

THE U.S. PRESENCE IN ROMANIA

Fact Sheet -- U.S. Department of Defense Presence in Romania

OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION PROGRAMS (ODC): \$340 million
Total ODC spending on various programs has been more than \$340 million since 1993

Foreign Military Financing (FMF): \$203 million since 1996

FMF is the U.S. Government program for financing through grants or loans the acquisition of U.S. military articles, services and training to support U.S. regional stability goals and enable friends and allies to improve their defense capabilities. The FMF program began in Romania in 1996. Funding is allocated to the Romanian Ministry of National Defense only. It, with the help of ODC, allocates FMF funds on tactical communications, C-130 purchases and support, the Air Support Operations Center, secure data management systems, joint conflict and tactical simulation, training and transformation consultants and individual soldier equipment. The amount of FMF funds allocated to Romania in 2010 was \$13 million.

International Military and Education Training Program (IMET): \$19.8 million since 1996

IMET provides for officers and enlisted personnel to attend courses at one of the U.S. war colleges for advanced degree or security studies programs, or for shorter, specialized professional courses. The Romania program began in 1996. \$1.8 million was spent in 2010 and \$1.8 million is allocated for 2011.

Mil-to-Mil Engagement: More than 1000 events since 1993 to provide training and exchanges. (Estimated cost is \$40 million). The program consists of engagements between U.S. and Romanian military, including traveling contact teams, familiarization visits, conferences, studies, assessments and senior leader visits. In addition, 145 events have been conducted by the Alabama National Guard under the State Partnership program. The current budget for 2011 is approximately \$650,000.

Humanitarian Assistance: \$6.5 million since 1996

Funded by the U.S. Department of Defense, the Humanitarian Assistance Program began in 1996. The U.S. Government has renovated kindergartens, schools and hospitals in the neediest areas of Romania. Some projects include: the renovation of No. 3 Kindergarten in Navodari (Constanta County); the renovation of City Hospital in Babadag; the renovation of a clinic in Maliuc; and the renovation of "Cristian" Centre for children with physical and neurological disabilities (all in Tulcea county). The annual budget is approximately \$850,000. Eleven projects have already been approved for 2011.

Marshall Center: 466 Romanian graduates since 1994 (no cost estimate available)

The Marshall Center, located in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, is a joint program between the U.S. and German Governments which opened in 1993. Romania has participated since 1994. Officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Interior and Defense as well as members of Parliament attend Marshall Center courses in subject areas such as security studies, civil-military relations, stability operations, antiterrorism, anticorruption and English language studies. Approximately 38 Romanians attend the resident courses annually and an additional 40 attend

conferences each year. Romania has the second largest Marshall Center Alumni Association in Eurasia with more than 460 alumni.

1206 funds: \$11.1 million since 2010

These funds are used to train and equip foreign military forces for military and stability operations in which U.S. forces participate. In FY 2010, Romania received \$11.1 million for equipment for special operations forces participating in International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), and counter-IED (Improvised Explosive Devices) training for units scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan. Driver training was also provided in Germany for MRAPs (mine-resistant armored personnel vehicles) that the U.S. Government donated to Romania in Afghanistan. Funds are also used to bring U.S. training teams to Romania to train and prepare soldiers for combat in Afghanistan.

Exercises: All four services as well as Special Operations Forces conduct exercises and training events in Romania. For example, the U.S. Air Force usually conducts one airlift and two fighter exercises annually. For example, the U.S. Air Forces in Europe brought a squadron of F-16s to Campia Turzi in October, 2010, to conduct a two-week training exercise with a Romanian fighter squadron. The U.S. Navy usually plans on one or two ship visits per year. The U.S. Marine Corps deploys about 160 Marines to Task Force East near Constanta to conduct six months of training with Romania and 12 other neighboring countries. The U.S. Army has conducted battalion-size training exercises with Romanian Land Forces at Task Force East as well as four annual Mission Rehearsal Exercises at the Romanian Combat Training Center at Cincu for battalions preparing to deploy in support of the mission in Afghanistan. In addition, the U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF) conduct multiple pre-deployment training exercises with Romanian SOF counterparts.

Support to Romanian Military in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kosovo. The U.S. has provided 60 Mine Resistant Ambush Protected (MRAP) vehicles for Romanian use in Afghanistan (worth **\$60 million**). MRAPs protect soldiers against explosive attacks and ambushes, the number one killer in the theater of operations.