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 Depuaturilor (330 seats)

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 84.3%, 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.)

as of March 2022