

**Expectations and realities of Romanian European integration of Romanian SME sector**

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SME is the most numerous and important business, performing multiple economic, technical and social functions. After Romania joined the European Union came into force many acts and a large part of their obligation regulate business (in competition, consumer protection, labor relations, health and safety at work, environmental protection, etc.). It is therefore very important to know the level of information of the Romanian SMEs in relation to regulations introduced after 1 January 2007. This work paper is structured in three parts: the first chapter is a short presentation of SME sector evolution – from centralized economy to open market, the second chapter evidences the factors of success of Romanian SME sector in pre-accession of European Union period and the third part reflects the expectations and realities of EU integration of Romanian SME sector. The analysis is based on the results of a survey conducted nationwide on the SME sector, putting in evidence the perception of small and medium enterprises on the adhesion of Romania to the European Union, on opportunities and threats arise with.

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