

UNDP launches training programmes for the Presidential Administration

A public launch of generalized staff training under UNDP project “Strengthening the Institutional Capacity of the Presidential Administration of Romania” was held on 20 May 2003 at the Presidential Administration under the high patronage of HE Ion Iliescu, President of Romania.



From left to right: President Ion Iliescu, Peter Newton (UNPD Deputy Resident Representative), Maarten Rusch (Embassy of the Netherlands), Florin Lupescu (Presidential Administration, Project Director)

This UNDP project funded by The Netherlands aims to increase the capacity of the Presidential Administration to develop a strategic vision for Romania’s future. As part of the training component, three important programmes were launched for the entire staff of the Presidency: the European Computer Driving License (ECDL), English language (with the British Council) and French language (with the French Institute) courses.

“Romania’s advance towards Euro-Atlantic integration is conditioned by the improvement of its administrative capacity” highlighted President Iliescu, acknowledging “the permanent support that we receive from the UNDP” in this effort.

Peter Newton, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative, stressed that the training programmes are integral part of a consistent design to turn the Presidential Administration into a showcase for public administration reform in Romania, and referred to other results achieved under the UNDP project: integrated electronic document management system, interactive Internet portal, e-petitions application, development of strategic policymaking capacities. He then introduced a new concept that UNDP and its partners are developing: “We are currently working with our friends in the Presidency and with other partners at a new concept that will establish a cross-institutional strategic thinking capacity at the core of governance in Romania. We are supporting President Iliescu’s farsighted initiative to engage all relevant stakeholders in formulating a strategic vision for Romania’s future – the National Strategy for Sustainable Development.”

Addresses by the other panellists – Mr. Maarten Rusch (Embassy of the Netherlands), H.E. Quinton Quayle (Ambassador of the United Kingdom), Philippe Etienne (Ambassador of France), and Mr. Florin Pogonaru (President of ECDL Romania) praised the achievements of the project, the change process initiated at the Presidential Administration, and expressed their commitment to support the training programmes.

After the event, President Iliescu visited the UNDP project office at the Cotroceni Palace, where he congratulated the project team for the results achieved so far in strengthening the institutional capacity of the Presidency.

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