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**Europe 2020 – Romania's challenges**

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# Presentation Structure

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2. Main challenges - implementation
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# Setting targets for Romania

- ✓ Department for European Affairs is coordinating the process
- ✓ Expert level and political level working groups have been established.
- ✓ Targets approved by Government in June (Memorandum)



Indicator	EU		Romania	
	2008	2020	2008	2020
Employment rate	70%	<b>75%</b>	64.4%	<b>70%</b>
R&D Expenditure	1.90%	<b>3%</b>	0.58%	<b>2%</b>
Reducing greenhouse gas emissions		<b>20%</b>		<b>20%</b>
Reducing energy consumption		<b>20%</b>		<b>19%</b>
Share of energy from renewable sources		<b>20%</b>		<b>24%</b>
Early school leavers	14.9%	<b>10%</b>	15.9%	<b>11.3%</b>
Tertiary education	31.1%	<b>40%</b>	15.9%	<b>26.7%</b>
Poverty rate	16%	<b>12.5%</b>	18.2%	<b>16%</b>



# Main challenges

*“Romanian administration has three main problems: implementation, implementation, implementation”* – Jonathan Scheele, Head of EC Delegation in Romania, 2005

**What is the status of *Europe 2020* and how we ensure policies are developed and implemented to meet the targets?**



# Main challenges

- Government priority setting – missing
- Ad-hoc decision making – rule of the system
- Interministerial coordination is limited
- EU Affairs is *special*
- Policy planning capacities – limited and scattered
- Overseeing implementation and policy adjustments – not practice for Romanian administration
- No clear policy link with budget



# Main challenges

## Political aspects

- Clear political support:
  - PM involvement
  - Top-down approach
- Government approval of Ro Strategy 2020
- Policymaking (law drafting) to respect procedures

## Administration/System

- Integrated approach to planning
- DEA plays role in policy coordination
  - IAs to check effects over 2020 targets
  - cooperates with GSG
- Internal and external monitoring system for strategy
- Fiscal Strategy connected with Europe 2020



# Recommendations

**No medium/long term overarching strategy**

Limited policy coordination capacity

Underdeveloped M&E system

Policy coordination procedures

System for EU Affairs coordination

Need for policy link with budget

International pressure for reforms



**Romania 2020 as main long term policy document**

*Use all policy coordination capacity*

*Add relevant national policy areas*

*Policy start point for Fiscal strategy*