ANOUNCEMENT
on the initiation of the public consultation process
regarding the draft National Energy and Climate Change Plan 2021-2030

In accordance with the provisions of the proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Energy Efficiency Governance, each Member State will have to notify the European Commission of a draft of the National Integrated Plan for Energy and Climate Change 2021-2030 (NIPECC) by 31 December 2018, the final form of which will be finalized following discussions with the European Commission and transmitted to it by 31 December 2019.

The proposal for a Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union was issued at the end of November 2016 as part of the "Clean Energy for All European Citizens" package of measures. It proposes the establishment of a mechanism to implement strategies and measures aimed at achieving the objectives of the Energy Union on energy security, the energy market, energy efficiency, decarbonization and research, innovation and competitiveness. The mechanism provides for a reporting system to ensure the timeliness, transparency, accuracy, coherence, comparability and completeness of the information provided by the Member States. This system should allow timely evaluation of progress and projections for meeting EU energy policy objectives and agreed climate and energy targets in each country.

The elaboration of the NIPECC is a complex and highly accountable process requiring the collaboration of all energy / climate change institutions / entities with an impact on the establishment and implementation of national targets on energy and climate change and development of action plans to achieve them. The NIPECC will include national targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with ESR and LULUCF, renewable and energy efficiency that will be assumed by the Government of Romania and subsequently monitored internally by the institutions responsible for each area and assessed periodically by the European Commission. PNIESC will be a strategic document with action measures that will direct Romania's development over the next few decades.

In order to coordinate at national level the elaboration of the PNIESC, the Government of Romania approved, through the Memorandum on "Integrated National Plans for Energy and Climate Change", the setting up of a Working Group led by the Secretaries of state of the Ministry of Energy and the Ministry of Environment, which coordinates the entire process of elaboration of PNIESC. The working group includes decision makers from the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration, Ministry of European Funds, Ministry of Research and Innovation, Ministry of Waters and Forests, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ministry of Transport, National Institute of Statistics, National Commission for Strategy and Prognosis, National Regulatory Authority for Energy, Transelectrica SA, Transgaz SA and OPCOM.

In order to carry out the sectoral analyzes and assessments necessary for the elaboration of the NIPECC and the integration of the available information at the level of all the institutions involved in the
elaboration of the NIPECC, a consultancy company, Deloitte Consultanta SRL was selected to support the Government of Romania in the action for the elaboration of PNIESC. NIPECC is targeting the period 2021-2030 and is elaborated, according to Annex I of the Regulation, in the following main sections:
(a) a general overview of the process followed for the establishment of the UNEP, consisting of a summary, a description of the consultation and involvement of stakeholders and their outcomes and of regional cooperation with other Member States in the process of drawing up the plan;
(b) a description of the national objectives and contributions for each of the five dimensions of the Energy Union;
(c) a description of the policies and measures envisaged to achieve the objectives and corresponding contributions set out in point (b);
(d) a description of the current situation of the five dimensions of the Energy Union (energy security, integration of European energy markets, energy efficiency, decarbonization, research, innovation and competitiveness), including energy and gas emissions and absorption greenhouse gas emissions and projections related to the objectives referred to in point (b), in relation to policies and measures already in place (implemented and adopted);
(e) an assessment of the impact of the policies and measures planned to achieve the objectives referred to in point (b);
(f) an Annex, drawn up in accordance with the requirements and structure set out in Annex II to the Regulation, setting out the methodologies and policy measures of the Member State to meet the energy-saving requirement in accordance with Article 7 of Directive 2012/27/EU [amended version in accordance with proposal COM (2016) 761] and Annex V thereto.

Taking into account the importance and implications of the NIPECC on the development of Romania in the coming period, the Ministry of Energy submits the PNIESC project to the public consultation, with the purpose of collecting from interested parties suggestions, suggestions and opinions worth recommending on this strategic document.
To this end, we attach the draft of the Integrated National Plan for Energy and Climate Change 2021-2030.
Proposals, opinions and suggestions, along with their contact details, can be submitted in writing at e-mail address mircea.sandu@energie.gov.ro, until 10.12.2018, 12.00 hours.