



ROMANIA



INTRODUCTION

The principalities of Wallachia and Moldavia - for centuries under the suzerainty of the Turkish Ottoman Empire - secured their autonomy in 1856; they were de facto linked in 1859 and formally united in 1862 under the new name of Romania. The country gained recognition of its independence in 1878.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Klaus Werner IOHANNIS

Head of Government

Prime Minister Nicolae CIUCA

Government Type

semi-presidential republic

Capital

Bucharest

Legislature

bicameral Parliament or Parlament consists of the Senate or Senat (136 seats) and the Chamber of Deputies or Camera Deputatilor (330 seats)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 238,391 sq km

Land: 229,891 sq km

Water: 8,500 sq km

Climate

temperate; cold, cloudy winters with frequent snow and fog; sunny summers with frequent showers and thunderstorms

Natural Resources

petroleum (reserves declining), timber, natural gas, coal, iron ore, salt, arable land, hydropower

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

high-income, service- and industrial-based European economy; EU member but non-euro user until convergence criteria met; sustained growth prior to COVID-19; major FDI recipient; flat taxation structure; digital hub of Eastern Europe

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity) \$556.1 billion (2020 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$28,800 (2020 est.)

Industries - electric machinery and equipment, auto assembly, textiles, footwear, light machinery, metallurgy, chemicals, food processing, petroleum refining, mining, timber

Agricultural products - maize, wheat, milk, sunflower seed, potatoes, barley, grapes, sugar beets, rapeseed, plums/sloes

Exports \$93.01 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, insulated wiring, refined petroleum, electrical control boards, seats (2019)

partners: Germany 22%, Italy 10%, France 7% (2019)

Imports \$104.2 billion (2020 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, crude petroleum, packaged medicines, insulated wiring, broadcasting equipment (2019)

partners: Germany 19%, Italy 9%, Hungary 7%, Poland 6%, China 5%, France 5% (2019)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

21.2 million (July 2021 est.)

Population Growth

-0.38% (2021 est.)

Ethnicity

Romanian 83.4%, Hungarian 6.1%, Romani 3.1%, Ukrainian 0.3%, German 0.2%, other 0.7%, unspecified 6.1% (2011 est.)

Language

Romanian (official) 85.4%, Hungarian 6.3%, Romani 1.2%, other 1%, unspecified 6.1% (2011 est.)

Religion

Eastern Orthodox (including all sub-denominations) 81.9%, Protestant (various denominations including Reformed and Pentecostal) 6.4%, Roman Catholic 4.3%, other (includes Muslim) 0.9%, none or atheist 0.2%, unspecified 6.3% (2011 est.)

