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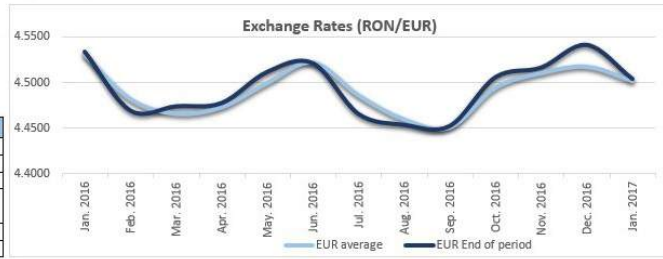


Macroeconomic outlook

Romania's industrial output rose by an annual 1.7% in 2016

- The European Commission raised its forecast for Romania's economic expansion in 2017 to a real 4.4% from 3.9% projected in November ([Read more](#))
- The National Institute of Statistics: Romanian economy grows by 4.8 pct in 2016 ([Read more](#))
- Eurostat: Romania posts second lowest annual inflation rate in the EU this January ([Read more](#))
- The National Institute of Statistics: Romania's industrial output grows 1.7% in 2016 ([Read more](#))
- Eurostat: Bulgaria, Romania – the lowest minimum wages in EU at January 1st, 2017 ([Read more](#))

Macroeconomic indicators	Value	Period
GDP growth	4.8%	2016/2015
Annual inflation rate	0.3%	Jan. 2017
Monthly inflation rate	-0.1%	Jan. 2017
Annual Exchange rate (RON/EUR)	avg. 4.5016 end. 4.5038	Jan. 2017
Gross average wage in the economy	721 €	Dec. 2016
Foreign Investments inflows	EUR 4,081 million	2016



Source: Eurostat, INS, BNR



Foreign Investment News

FDI in Romania, up by 18% in 2016

- FDI to Romania climbs to 8-year high of EUR 4 bln in 2016 ([Read more](#))

Selection

- In less than a year since inaugurating a helicopter plant in Ghimbav (Brasov), Airbus Helicopters, the manufacturing division of the French Airbus Group will open a Centre of Excellence in Romania for H215 Puma helicopters production ([Read more](#))
- French real estate developer Immochan considers acquiring three plots for malls in Romania ([Read more](#))
- ROKI Group will open a factory in Romania's western city of Arad and start production in 2018 ([Read more](#))
- US carmaker Ford is adapting its plant in Craiova to start producing EcoSport model scheduled for autumn this year ([Read more](#))
- French company Atalian buys MT&T, becoming leader on Romanian facility management market ([Read more](#))

Life in Romania. Events & Achievements



- Orange Romania, top employer for the fifth consecutive year ([Read more](#))
- Romanian movie returns with Silver Bear from 2017 Berlinale ([Read more](#))
- Five Romanian students from Timisoara have won Zero Robotics, a competition organized by NASA and MIT university ([Read more](#))
- Three airports in Romania recorded the fastest growing in Europe in terms of passenger performance ([Read more](#))
- On 19th of February, Romanians celebrated “Brancusi Day” ([Read more](#))
- Romanian Turda salt mine received almost 618 000 tourists last year, an increasing number compared to 2015 ([Read more](#))

Focus on InvestRomania

InvestRomania launched its newest version of the [Country Presentation](#). Whether it is about a competitive tax policy and state support for businesses, a skilled multilingual talent pool or the 72 industrial parks spread across the country... Romania is definitely the “it” place to invest.



Events

- We are delighted to announce that the Belgian company Sonaca will officially open the plant built in Moldovenești, Cluj County, on 10th of March. After 18 months to build, the first production lines were put into service mid-September 2016. Currently, the plant has 30 employees and their number will increase to 200 in the coming years. This investment was possible due to Euro 5.4 million State aid provided by the Government. The total amount of the investment worth Euro 11.8

million. Our team offered support and assistance throughout all the stages of the decisional process.

- InvestRomania has the pleasure to invite you to the second edition of "Invest in Romania" conference, taking place in the city of Galati, on March 16th. Being dedicated to the business environment, the very event will bring at the same table members of the Government, local authorities, international companies, foreign investors and embassies. Entrepreneurs will have the opportunity to be in direct dialog with the Romanian commercial attachés from countries like: Germany, UK, Austria, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Greece, France and Hungary. The event is organized in partnership with the National Council of Private Small and Medium Enterprises from Romania, with the support of Galati County Council. More details can be found on the event's [Facebook page](#). (Romanian only)
- InvestRomania will attend SEE Property Forum on March 29th at Radisson Blu Hotel, Bucharest, where we will deliver a presentation on the country competitive advantages, in front of the business community. SEE Property Forum is a leading international and Southeast European conference in Bucharest, organized since 2015 by Portfolio Conferences in association with RICS, and will enjoy the presence of real estate executives from Romania and the SEE region, investors from Western Europe, 50 speakers and more than 200 visitors. More details [HERE](#).
- If you consider [being our partner in attracting FDI](#), InvestRomania welcomes your support in bringing value added projects to our shores. In this respect, we kindly ask you to present us your business proposal together with a short presentation of your company.



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