



Prefectura Județului
Constanța



ROYAL NORWEGIAN EMBASSY



Ministerul Economiei
și Finanțelor

INVITATION

Regional Promotion Seminar Norwegian Cooperation Programme and the EEA Financial Mechanism

Dear Madame / Sir,

The **Royal Norwegian Embassy in Romania, Innovation Norway** and the **Ministry of Economy and Finance**, in cooperation with the **Prefect's Office in Constanța, the Honorary Consulate of Norway to Constanța and the Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Shipping and Agriculture Constanța**, request the pleasure of your participation in the "Regional Seminar for the Promotion of the Norwegian Cooperation Programme and the EEA Financial Mechanism", on **8 April 2008, starting 9.30 am, at IBIS Hotel, Ovidiu Hall, 39B-41 Mircea cel Bătran St., Constanța.**

In conformity with the Treaty of Adhesion to the European Union, Romania signed the Agreement for the European Economic Area on 25 July 2007 („EEA Agreement”). In the framework of this Agreement, Romania will benefit of 98,5 million Euro worth non-reimbursable assistance in support of its economic growth and sustainable development, in the process of aligning the country's economy to the medium level of the Internal Market.

The non-reimbursable assistance is channelled through two financial mechanisms, the Norwegian Cooperation Programme (48 mil. Euros) and the EEA Financial Mechanism (50,5 mil. Euros), and will go into projects covering sectors such as environment, energy, sustainable production, health, cultural heritage and human resource development.

Eligible applicants include Romanian public and private institutions, companies and non-governmental organizations. Detailed information on the two mechanisms is available at: www.norwaygrants.org, www.eegrants.org, www.fonduri-ue.ro/eegrants.

The morning session of the event, in accordance with the attached draft agenda, will offer you a practical overview on how the two programmes operate, eligibility, application process and funding procedures. The afternoon workshop will present case studies and project cooperation opportunities in two priority sectors covered by the mechanisms: sustainable production and human resource development with focus on the maritime sector.

Please confirm your participation by 4 April 2008, by phone at 0241-549515 or by e-mail: grigorescu@ccina.ro.

We look forward to your participation in the launching seminar!

Sincerely yours,

Øystein Hovdinn
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