THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ANNUAL PROGRAMS 2011 PG SOLID

Romania benefits from financial assistance granted through the External Borders Fund, the Return Fund, the European Refugee Fund, and the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals, as part of the General programme “Solidarity and Management of Migration Flows”.

On 30 June 2013, the implementation period for the Annual Programs 2011 related to aforementioned financial instruments has ended, following final Reports regarding the implementation of Annual Programs 2011 to be sent to the European Commission until 31 March 2014. Up to this deadline, the activities related to the Technical Assistance component will continue, as well as the payments of the contracts.

The implementation of the Annual Programs 2011 started on 1 January 2013, as actions set according to strategic priorities and specific objectives identified by Romania in the Multiannual Programs of PG SOLID have been financed.

4 de jure monopoly projects and 3 grant schemes projects have been financed through the Return Fund – Annual Program 2011, with the following beneficiaries: the General Inspectorate for Immigration for the monopoly de jure component, and, for grants, the following organizations have been chosen: the International Organization for Migration, Association of Jesuit Refugee Service in Romania, the Romanian National Centre for Refugees, General Inspectorate for Immigration – monopoly de jure, NGO’s grants.

7 projects have been financed within the European Refugee Fund Annual Program 2011, out of which 5 were grant schemes and 2 were monopoly. The beneficiaries for the grant schemes were the Romanian National Centre for Refugees, the Ecumenical Association of Churches in Romania, and the Association of Jesuit Refugee Service in Romania. The recipient of the monopoly projects was the General Inspectorate for Immigration.

6 grant schemes projects have been implemented through the Annual Program 2011 related to the European Fund for the Integration of third-country nationals, with the following beneficiaries:

- IOM – International Organization for Migration;
- ARPS – Romanian Association for Health Promotion;
- ARCA – Romanian Forum for Refugees and Migrants
- ADO SAH ROM – Association for SAH ROM Organization Development
- IIT – Timişoara Intercultural Institute
- ICAR – ICAR Foundation

The Annual Program 2011 related to the External Borders Fund has strictly financed de jure monopoly projects restricted to a number of 14 actions which have been established based on strategic priorities included in the Multiannual Program 2010-2013 within the External Borders Fund.

The beneficiaries of the financial assistance granted through the Annual Program 2011 were structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, specifically, the General Inspectorate of the
Romanian Border Police, the SIS National Centre, the General Inspectorate for Immigration, and the Ministry of External Affairs.

Final details regarding the absorption rate of the funds granted through the 4 funds afferent to PG SOLID will be available after the European Commission’s approval of the final Reports regarding the application of the Annual Programs 2011 SOLID Programme.