The Mobility Fund: An overview

- **What is it?**
  Rapid response instrument that facilitates the quick transfer of Romanian experts and expertise to respond to the ad-hoc needs of Romania’s partner countries

- **Funding:**
  Romanian MFA
Eligibility

- **Eligibility criteria:**
  - Missions that address emergency/unforeseen development needs of partner countries
  - Activities must result in tangible deliverables (trainings, reports, etc.)
  - Focus is placed on experience-sharing
  - Missions that respond to Romania’s development cooperation strategic priorities (such as: transition to democracy, governance, administrative reform, electoral reform, conflict resolution, environment protection, etc.)

- **Eligible applicants:**
  - Government experts (exceptional cases: civil society)

- **Eligible costs:**
  - Travel (flight tickets and per diem)
  - Interpretation and/or visa costs, where required
Key features

- **It is easy to use** (helps avoid long and bureaucratic procurement processes);
- **It ensures flexibility** (allows immediate response to beneficiary's ad hoc needs)
- **It brings value for money** (aid is strategically placed and timely delivered)
- **It forges partnerships** (encourages network development and best-practice sharing among homologue public institutions)
- **It can be used as seed funding** to explore new projects and partnerships
Application process – Steps to follow

#1 The governmental expert submits her/his application

#2 The Advisory Board analyses the application

#3 The Secretariat manages the logistics of the mission

#4 The expert conducts the mission in the partner country

#5 The expert submits the mission report and boarding passes
Results in a nutshell

- 44 missions implemented in over 3 years with 7 countries (Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Ukraine, Georgia, Tunisia, Irak, Armenia, Egypt)

- **Type of missions:**
  - Needs assessment / fact finding (14 missions)
  - Provision of expertise/experience sharing (15 missions)
  - Professional trainings (12 missions)
  - Project monitoring (4 missions)