would lead to procedural fragmentation, potentially causing the European Commission to deem Milestone 246 unfulfilled, triggering financial corrections, budgetary sanctions, and undermining Romania's OECD accession process.

**REFORMS 2 & 4 – RESEARCH AND INNOVATION LAW.** Initiated by PSD, PNL, USR, and national minorities, the law that introduces **unified digital platforms for research, development, and innovation (CDI) funding** was published in the Official Gazette. It obliges authorities to enforce a **minimum 27% company participation rate in publicly funded CDI projects, and establishes dedicated structures**, including the central RoInovare Unit for public-private partnerships, alongside tax incentives, grants, and regulatory sandboxes to attract private investment. Applicable to funding agencies, universities, research institutes, enterprises, and investors, the

law mandates a complete transition to interoperable digital platforms, including a single electronic contact point and the CDI Observatory (OCDI) for data-driven policy monitoring and sets expert evaluation, open access, and HRS4R accreditation standards. Crucially, these measures **directly support the fulfillment of several commitments under Component 9 of the NRRP**, specifically contributing to **Milestone 271 under Reform 2** (implementing 80% of PSF Country recommendations), **Milestone 272 under Reform 2** (establishing a permanent monitoring and evaluation system for CDI policies, closely correlated with the OCDI framework), **Milestone 276 under Reform 4** (creating a favorable framework for public and private CDI investments, supported by enhanced evaluation and transparency requirements), and **Target 277 under Reform 4** (ensuring enterprise participation as leaders or partners in at least 27% of publicly funded CDI projects).

## Investments

**INVESTMENT 3.1, T263 – TWO SMEs DIGITALIZED THROUGH NRRP.** The companies STUDIO-DRAFTCLOUD SRL and SUCURILE RODAS SRL announced **the completion of digitalization projects financed by the NRRP**, within the investment dedicated to supporting SMEs in adopting digital technologies - **Target 263 (Investment I3.1), Component 9.** The projects aimed at the acquisition of hardware and software equipment, the implementation of IT solutions and the training of employees to develop digital skills, with the aim of increasing the efficiency, productivity and competitiveness of the two companies. In total, the two projects accumulated investments of over **RON 338,000**, of which approximately RON 249,000 were covered by European funds through the NRRP.

## C10. The local fund

### Reforms

**REFORM 5, M315 – POLITICAL AGREEMENT FOR CATUC.** PSD, PNL, USR and UDMR have reached an agreement in principle for the **adoption of the Urban Planning Code (CATUC)**, a legislative project that will modify building rules at the national level and implement the result of the referendum in Bucharest in November 2024. Currently, **the project** is in the Chamber of Deputies, the decision-making forum, where it awaits the final report of the Public Administration Committee. According to the agreement, **the Ministry of Development must finalize the project so that the law is adopted by August 31**, the deadline assumed by the NRRP - **Component 10 (Reform 5, Milestone**

**315)** Among the most important changes is **the transfer of the issuance of building permits in Bucharest from the district mayor's offices to the General Mayor's Office, starting in 2028.** Until then, there will be **a transition period**, and failure to comply with the new rules may be sanctioned with fines of up to RON 100,000. **Regulations regarding green spaces and beaches will be dealt with through separate legislative projects.**

## Investments

**No relevant updates.**

## C11. Tourism and culture

### Reforms

**No relevant updates.**

### Investments

**INVESTMENT 1, M332 – TELEKI CASTLE OPENS AFTER RESTAURATION. Teleki Castle in Gornești commune** (Mureș county), nicknamed the "treasure of Mureș" and considered one of the most valuable Baroque monuments in Transylvania, will reopen to the public on August 1. The edifice has undergone restoration works for almost three years, financed by **the "Attractive Romania" program from NRRP funds - Component 11, Investment 1, Milestone 332, worth EUR 4.6 million.** During the interventions, murals of great historical value were also revealed. Built in the 18th century according to the plans of the architect Andreas Mayerhoffer, the estate located 17 km from Târgu Mureș includes the castle, a dendrological park and allegorical statues, and is set to once again become a center for cultural, tourist and community activities.

## C12. Health

### Reforms

**No relevant updates.**

### Investments

**STATUS ON NRRP HEALTH PROJECTS.** Between July 13 and 17, 2026, the Ministry of Health continued the implementation of projects financed through the NRRP and signed new addenda for investments that change the way the healthcare system operates.

**Specifically, these changes allow the continuation of important projects:**

- **Safer hospitals for patients:**

- At the Sighetu Marmăției Municipal Hospital, the project "Reducing the risk of nosocomial infections" continues, an investment of over RON 32.9 million, of which over RON 26.7 million is NRRP funding.
- The objective is clear: safer conditions for patients and more effective measures to prevent healthcare-associated infections.

- **Medical services closer to communities:**

- The contracts for the development of Integrated Community Centers in localities such as Tutova (Vaslui), Susani (Vâlcea), Dulcești (Neamț), Ferești (Vaslui) and Frasin (Suceava) have been updated.
- These centers mean easier access to medical services, prevention, and support for people who need a healthcare system closer to their home.

- **Pediatric investments:**

- Investments in neonatal intensive care continue through projects such as the expansion and modernization of the neonatal intensive care unit within the Bihor County Emergency Clinical Hospital and the development of the "Neonatal Intensive Care "Together with Parents"" project in Braşov County.
- We are talking about investments of over RON 39 million for the care of newborns in critical condition.
- **Digitization:**
  - digitalization of the "George IM Georgescu" Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases in Iaşi;
  - modernization of IT systems at Filantropia Clinical Hospital;
  - digitalization of the activity of the "Louis Țurcanu" Children's Emergency Clinical Hospital in Timișoara;
  - modernization of digital infrastructure at hospitals in Baia Mare, Medgidia, Vișeu de Sus and Călărași.

## C13. Social reforms

### Reforms

**REFORM 2, T383 – PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES.** The Official Gazette published the law approving GEO 90/2025 that introduces significant measures to achieve **Target 383 of the NRRP (Component 13, Reform 2)** and aims to deinstitutionalize adults with disabilities and significantly reduce their numbers in institutions by **June 30, 2026**. It also clarifies the role of the **professional personal assistant** as a certified individual providing care and expands the definition of protection measures to include a broad spectrum of social services, such as home care, mobile teams, and sheltered housing. A central feature is, furthermore, the introduction of a new social service: **assisted living in the community for independent living**, which empowers individuals with disabilities to exercise choice and control over their lives within a community setting. The law entered into force on July 23.

### Investments

**No relevant updates.**

## C14. Good governance

### Reforms

**REFORM 3, M417 - PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION RECRUITMENT, UPDATED.** The Ministry of Development has published a **draft Government Decision** to expand the 2025–2026 recruitment and promotion plans for the civil service by adding new executive, managerial and senior civil service positions that may be filled through the national recruitment competition organised by the National Agency of Civil Servants (ANFP). The proposal updates the framework that was previously implemented **NRRP Milestone 417 (Reform 3, Component 14)**, while maintaining that all staffing costs must be covered within existing institutional budgets and expenditure limits.

**REFORM 4, M420 - UNIFIED PAY LAW, UPDATED.** This week, the Ministry of Labour published the consolidated draft of the **unified public sector pay law** following public consultations. The proposal introduces a new salary system from 1 December 2026, including a unified pay scale, a fixed reference value, limits on bonuses and allowances, performance-based rewards, and new salary reporting obligations for public institutions, alongside stricter penalties for non-compliance. The reform, which is a key NRRP milestone (**Milestone 420, Reform 4, Component 14**), is expected to be debated in the Senate next week during the extraordinary parliamentary session, after political parties and trade unions agree on a final version.

The Ministry of Labour said the draft law was **revised following extensive consultations with public institutions, trade unions, the Ministry of Finance and the European Commission**, and that it now complies with NRRP Milestone 420 while remaining within Romania's fiscal commitments. The draft has been **sent to coalition parties for further amendments during the parliamentary process**, with the Ministry continuing to provide technical support as discussions move forward.

The bill continues to face strong opposition from trade unions, particularly in the healthcare and public pensions sectors, which argue it would reduce incomes, maintain pay inequalities and worsen staff shortages. SANITAS has threatened a general strike if the law is not revised, while the **Bucharest Court of Appeal has temporarily suspended the legislative procedure** following the union's challenge, a decision the Government will appeal. Meanwhile, political negotiations and technical consultations remain ongoing, with authorities seeking changes to address union concerns while keeping the reform on track to meet Romania's NRRP deadline.

**REFORM 7, M431 - INTEGRITY LAW REFORM.** The Government has submitted to Parliament the long-promised **draft integrity law** aimed at fulfilling **NRRP Milestone 431 (Reform 7 – Component 14)** by consolidating Romania’s rules on asset declarations, conflicts of interest, incompatibilities and the PREVENT system. The proposal expands the categories of officials required to file declarations, introduces mandatory electronic submission through ANI’s e-DAI platform, keeps declarations confidential in line with a recent Constitutional Court ruling, strengthens conflict-of-interest checks under the PREVENT system, and increases fines for non-compliance. The proposal will be debated next week, in the extraordinary session of the Parliament.

**REFORM 9, T442 - STATE-OWNED COMPANIES APPOINTMENTS.** AMEPIP has fined four current and former ministers in the Bolojan cabinet for failing to appoint permanent management boards at several state-owned companies within the legal deadline, a key requirement for meeting **NRRP Target 442 (Reform 9, Component 14)**, which aims to reduce interim appointments by 31 March 2026. The sanctions, calculated as a percentage of the ministers’ annual salaries, affect the Economy, Finance, Transport and Energy portfolios, with Economy Minister Irineu Darău stating that he has challenged the fine in court, arguing that the delays predated his mandate and could not have been resolved within the time available.

## Investments

**No relevant updates.**

## C15. Education

### Reforms

**No relevant updates.**

### Investments

**INVESTMENT 1, T457 - NEW NURSERIES BUILT.** Development Minister Cseke Attila inaugurated several new nurseries in Vrancea (Dumbrăveni and Slobozia Bradului), Maramureș (Rona de Jos) and Suceava (Poiana Stampei), and Alba (Alba Iulia) counties under the government’s “Saint Ana” programme, financed through the **NRRP (Component 15, Investment 1)** to deliver **Target 457**. The newly completed facilities provide modern, energy-efficient childcare infrastructure built to nZEB standards, increasing the nationwide total to nearly 90 completed nurseries. The Government expects all 110 nurseries planned under the programme to be completed and handed over to local authorities by the end of August.

## C16. REPowerEU

### Reforms

**REFORM 1, M508 - ADS CAPACITY FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS.** The Government has approved **changes** to the State Domains Agency’s (ADS) vehicle fleet by replacing four passenger cars with four utility vehicles to support field surveys and land inventories for renewable energy acceleration areas. The measure supports **NRRP Milestone 508 (Reform 1, Component 16 – REPowerEU)**, under which ADS must identify state-owned land suitable for renewable energy investments. The vehicle purchase will be fully financed through the NRRP, with no impact on the state budget, while the agency’s total fleet will remain unchanged at 37 vehicles. The decision was already published in the Official Gazette.

**REFORM 1, M509 - RENEWABLE ENERGY ACCELERATION ZONES.** President Dan has signed the **Law** which allows state-owned land managed by the State Domains Agency (ADS) to be used as renewable energy acceleration zones, supporting **NRRP Milestone 509 (Reform 1, Component 16 – REPowerEU)**. The law introduces a dedicated framework for concessioning eligible land through public auctions, establishes a national register of eligible state-owned land, applies accelerated permitting procedures with a maximum six-month approval period, creates a digital one-stop-shop for licensing through PCUEL, and simplifies environmental assessments for qualifying renewable energy projects. The law was already published in the Official Gazette.

### Investments

**No relevant updates.**

## General News

**EXTRAORDINARY PARLAMENTARY SESSION FOR NRRP PROJECTS.** The National Permanent Bureau of the PNL has analyzed the status **of the 6 draft laws necessary to fulfill the outstanding NRRP objectives**, four of which have already been submitted to Parliament, and the other two are in the final stage of public consultation. The adoption of the projects is necessary to obtain the last tranche of grants from the final payment request, worth approximately **EUR 3 billion**. For this reason, the Liberals support the convening of an extraordinary parliamentary session, starting next week. According to Mircea Abrudean, the President of the Senate, and Sorin Grindeanu, the President of the Chamber of Deputies, the extraordinary parliamentary session will be organized between **July 27 and 31** in this regard.

# EC Priorities. Priority 1: Prosperity & competitiveness

## A Clean Industrial Deal

**NEW EIB FINANCING FOR A1 MOTORWAY COFINANCING.** The President signed the law approving the **EUR 500 million financing contract** signed in January 2026 between Romania and the European Investment Bank **for the continued cofinancing of the Sibiu-Pitești section of the A1 Motorway**, part of the TEN-T network. This is the second EIB loan approved for the same project, following the financing ratified through Law No. 19/2026, bringing total EIB support for the objective to EUR 1 billion. Under the contract, **the loan may cover up to 50% of eligible project costs**, excluding VAT and expropriation expenses, and may be disbursed in up to 10 tranches over 36 months. The law was also published in the Official Gazette and will enter into force on July 24.

## Business & Economy

**No relevant updates.**

## Commercial agreements

**No relevant updates.**

## Digital tech, research and innovation

**No relevant updates.**

## Health Union

**No relevant updates.**

# Priority 2: Defence & Security

## The European Defence Union

**PARLIAMENT TO APPROVE SAFE LOAN AGREEMENT.** The Government has submitted to Parliament a **legislative proposal** approving **Romania's €16.68 billion SAFE loan agreement** with the European Union, as the caretaker government cannot adopt the measure directly. The financing will support defence capabilities and strategic transport infrastructure, with funding released in instalments based on project milestones. The agreement also provides for a 15% pre-financing payment, a 45-year repayment period with a 10-year grace period, and funding availability until the end of 2030, while debt servicing costs will be covered from the state budget. The proposal will be debated next week, during Parliament's extraordinary session.

## Borders and migration

**No relevant updates.**

## Security & crisis management

**No relevant updates.**

# Priority 3: Social rights

## Social fairness

No relevant updates.

## Young people & equality

No relevant updates.

# Priority 4: Life quality

## Agriculture & biodiversity

**NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY, ANALYZED.** The Government has reviewed, in first reading, **Romania's National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy to 2030**, which sets the country's policy framework for protecting, restoring and sustainably using biodiversity in line with EU objectives and the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. The strategy is accompanied by an action plan and monitoring framework and includes measures to expand protected areas, restore ecosystems, integrate biodiversity into sectors such as agriculture, energy, transport and spatial planning, promote sustainable resource use, and strengthen funding and coordination mechanisms for biodiversity conservation.

## Climate change

**No relevant updates.**

# Priority 5: Democratic Europe

## Democracy

**PROXY VOTING FOR MEPs.** The Permanent Electoral Authority has published for public consultation a draft bill on **Romania's acceptance of Council Decision (EU, Euratom) 2026/1296**, which would **allow MEPs who are pregnant or have recently given birth to vote by proxy**. The mechanism would apply for up to three months before the expected birth and up to six months afterwards, becoming effective only after all EU Member States complete their national approval procedures.

**COALITION TALKS REMAIN BLOCKED.** A new round of consultations between President Nicușor Dan and the leaders of PSD, PNL, USR and UDMR ended last week **without an agreement on forming a new government**. The President said the main obstacle is now the composition of the future cabinet rather than the choice of prime minister, reiterating that he will not nominate a candidate without a realistic parliamentary majority. While informal negotiations continue, parties have maintained their positions, with PSD insisting it will only support a government in which it participates, PNL and USR rejecting a coalition with PSD, and UDMR advocating a compromise solution. Meanwhile, AUR has proposed backing a PSD-led government, although PSD leaders remain divided over any potential cooperation, and early elections continue to be discussed as a fallback option if negotiations fail.

## Rule of law

**JUVENILE JUSTICE MEASURES, INTO FORCE.** President Nicușor Dan has promulgated a **law extending the duration of non-custodial educational measures that may be imposed on minors over the age of 14 who commit criminal offences**. The law increases the maximum duration of civic training, supervision, weekend restrictions and daily assistance measures, while leaving the existing rules on their individualisation, review, modification and extension unchanged. The law has already been published in the Official Gazette.

## Civil society

**No relevant updates.**

# Priority 6: Foreign affairs

## Enlargement and wider neighbourhood

No relevant updates.

## A new foreign economic policy

**STATE VISIT OF INDIAN PRESIDENT DROUPADI MURMU TO ROMANIA.** At the invitation of the Romanian side, President of India Droupadi Murmu will undertake a state visit to Romania from July 23 to 25, marking the resumption of top-level political dialogue between the two nations after two decades. President Nicușor Dan will host the official welcoming ceremony at Cotroceni Palace on Thursday, which will feature official photos, tête-à-tête talks, expanded negotiations, joint press statements, and a state dinner. **Discussions will focus on strengthening the Extended Partnership, which evolved positively following the 2024 Joint Declaration, ahead of the 80th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relations next year,** targeting enhanced economic cooperation as well as deeper cultural, academic, sports, research, and innovation exchanges within the broader context of the EU-India Strategic Partnership. Additionally, both heads of state will inaugurate a **bilateral economic forum on July 24 featuring Romanian and Indian business representatives and officials,** highlighting the landmark nature of this visit following the last Romanian presidential visit to India in 2006 and the last Indian presidential visit to Romania in 1994.

## Reforming the international system

No relevant updates.