

OPEN LETTER – OFFICIAL CALL
regarding the Civil Society/Business Support for the Radical Improvement of the
EU Financing/Managing Process in Romania

To the kind attn. of the **Prime Minister of the Romanian Government**,
H.E. Mr. Mihai Razvan UNGUREANU
the **President of the European Commission**,
H.E. Mr. Jose Manuel Durao BARROSO

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H.R.H. Prince Radu of Romania, Royal House of Romania
H.E. Dr. Senator Mircea Geoana – President of the National Committee
for Development

Following the deployment of the **Key-Stakeholders Round Table** entitled “*The European Financing of the Transport Infrastructure in Romania. Challenges, difficulties and economic competitiveness perspectives*”, first event from a larger series, which took place at the headquarters of the Romanian Senate (Avram Iancu Hall) on the **14th of March 2012**, the representatives/ invited institutions and organizations decided to advance a common and formal proposal to the attention of the **Prime Minister of the Romanian Government**, H.E. Mr. Mihai Razvan UNGUREANU, and the **President of the European Commission**, H.E. Mr. Jose Manuel Durao BARROSO.

The main organisers of this event were: the **Black-Sea Danube Regional Network for Social & Economic Innovation**, coordinated by the **EUROLINK-House of Europe Foundation** (www.HouseofEurope.ro), and member of the Consultative Council of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (lead by the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and of the Social Innovation Europe (SIE) initiative, supported by DG Enterprise - European Commission, in partnership with the **National Committee for Development** in Romania (www.ComitetDezvoltare.ro), a non-partisan forum founded in 2010 under the high authority of the **President of the Romanian Academy**, Academician Ionel Haiduc and of **H.R.H. the Prince Radu of Romania**.

The following prestigious institutions honored the Round Table and were involved within the debate: the Parliament of Romania, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including the National Coordinator of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region, the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, the Authority for Coordination of Structural Instruments (ACIS), under the aegis of the Ministry of European Affairs, the Ministry of Education - National Authority for Scientific Research; the Audit Authority under the aegis of the Romanian Court of Account, ACRAFE - the Association of Romanian Consultants for Accessing European Funds, the Patriarchy of the Orthodox Church of Romania, the National Company of the Maritime Ports Administration, EximBank Romania (the Export-Import Bank of Romania), the Academy of Economic Studies, the Black Sea University Foundation. As special observers to the meeting, also took part the Vice-President of the Romanian Academy, Academician Cristian Hera; the Chancellor of the Royal House of Romania, Mr. Alexandru Opresan; the representative of the European Commission, Ms. Ioana Badea.

In order to support a rapid effectiveness of the fluency management/evaluation process, as well as a radical improvement of the implementation projects of the EU funded projects, under the basis of the suggestions, recommendations and feedback from guests and participants, the coordinators of both organising partners kindly require to the Prime Minister of the Romanian Government and the President of the European Commission the official **Opinion and Institutional Support** for

establishing a European style **Joint Task-Force**. This working/supporting structure to be created will be composed from the above mentioned institutions and organisations, belonging to the following environments: academia; consultancy; social partners; NGO sector; the training providers for the public administration involved in the management/implementation process. The Technical Secretariat will be assumed by the **EUROLINK - House of Europe Foundation**, whose Honorary Chairmanship is ensured by **H.E. of Ambassador Liviu BOTA**, ex-Deputy Secretary General of United Nations.

The Joint Task-Force to be established with the support of the Romanian Academy and of the consultancy milieu represented by **ACRAFE** aims to inter-act with the two major financial institutions - **the European Investment Bank** and **the World Bank** which already signed supporting agreements with **the Government of Romania** in order to deeper involve other co-lateral leading stakeholder institutions and develop new extensive and valid multilateral partnerships, and, in this way, ensure a concrete and effective support for responding to the key **strategic, executive, institutional, technological, monitoring, transparency, anti-corruption and communications challenges** to be faced during the last part of the first implementation period. One of the other leading priorities would be also to better re-orient certain non-acceded funds to the new objectives of the EU Danube Region Strategy.

Other needed details and clarifications are to be provided to whom it may concern.

For conformity,
on the behalf of the Coordinator of the
Black-Sea Danube Regional Network for Social & Economic Innovation

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