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## SUBJECTS OF THE MOMENT

DEBATE IN THE EU IMPORTANT FOR ROMANIA: WILL THE FUTURE EUROPEAN FUNDS BE CONDITIONAL ON REFORMS AS IN PNRR OR WILL THEY BE ALLOCATED UNCONDITIONALLY?

*G4 Media.ro, 21.06.2024*

A heated debate is taking place in the European Union regarding the allocation of future European funds to Romania. The main question is whether these funds will be conditional on implementing strict reforms, similar to the National Recovery...

ROMANIA RECEIVES FORMAL OECD APPROVAL ON REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

*Euractiv.ro, 10.07.2024*

As part of Romania's accession process to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Committee for Regional Development Policy has adopted its formal opinion, which confirms Romania's capacity to implement the OECD...

ROMANIA AMONG EU MEMBER STATES WITH POPULATION GROWTH IN 2024 DESPITE DECLINING BIRTH RATES

*Ziarul Financiar, 25.06.2024*

In January 2024, Romania experienced a population increase of 9,900 people compared to January 2023, reaching a total of 19.06 million residents. This growth is primarily attributed to immigration, which Eurostat estimated at 99,400 people...

See the full *Media Monitoring Report* on [dim.politice.ro](http://dim.politice.ro).

## DIM'S ACTIVITY

### DIM TALKS

*Episode 3. Pablo Zapata, UNHCR Representative in Romania*

### EVENTS PLANNED FOR NEXT MONTH

- New podcast with the DIM Talks project;
- New book review.



## M.A. PROGRAMME UPDATES

2024 Admission for the M.A. Programme in International Development and Migration Calendar:

- Online Registration Period: July 8 - July 23, 2024
- Online Interview Sessions: July 24-26, 2024
- Announcement of Results: July 29, 2024
- Enrolment Period: July 30 - July 31, 2024

Check out our [website](http://website) for regular updates about the admission process.

## EDITOR'S CHOICE

**Romania Receives OECD Approval and Recommendations for Regional Development About the Disparities in Romania and the Impact of (Non-)Regionalization**

by Alina TEODORESCU

In July 2024, the Ministry of Development, Public Works, and Administration issued a press release announcing that Romania has received official approval from the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) for its regional development policy. This statement highlights the recognition of Romania's efforts to strengthen its regional development policy, noting that the formal approval includes a series of recommendations for improving the policy framework, governance, and financing in this field. In addition to the relevance of the subject in the context of Romania's accession to the OECD, regional development is connected to some problems that Romania is currently facing, including the regional socio-economic imbalance, reflected by the discrepancies between the average GDP per capita in the capital and the rest of the country.

Regional disparities are also present at the European level, with the convergence of less developed regions being a goal for the European Union (EU), supported by the allocation of approximately 30% of EU cohesion funds for economic, social, and territorial cohesion. In the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2021-2027, the Cohesion Policy remains the main investment policy. Romania is directly interested in the mechanisms for allocating structural funds, being one of the main beneficiary states.

See the full analysis on our *Editor's Choice of the Month* special issue on [dim.politice.ro](http://dim.politice.ro).