



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. Romania joined NATO in 2004 and the EU in 2007.

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Klaus Werner IOHANNIS

Head of Government

Prime Minister Marcel CIOLACU

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)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Dan Andrei MURARU

US Ambassador

Ambassador Kathleen KAVALEC

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) \$619.0 billion (2022 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity) \$32,500 (2022 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 seeds, potatoes, barley, grapes, sugar beets, rapeseed, plums/sloes

Exports \$129.2 billion (2022 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, insulated wiring, refined petroleum, electrical control boards, seats (2021)

partners: Germany 20%, Italy 10%, France 6%, Hungary 5%, Poland 4% (2021)

Imports \$149.9 billion (2022 est.)

cars/vehicle parts, crude petroleum, packaged medicines, insulated wiring, broadcasting equipment (2021)

partners: Germany 19%, Italy 9%, Hungary 7%, Poland 6%, China 6% (2021)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

18.3 million (2023 est.)

Population Growth

-1.01% (2023 est.)

Ethnicity

Romanian 89.3%, Hungarian 6%, Romani 3.4%, Ukrainian 0.3%, German 0.1%, other 0.9%, (2021 est.)

Language

Romanian (official) 91.6%, Hungarian 6.3%, Romani 1.2%, other 0.7% (2021 est.)

Religion

Romanian Orthodox 85.3%, Roman Catholic 4.5%, Reformed 3%, Pentecostal 2.5%, other 4.7% (2021 est.)