

THE U.S. PRESENCE IN ROMANIA

Fact Sheet: U.S. Department of Justice Programs in Romania

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) programs: \$4.6 million since 2007

On a daily basis, the FBI, which is part of the Department of Justice, and the Romanian Police work hand-in-hand to combat the most serious crime impacting Romania and the United States. To further support our law enforcement partnership, the FBI has embedded an agent within the Organized Crime Directorate of the Romanian Police to work joint cybercrime investigations involving Romania and the United States provided personnel to the SECI Center. The cost of providing these experts is \$3.4 million.

In 2010, the FBI provided approximately \$20,000 in IT equipment to the Romanian Organized Crime Directorate used to investigate and prosecute criminals.

The FBI and Romanian Police have partnered together in over 100 joint investigations on a variety of crimes which have resulted in the arrest of 341 subjects in Romania. So far, more than 50 of those arrested were convicted by Romanian Courts and in excess of \$1.2 million was ordered in restitution for victims.

One example of cooperation between the FBI and Romanian Police is the investigation of an organized crime group operating in Romania and in the U.S. that defrauded more than 1,000 U.S. victims of approximately \$3 million via Internet fraud schemes. In April 2010, 700 Romanian Police officers, with assistance from the FBI, arrested 50 members of this organization and executed 100 search warrants. This was one of the largest police operations in the history of Romania and highlights the outstanding level of cooperation between U.S. and Romanian law enforcement.

Training: \$1.16 million

The FBI has funded 28 Romanian law enforcement officials to attend the FBI's National Academy (NA). The NA is a 13-week executive law enforcement leadership program at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia. Students actually qualify for graduate degree credit at the University of Virginia. The cost to train each student is approximately \$20,000, or \$560,000 in total.

2010-2011:

-- Two sessions are currently scheduled for 2011 on Arts and Antiquities and Informant Development and Sophisticated Investigative Techniques for May and June in Skopje, Macedonia. \$40,000

-- A Romanian high school student will attend the FBI National Academy Youth Leadership Program. \$15,000

- FBI sent a Romanian Police officer to a one-month intensive training course in the U.S. as part of the FBI's annual International Crimes Against Children Task Force. This officer now heads Romania's Crimes Against Children (child pornography) initiative. \$25,000
- Five Romanians attended a one-week "refresher" training for European graduates of the FBI National Academy sponsored with Department of Defense and FBI Funds. \$50,000
- FBI instructors in conjunction with DOD Defense Threat Reduction Agency conducted a one-week Basic Cyber Training course at the Romanian Police Academy in Bucharest. \$15,000
- A Romanian attended an FBI training course on explosives and IEDs. \$20,000
- The FBI sponsored two Romanian officers for training at the International Conference on Cyber Security that included some of the world's top security experts. \$6,000
- FBI invited two officers from the Romanian Intelligence Service and one from the Romanian Police to the Digital Crimes Consortium in Montreal, Canada. This training involved a network of computer security experts and international law enforcement officers. This training conference has been a jointly sponsored effort between Microsoft, the FBI and the National Cyber Forensics and Training Alliance for five years and focused on current cybercrime methodologies. The conference is "case focused" and involves the development of new cases based on input from corporations. It highlights methods used in successful cases. Each year there are segments on Romanian-based cybercrimes. \$2,000
- FBI sponsored two intelligence exchange forums to share information on common threats and concerns. \$15,000
- Three Romanian Police officers attended FBI co-sponsored regional SECI training on Internal Affairs and Investigations in Skopje, Macedonia. \$20,000
- Three Romanian Police officers attended FBI co-sponsored regional SECI training on Ethics and Leadership in Skopje, Macedonia. \$20,000
- Three Romanian Police officers attended FBI co-sponsored regional SECI training on Public Corruption in Skopje, Macedonia. \$20,000
- Three Romanian Police officers attended FBI co-sponsored regional SECI training on Interview of Child Victims in Skopje, Macedonia. \$20,000
- The U.S. Government co-sponsored the Romanian Organized Crime Conference in Constanta in September, 2010, (250 participants) and the Romanian Cybercrime Conference in Sibiu in October, 2010, (150 participants). \$8,000

2009-2010:

-- Three Romanian Police and Customs officers attended six co-sponsored regional SECI training sessions in Skopje, Macedonia, on the following topics: Money Laundering, Stolen Vehicles, Combating Credit Card Fraud, Trafficking Drugs, Human Trafficking and Combating Forgery and Counterfeiting. \$20,000

-- The FBI was the sole sponsor for 35-40 Romanian Police and Customs officers at a Human Trafficking Conference in Brasov, Romania. \$50,000

2008-2009:

-- Romanian Police and Customs officers attended an FBI-sponsored SECI training on Transborder Crimes in Florina, Greece. \$20,000

-- Romanian Police attended the FBI-sponsored SECI regional training on Public Corruption in Budapest, Hungary. \$20,000

-- Romanian Police attended the FBI-sponsored SECI regional training on Public Corruption in Sofia, Bulgaria. \$20,000

-- FBI sponsored 35-40 Romanian Police and Customs officers to attend a Human Trafficking Training/Conference in Sibiu, Romania. \$50,000

-- The FBI-sponsored Romanians to attend SECI regional training on i2 Analyst Notebook in Chisinau, Moldova. \$20,000

-- Romanian Police attended the FBI-sponsored SECI regional training on Cybercrimes in Zagreb, Croatia. \$20,000

-- Romanian Police and Customs officers attended the FBI SECI Regional Conference on SECI Teambuilding. \$20,000

2007-2008:

-- FBI sponsored regional SECI training on Enterprise Theory of Investigation. \$20,000

-- FBI sponsored regional SECI English speaking classes. \$20,000

-- FBI sponsored SECI training on cybercrime. \$20,000

-- FBI sponsored SECI training on Transborder Human Trafficking and Narcotics. \$20,000