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Expression of Interest addressed to Potential Partners

We, the Institute of National Economy, of the Romanian Academy are one of the most renowned public economic research institutions in our country, with a working experience in fundamental, applied and multi-disciplinary research spread over more than fifty years. The Institute of National Economy as core representative of Romanian economic research has pursued the developments of both Romanian and international economy and after the ground-breaking reorganization during the nineties was closely involved through research programmes in Romania's restructuring and privatization process, and the country's accession efforts.

The departments of the Institute reflect the wide concerns and research topics covered in thematic areas ranging from **macroeconomic effects of restructuring and privatization in Romania, the correlation between economic development, employment, incomes formation and distribution, human development, corporative governance, industrial relations and impacts of various strategy and policy measures to competitiveness, territorial and social cohesion, resources, demographic, health and environmental concerns**, all focused on providing assistance to Romanian and European public and private interested bodies and organizations.

In the last twenty years our Institute represented by experienced researchers contributed in elaborating strategies, policies, measures and recommendations, and was involved in several European and international successful programmes and projects (PHARE, MATRA, structural funds projects particularly relating to competitiveness, cohesion, rural and urban approaches of poverty, CEE, SEE, Black Sea programmes/projects in consortia built together with representatives of ILO, ETUC, EIRO, W3IPO, CLR Institute and we also have bilateral cooperation agreements signed with Ukraine, Russia and Moldova, etc.). Other European grants, etc.). Our researchers have elaborated and published numerous books, papers and provided contributions to Romanian, European, international journals and publications representing pertinent viewpoints and supplying sound insights about economic development and its relationships to other essential components of the society, in both their capacities as scientific researchers and university professors.

The vast experience gathered both before and after 1989, was put to good use in designing the departments of the Institute so as to make them lean and flexible, and based on the entailed experience able to answer concerns on the following main lines:

- *Economic development*: factors of national economy's sustainable development, multidisciplinary strategic approaches, impact analyses of EU accession, FDI, infrastructures' revamp, modernization and renewal; health and environmental protection; economic and social aspects; SME development. The last years widened the department's expertise with economy of crisis, and broadening of sectorial research with copyright industry, tourism and horeca, cultural industries and processing industries, etc.
- *Management and institutional structures of the national economy*: governance and public administration institutions and efficiency; theories, models, strategies and policies for regional economic/social development; social cohesion and territorial disparities at local/regional level both in Romania and other countries; urban management and planning; regional convergence and cohesion (issues, approaches, solutions); community integration and social inclusion; decentralization and deconcentration; subsidiarity; schemes for sustainable public-private partnerships.
- *Competitiveness, technical progress and knowledge-based economy*: technical progress and innovation – factors of efficiency and competitiveness for national economies; RDI triggered efficiency and competitiveness (analyses, assessments, evaluations); substantiation/practical implementation of strategies

and policies for attaining the objectives of the knowledge-based economy; endogenous economic growth and factors' total productivity models development; multi- and interdisciplinary approaches in the RDI field.

- *Development and social cohesion*: economic and social pillars of human development; relationships between objectives and instruments of social policy and analyses, assessments on specific fields of interest: income, consumption, health; human development factors of cohesion and social inclusion (alleviating poverty, social assistance, etc.); elaborating sound local/regional development models according to territorial and social profile; analysis and forecast methods and models for the social phenomena and processes, social economy, health and pension system reforms, etc.
- *Economy of human resources*: active population structure (types, evolution, effects on economy, ITC impact on job content, educational-professional structures and careers); employment and non-standardized employment, mechanisms and means of ensuring labour market balance (employment-wage-unemployment-inflation correlations); mobility and migration processes, labour force movement; education, vocational training and human capital fostering within the knowledge-based society, globalization process and climate change; effects of remuneration systems, of incomes' formation and distribution on sustainable economic growth and social cohesion; social accountability of companies and corporations with respect to human capital; studies on industrial relations development, informal economy and employment, wage policies, labour market reform for the public sector, economy of education, human resources' sustainable development, lifelong learning, etc.
- *Theory and history of the national economy*: Romanian economic schools of thinking; trends and particularities of Romania's economic development in the past centuries, and especially in the 19th and 20th century; Romania in the context of international economic thinking trends – theory and practice within actual economic development; trends of Romania's economy within the world context; elaborating and testing economic-mathematical models for growth and development.

The experience gathered while developing national, European and international programmes, projects and other relevant activities, has helped both the Institute and the scientific researchers in gaining unique know-how in dealing with both theoretic and practical aspects of research topics, in assisting the decision-making processes of beneficiaries, and aiding in reaching overall consensus in the case of sensitive topics or with a high-degree of uncertainty.

The Institute is committed to collaborative and collegial research and we will welcome discussions with potential partners in the ESPON framework especially regarding the following research themes:

- **The territorial dimension of Poverty and Social Exclusion in Europe;**
- **Economic Crises: Resilience of Regions;**
- **Growth Poles in South-East of Europe /GROSEE.**

We are also interested in the research themes European Neighbour Regions and Small and Medium sized Towns in their Functional Territorial Context.

The role envisaged for the future collaboration under the ESPON project proposals is as project partner.

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