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UNDP Role in Romania

UNDP, as the UN's largest global development network, is an organization on the ground in 166 countries, helping to build and share solutions to the global and national development challenges. In their effort to develop local capacity, countries draw on UNDP expertise and that of a wide range of partners. World leaders have pledged to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), with the overarching goal of cutting poverty in half by 2015. UNDP's network links and coordinates global and national efforts to reach these Goals. In all UNDP activities, the protection of human rights and the empowerment of women are mainstreamed.

In Romania, under the broad programmatic focus of Democratic Governance, Poverty Reduction, and Energy and Environmental Sustainability, UNDP currently implements projects in the following areas: decentralization and local development, capacity-building in public administration/civil service training, capacity improvement for crisis management, business incubators/strengthening SME sector, job creation, infrastructure and historical sites rehabilitation, empowerment of women and Roma minority, biodiversity/national parks protection, energy efficiency/reduction of Green House gas emission, etc.

Under the umbrella of Local Agenda (LA) 21 project, UNDP Romania plays a catalytic role in decentralization and community engagement by facilitating the formulation of **local sustainable development action plans**, including the identification of priority projects. The LA21 initiative has assisted more than 30 municipalities and counties to draft their own strategies and action plans through a broad-based consultative and participatory process involving multi-stakeholders (the communities, local authorities, academics, businesses, CBOs/NGOs, and other interested parties.) At the request of the Alba County Council, the LA21 process is currently underway; Rosia Montana Gold Corporation, Alburnus Maior and Greenpeace are three of the many entities and parties that are expected to participate in this broad consultative process.

As a neutral, transparent international organization respected for its integrity, UNDP does not interfere or seek to influence the decisions of sovereign governments. Any decision taken regarding the future mining activities in Alba County (e.g. Rosia Montana) or the role of any particular commercial actor lies entirely with the Romanian authorities.***

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