



PROGRAMUL DE COOPERARE ELVEȚIANO-ROMÂN
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Introduction to the first SCO – NCU joint External Newsletter

We have the pleasure to publish the first edition of the present newsletter, which deals exclusively with the Swiss Contribution to Romania. This is a joint undertaking of both the Swiss and Romanian partners responsible for the implementation of this ambitious programme amounting to 150 million Euros in total.

Three years after the signature of the «Framework Agreement on the Implementation of the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme to Reduce

Economic and Social Disparities within the Enlarged European Union» (September 2010), it is gratifying to point out the notably good progress made by applying tried and tested recipes : no hurry, the careful selection of partners and projects as well as a mutual understanding, achieved through discussion, of everybody's specific situation.

On the basis of this experience, we are glad to note the trustworthiness of our Romanian partners on whose efforts the implementation at best of this programme depends.

However, the road is still long, and dotted with many pitfalls, sometimes foreseen but mostly unexpected. Due to the encouraging progress already made and the trust established between the different partners, I'm convinced that together we will implement the projects we have defined jointly for the common good of the people in Romania.

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