

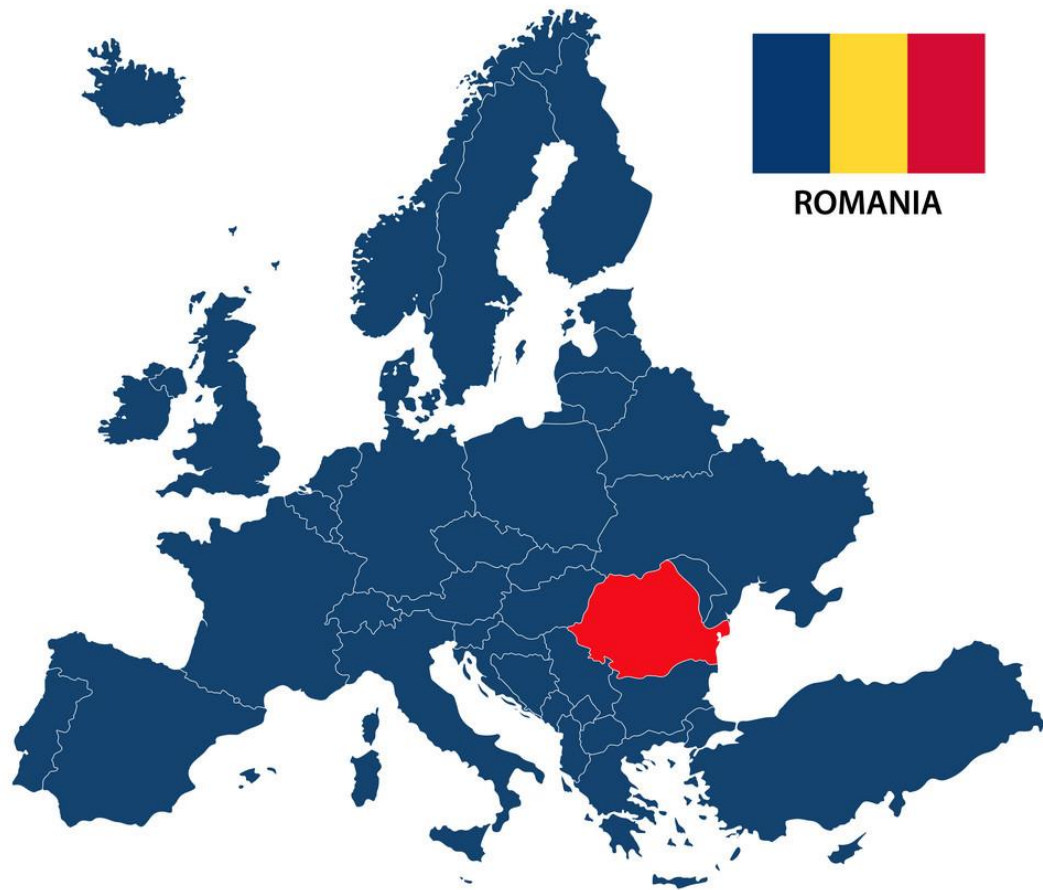


ACT NOW

National Report - ROMANIA

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ROMANIA

General

- **Size of country, population**
 - 238.397 sqkm
 - 19.500.000 (2018 annual estimate) – and declining (decrease of fertility and birth rate, increase of emigration)
- **Average income**
 - 510 EUR (2018)

General

- **Socio-economic profile**

- Fast developing, high income mixed economy with a very high Human Development Index and a skilled labour force
- Romania is a high income economy. One of the poorest EU member states, but also one of the fastest developing. It is marked by a large rural population and big socio-economic gaps between large cities and rural and small urban regions. Over 20% of the Romanian workforce currently resides abroad, mostly in the EU

General

- **Socio-economic profile**

- The Government's priorities for 2018–20 include the improved absorption of European Union (EU) funds and a focus on securing investments in infrastructure, improving health care, reforming the pension system, and simplifying tax administration
- An aging population, significant tax evasion, insufficient health care, and an aggressive loosening of the fiscal package jeopardize the low fiscal deficit and public debt and are the economy's top vulnerabilities

General

- **Percentage of people living in poverty**
 - In line with robust economic growth, the share of the population at risk of poverty or social exclusion decreased from a peak value of 47% in 2007 to 35.7% in 2017
- **Unemployment rate**
 - 3.9% in January 2019
- **Education levels**
 - adult literacy rate: 97.3% (2004)
 - 18.1% (2018) school drop-out rate

Health

*Note: emigration rate of medical staff – 9% (in 2013)
compared to EU average of 2.5%.*

- **Health system set up**
 - universal health care system with social health insurance system
- **Health service provision**
 - 80% of total health financing comes from public sources
- **Public / private**
 - 428 public and 25 private hospitals (2010)
 - 6.2 beds / 1000 people
- **Amount spent by state per head**
 - 5% of GDP (the lowest in EU)

Psychosocial impact of visible differences

- Attitudes to visible difference
 - N/A study.
 - Generally mixed. Depending on socio-cultural status of each individual.
 - By our experience
 - increased rate of abandonment of children with cranio-facial malformations in orphanages
 - social marginalisation in school/at work
 - difficult integration in work field

Psychosocial impact of visible differences

- **Available support**
 - Easy access: Surgery
 - Difficult access: Psychological counselling, therapy

Country specific needs/issues

- People education over the acceptance of others with conditions resulting in visible differences
- Laws and regulations to defend the marginalised people at work
- Programs to prevent discrimination
- Programs to improve the qualification and employment of affected people
- Increased access of people to good psychologists, plasticians and dentists (orthodontists) by financially stimulating them to work into the public hospitals – covered by insurances.
- Hospital corruption control

“Marie S. Curie” Emergency Clinical Hospital for Children Bucharest, Romania

General

- Tertiary center
- General pediatric hospital
- 500 beds over 230,000 sqft

“Marie S. Curie” Emergency Clinical Hospital for Children Bucharest, Romania

Staff composition

- 800 employees / 130 physicians
- General paediatricians (and subspecialties – oncology, nephrology, gastroenterology, metabolic disease, pneumology, cardiology etc.), pediatric surgeons (general, cardiovascular, ENT, neurosurgeons, orthopaedic), ICU doctors, and anaesthesiologists, NICU doctors, radiologists.
- Working in collaboration with orthodontists, general dentistry, endocrinology, allergology specialists, speech therapists, cranio-facial surgeons, audiologists.
- General and specialized nurses and caretakers
- Administrative and organisational staff

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Who treated and numbers

- Various conditions with high grade of difficulty.
- Multidisciplinary approach
- Approx. 5000 surgeries / year
- 130-150 primary and secondary surgeries for cleft / year

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What kind of treatment is offered

- Emergency unit for pediatric medical/surgical patients
- Various medical and surgical treatments and procedures for acute and chronic conditions.
- To our concern: cleft lip and palate repair, pharyngoplasty, plastic surgery lip and nose revision, ENT treatment of associated pathology, audiology evaluation and hearing aids/cochlear implants, speech therapy