

# ROMANIA



**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC FINANCE  
MINISTER'S OFFICE**

**Ladies and gentlemen,  
Dear colleagues,**

Allow me to start by expressing the appreciation for the Bank team efforts made during the last months. It's been a tremendous work and the information provided by the management contributed to a better understanding of the Bank's future challenges and outstanding issues. We take note of the strategies and actions proposed for the next Strategic and Capital Framework as a top priority. While the Bank may have the expertise and tools to step/ expand in other regions, allow me to remind ourselves that its core mandate remains in fostering transition. Therefore, we strongly encourage a continuous, dynamic and innovative presence of the Bank in all our Countries of Operation.

Cooperation with other partners, IFIs and DFIs, should remain though a main principle to be considered when assessing the future European financial architecture for development. We do hope that the report to be produced by the selected consultants will describe the most viable option for the future so that the strengths and comparative advantages of relevant financing institutions are best used.

The Bank has also played an active role in the COVID-19 pandemic situation whereas global mobilization is required in order to protect our people.

Policymakers across the globe are rightly focused on protecting public health, stabilizing economies, and helping those whose livelihoods are at stake. But if recovery from the crisis is to be sustainable - if our world is to become more resilient - we must do everything in our power to promote a "green recovery."

As a final remark, I wish to convey to the Board of Directors and to the Management wisdom and strength to continue their work, as opportunities and challenges facing the EBRD remain as great as ever!