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## Communication material

DG REFORM, the European Commission's Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support, has announced the successful completion of its project to improve the regulatory framework in municipal waste management in Romania. The project, which was conducted in collaboration with the National Regulatory Authority for Public Utilities Community Services (ANRSC) and the ASCENT Team (ICF – Civitta Romania – EPMC Consulting SRL), ran from October 2021 to April 2023 and was a significant step forward in improving the waste management sector in Romania.

The project aimed to develop the capabilities of applying economic instruments in the field of waste management and to support the operationalization of the integrated waste management systems (IWMS). As part of the project, national and regional sectoral analyses were carried out in the management of waste and the circular economy. The project also contributed to the identification of the best practices in the implementation of economic instruments for the management of waste and the circular economy from other EU Member States.

In the context of the sanitation legislation reform process and the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) milestone from quarter III 2022, DG REFORM worked closely with ANRSC to ensure project management and contributed to the identification of methodologies for applying economic instruments in the tariff policy, such as the Circular Economy Contribution (CEC), Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and Pay As You Throw (PAYT).

The ASCENT Team (ICF – Civitta Romania – EPMC Consulting SRL) provided important digitization recommendations for ANRSC in order to streamline the implementation of economic tools for municipal waste management. Additionally, The ASCENT Team provided trainings to strengthen the capacity of ANRSC for 50+ own structures (local and central) and 90+ local public authorities and intercommunity development associations (IDA).

The conclusions and recommendations formulated within this project contributed to the proposals regarding economic instruments application to amend the legislative framework in the field of national waste management.

DG REFORM was pleased to be part of this important project and contributed to the harmonization of national legislation with the European legislation in Romania.

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