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**Offer for Collaboration in ESPON 2011 - 24<sup>th</sup> of August-20<sup>th</sup> of October 2011**

**Priority 1 – The territorial dimension of Poverty and Social Exclusion in Europe**

The National Research Institute for Labour and Social Protection - INCSMPS has been established in 1990 and ever since then it has performed scientific research activities in the field of labour market and social protection, thus supporting Romania's efforts to create and develop a sustainable economy, based on modern European principles. Our institution is a centre of excellence in research, with experience in the field, recognised on a national and international level, coordinator of national and international projects.

The experts of the institute participated in the development of national strategic documents, like the National Strategy for Poverty Alleviation and its implementation Plan, the National Plan against Poverty, the National Plan for Employment, the Joint Inclusion Memorandum, the Joint Assessment Paper JAP, the Social Protection Indicators System, the Human Development Report for Romania in 2007, and so on. They also participated in international research programs - FP5, FP6 and FP7 of the European Union, PHARE-CONSENSUS, PHARE-SESAM, PHARE-VET, LEONARDO, BIRD, USAID, ILO, PNUD, World Bank, Progress, and so on.

The institute offered support in the workgroups for the elaboration of the National Development Plan 2007 – 2013 and for the Sectoral Operational Programme Human Resources Development 2007-2013, for the Social Observatory, the Social Benefits Observatory, and the National Observatory of Employment. All these activities were possible due to the diversity in the expertise of the researchers of the institute, ensuring a multidisciplinary research approach.

The following projects underline just a few of the Institute's researches in the area of poverty alleviation:

- ❑ The macroeconomic study „Disparities regarding the regional development of Romania during 1990-1996”, PNUD Programme/Poverty Alleviation Project;
- ❑ Change and Choice in Social Protection. The Experience of Central and Eastern Europe, vol. I și II, PHARE CONSENSUS, Monitoring Social Protection in CEECs, Country Reports;
- ❑ The impact of the European Integration and the Enlargement of European Union on Regional Structural Changes and Cohesion, *PHARE Programme, Framework Programme 6*;
- ❑ National Correspondent for the European Working Conditions Observatory, Dublin Foundation, 2005-2006;
- ❑ Deploying and expanding the Worldwide Wage Indicators, web-survey, acronym: WARIWEB, in FP7 Capacities Infrastructures 2007-1.2.2, Deploying of e-Infrastructures for Scientific Communities;
- ❑ Enhanced Support Portal for Intelligent Responsive Active Lifelong Learning, ENSPIRAL, Ref. FP7-217015;
- ❑ Cultural Interaction of Community Behaviour in Urban Regeneration: Roma Communities-ROMANi, Ref. FP7-217179, act. 8.2, area 8.3.1, SSH-2007-3.3.1;
- ❑ Social workers' Know-how in a Lifelong Learning Society-“SKiLLS”, Leonardo;
- ❑ Operational instruments for pursuing flexicurity policies, FP7-SSH Act. 8.2/Area 8.2.1 and Act. 8.6/Area 8.6.2;
- ❑ Development and Application of an interactive integrated Tool for Socio-economic Forecasting and Policy Assessment, FP7-225436;
- ❑ Economic and cognitive spaces for Europe of the knowledge, FP7-225537.

The Department of Social Indicators and Standard of Living is part of the National Scientific Research Institute for Labour and Social Protection, Bucharest, Romania. We want to identify partners in order to participate in the ESPON call from 24<sup>th</sup> of August-20<sup>th</sup> of October 2011, for *Priority 1 – The territorial dimension of Poverty and Social Exclusion in Europe*.

Our areas of expertise are:

- ❑ Poverty and social exclusion – evaluation, alleviation scenarios, policies,
- ❑ Social inclusion and social cohesion – diagnosis, impact evaluation, policies,
- ❑ Social insurance systems and policies - diagnosis, impact evaluation, scenarios,
- ❑ Diagnosis and prognosis of the social phenomenon and social risks,

- ❑ Studies regarding methods, techniques and strategies of social risks' prevention and improvement of living conditions,
- ❑ Studies regarding the social inclusion and labour market access of disadvantaged groups, such as people with disabilities, elderly and young people,

The Department of Social Indicators and Standard of Living offered support to the Romanian Ministry of Labour in the development of the legislative framework in the field:

- ❑ The Law regarding the guaranteed minimum income – estimation of potential beneficiaries, estimation of the budgetary effort, improvement of the law,
- ❑ The Law regarding the prevention and alleviation of social marginalisation – collaboration in the development of the methodological norms of the law,
- ❑ Studies regarding the possible change in the conditions and quantum of the child benefit,
- ❑ Estimation of the marginalisation income and proposal of a social survey for the identification of the persons/families that are socially marginalised,

The researchers of the department published numerous scientific articles, many of which were indexed in the ISI Web of Knowledge and participated in international and national conferences.

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**We consider that our expertise would make us useful as partners in ESPON projects, Priority 1 – The territorial dimension of Poverty and Social Exclusion in Europe.**

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