

## THE HEAD OF PUBLIC ORDER AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT ANGHEL ANDREESCU AT THE REUNION OF THE GROUP FOR COORDINATING THE NATIONAL STRATEGY ON IMMIGRATION

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Secretary of state, head of the Public and Safety Department within MAI, Anghel Andreescu, participated on Wednesday, November 21st, 2012, in the 32nd Reunion of the Group for Coordinating the Enforcement of the National Strategy on Immigration.

In the opening of the reunion, Anghel Andreescu - the president of the coordinating group stated that migration is a predictable phenomenon in the present context, and that it did not have to be regarded as a threat, but as a fact which, if it is well dealt with, could play an important part in the economic development of the destination countries, as well as in the fight against poverty in the origin countries of the immigrants.

“The Romanian authorities which are responsible for tackling the immigration phenomenon have to enhance the activity meant to attract those categories of immigrants which can make a contribution to some sensible areas, with a direct impact on the economic development and in close relation with the programmatic documents and policies adopted at the EU level, in compliance with the immigrants’ rights as well”, underlined the secretary of state, head of the Public Order and Safety Department Anghel Andreescu.

In his speech, the MAI official also referred to the fact that Romania would align with the EU policies in this domain, showing solidarity and sharing responsibilities with the member states, including in the matters related to the financial requirements derived from the development of the joint actions.

In the context of the Romania’s accession to the Schengen area, the alignment of the national policies in the area of migration and asylum with the UE ones represents a priority for achieving a justice and security area.

The working session was also attended by the general inspector of the General Inspectorate for Immigration, representatives of the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Protection, Ministry of Administration and Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Business Affairs, Ministry of Health, the National Institute for Statistics and the Romanian Health Insurance House.

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For implementing the National Strategy on Immigration for 2011-2014, passed by the GO No 498/2011, according to the propositions put forward by the institutional components of the Group, the Action Plan for 2013 was drafted, and the reviewed document will be forwarded to the General Directorate for Legal Affairs within the Ministry of Administration and Interior for further inter-institutional approval.

The National Action Plan for 2013 provides specific activities leading to a flexible system for stopping the increasingly more aggressive migration phenomenon, so that Romanian could meet the standards implied by its status as a EU member state, for achieving the objectives it assumed in the process of the Schengen accession process.