

September 12, 2011, Bucharest, Romania

To the kind attn. of **H.E. Mr. Ambassador Liviu BOTA – Honorary President**
Mr. Sever AVRAM – Executive President
EUROLINK-House of Europe Foundation in Bucharest, Romania

Your Excellency Mr. Ambassador Bota,
Dear Mr. Executive President Avram,

we already know about your activities and involvement in the field of competition and competitiveness since the year 2004, under the aegis of the **CEFTAC Platform (Central European Advocacy for a Fair and Transparent Competition Platform)**, which annually organises the European Competition & Competitiveness Day in Romania.

We also noticed your strong commitment to support the innovative SMEs sector, as it resulted from the information and training events you organised under the aegis of the **EU-RO Clearing Funds Platform**, which mostly focuses on the absorption process of EU Structural Funds in Romania.

We recently learned that **EUROLINK-House of Europe Foundation** was the initiator and coordinating organisation of the **Black Sea - Danube Regional Network for Social & Economic Innovation**, which was launched at the Palace of the Parliament, on the 22nd of May 2011, on the occasion of the Regional Fair dedicated to the celebration of European Maritime Day in Romania.

In this context, we would like to express our strong interest in supporting the development of the Regional Network with the aim to build valid partnerships in our Central and South-Eastern European region, in order to implement projects under FuturICT framework.

Aware of the opportunities opened by the participation to the FutureICT innovative programme, we are ready to support your Regional Network by joining it and providing our expertise with all our experience in the field of geological, geo-ecological and environmental studies in river-delta-sea macro-systems (such as the Danube River – Delta – Black Sea), interactions between the various components of the macro-system with the human society and local settlements as well as studies regarding past and present climate changes and related impacts. GeoEcoMar's expertise on the before mentioned topics may be made available in collaborative projects of research, design and innovation, as well as in teaching / training of the new generation, as well as in the continuous training of professionals and increasing the awareness of the local communities. Your initiative may be supported by GeoEcoMar also as to enhance the existing as well as development of new infrastructures dedicated to research, innovation and education in the Danube – Black Sea area.

Sincerely yours,

General Director of GeoEcoMar

Dr. Gheorghe OAIE

