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Mobility Fund

FOR GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS

The background of the page features several stylized hands in various colors (blue, yellow, orange) and orientations, rendered in a low-poly, geometric style. The hands are positioned as if they are reaching out or supporting each other, creating a sense of global unity and assistance. The colors are vibrant and the shapes are sharp, giving the background a modern and dynamic feel.

Mobility Fund

The Mobility fund is a financial instrument that facilitates the quick transfer of Romanian experts and expertise to meet global development needs in sectors where Romania can bring an added value, by sharing its transition experience. The Mobility fund is a multiannual project financed from the development cooperation budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania and implemented in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme - Regional Center for Europe and Central Asia (UNDP).

Who can apply?

The applicants for the Mobility Fund can be: governmental experts, local administration experts and, in exceptional and justified cases, representatives of the civil society and the private sector, when the governmental experts cannot provide the required expertise.



Easy to use

It helps avoid long and bureaucratic procurement processes



Flexible

It allows immediate response to the beneficiary's ad hoc needs



Value for money

The assistance is strategically placed and timely delivered



How is the Mobility Fund perceived by its beneficiaries?



Forges partnerships

It encourages network development and best-practice sharing among homologue public institutions



Used as seed funding to explore new projects and partnerships

Eligible activities

Eligible activities may include: participation in workshops/working meetings; consultancy/training activities where the beneficiaries are homologue institutions, provided that the applicants are involved as resource persons. Priority will be given to activities that have practical objectives (such as: experience sharing, contributions to project-based activities, training activities and development of studies/reports); proposals that respond to Romania's development cooperation strategic priorities, (such as: transition to democracy, democratic governance, administrative reform, electoral reform, conflict resolution, environment protection, etc.); public institutions that already have a good cooperation with homologue institutions in the beneficiary country and that aim at developing common programmes and leverage additional funding (Twinning, Cross Border Cooperation, other EU financial instruments).

Examples of eligible activities

From 2013 to 2016 43 missions were conducted between Romania and the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, Tunisia, Egypt and Iraq, as part of the Mobility fund for governmental experts.

Example of missions:



needs assessments on a specific theme for the beneficiary institution;



sharing Romania's experience and expertise in fields as: child protection, anti-corruption, competition policy, food safety and consumer protection, etc.;



professional trainings in fields such as: project management, sanitary-veterinary, or public communications;



projects monitoring.

Steps to follow

Eligible costs

The Mobility funds covers transportation costs; daily subsistence allowance (DSA), as per the UNDP list of DSA rates around the world, interpretation and/or visa costs, where required.

Application process

Applications for the Mobility fund are received on a permanent basis. If the application is eligible, the funds will be granted on the “first come, first served” basis. In the evaluation process, the focus will be on the objectives of the mission and the reasoning for requesting the finance.

The application form is available online on the RoAid website, at roaid.ro. The complete applications must be sent to the UNDP representative, Anamaria Chis, at anamaria.chis@undp.org at least 10 working days prior to the event/meeting/project. Within maxim 5 working days from the receipt of the complete application, the applicant will receive a response regarding the application. In case of acceptance, the flight ticket will be procured by UNDP in the shortest time possible, and the DSA will be transferred in USD, to the applicant’s bank account.

Once the Mobility fund mission is finalized, the applicant must send to UNDP within the next 15 days the following documents:

-  Boarding passes in original
-  Activity report (with clear presentation of the achieved results)

The boarding passes must be sent in hard copy to UN House, 48A, Primaverii Boulevard, district 1, Bucharest, Romania, while the activity report can be sent via email to anamaria.chis@undp.org. More information about this is available on roaid.ro.



#1

The governmental expert submits her/his application



#2

The Advisory Board analyzes the application



#3

The Secretariat manages the logistics of the mission



#4

The expert conducts the mission in the partner country



#5

The expert submits the mission report and boarding passes

10 working days

Testimonials from beneficiaries

Mirela Oprea, World Vision

„The Mobility fund is a tremendous instrument. [...] Light procedures, maximum results, great satisfaction. In 2016 alone I have contributed to creating 3 deployments of experts from Romania, Republic of Moldova, Armenia and Ukraine. The amount of breakthrough ideas that came out of these exchanges was amazing and translated in improved legislation, strategies and reform plans. Which ultimately, in my field, mean a better life for children.”



Cristian Plesa, National Administration of Penitentiaries, Ministry of Justice

„The Mobility fund for governmental experts is an extraordinarily and effective tool given the time required to prepare and implement an activity. The information needed was provided timely throughout the application process. [...]”



**Adrian Juganaru and Bogdan Haiducu,
General Inspectorate of Romanian Police, Ministry of Internal Affairs**

„The Mobility fund for governmental experts, funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was a highly motivating and captivating experience, because we had the chance to meet new people, with vision, interested in trainings and personal development. We were pleasantly surprised by the simple way of accessing this fund and by the enthusiasm, dedication and the excellent background of the mission’s organizers.”