

# Convergence Romania Financial Sector Modernization

## Special Projects Initiative Public-Private Steering Committee



## Amendment of the Anti-Money Laundering Law

<http://www.spi-romania.eu/program-2007/anti-money-laundering-aml-law/>

### SPI Committee Meeting July 25, 2007

#### Project Objective:

To draft a proposal for amending the anti-money laundering law, according to the provisions of the EU Third Directive and in line with the banks' needs for rationalizing the AML reporting and avoidance of legal and reputational risks and with the competent authorities' requirements for high standards for anti-money laundering.

#### Project Working Group Activities

**PWG Members: 12**

**PWG Meetings: 9**

##### Public stakeholders

- National Bank of Romania;
- Ministry of Public Finance;
- AML Office.

##### Private stakeholders

- Banking sector (7 banks)
- ANPC.

#### Project Main Steps

Nov. 06: First PWG Meeting

Dec 06: Appointment of the AML Office representative as DPM

March 07: RBA approval on the law amendment proposals

April 07: Concluding discussions with the AML Office on a couple of amendment proposals

April 27: SPI Committee endorses the law amendment proposals and sends them to MEF for legislative enactment

**May-June: Law amendment proposals undertake MEF internal review.**

#### Summary of Impact Assessment

**X**: First full year, **Y**: 5-year NPV (mln RON)

1. Government: tax revenues\* (1,8; 14);
2. Banks: net benefits (11, 88 )
3. Consumers: more efficient and cheaper transactions.

\*=Levied on Banks profits due to savings

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## Project Team

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## **Project Status Report**

**Prepared by the SPI Secretariat  
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### **I. Actions undertaken in April – June 2007**

#### **April 2007**

The law amendment proposal prepared by the PWG was approved by the SPI Committee, *marking the successful achievement of the project objective*. The SPI Committee members asked the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF) to take the legislative initiative and expressed their support throughout all the enactment process.

#### **May-June 2007**

The law amendment proposals undertake an internal review process by MEF. The SPI Secretariat liaised on an ongoing basis with MEF on the legislative proposal enactment and provided all the necessary enactment documents: impact assessment analyses, EU directives compliance tables, etc.

#### **June 2007**

The PWG is informed that another proposal for amending Law no. 656/2002 is in under preparation by the AML Office with the support of Transparency International. The law amendment proposals aim at aligning the ML/TF sanctioning with international practices and have to be sent to the Parliament by September.

### **II. Proposed next steps**

**SPI Secretariat** will continue to provide support to MEF in the enactment process. Also, in order to speed up the enactment of the SPI law amendment proposals, the SPI Secretariat will support MEF to ensure coordination of the two legislative initiatives.

**The project management group** will participate in the parliamentary specialized commissions' discussions when the law amendment proposals will be discussed.

### **III. Proposed SPI Committee decision**

The SPI Committee will continue to monitor the progress with the new law enactment.