

The Journey for enacting an Offshore Law - Did it deliver?



Midia Gas Development Project





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The Opportunity



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The contribution of Black Sea oil & gas projects to the development of the Romanian economy

Deloitte study for offshore* found the following contributions to the Romanian economy:

	Offshore Industry	New Consumption Industries
GDP Output	\$71.3 Billion	\$98.9 Billion
Jobs	30,605	41,945
State Revenues	\$26 Billion	\$18.3 Billion

 In addition Romania moves from being dependant on Russian gas to being self sufficient and a net exporter

^{*}Report published in May 2018 by Deloitte Romania

The Issues



- Clear Regulatory process
 - No overlap or gap of responsibilities amongst agencies and ministries
 - Clear path to follow for obtaining all required permits
- Transparent and Liberalized gas market
 - Independent from political influence
 - Gas price pegged to international index recognised by Banking community
 - Free flow of gas
- Fiscal Stability
 - Royalties and taxes fixed for duration of concession on basis of what was agreed at Contract signature

The Journey



- 2011 Amendment of the Construction Law to clarify NAMR's ability to issue well drilling permits
- 2012 Amendment of the Gas Law setting the process for the liberalization of the gas market
- 2013 Passage of GO 6 and GO 7 setting a 1 year temporary windfall taxation for existing producers
- 2013 Amendment of the Construction Law introducing the requirement for offshore construction permits
- 2015-2016 Unsuccessful attempt to amend the Petroleum Law
- 2017 Passage of BRUA Law allowing construction of gas pipeline across the Beach
- 2018 Windfall profit tax made permanent and applicable for all gas producers
- 2018 Amendment of the Gas Law obligating gas trading on a centralised platform
- November 17, 2018 enactment of the Offshore Law (256/2018)
 - Commenced in April 2017
 - Over 10 Ministries and their Ministers plus ANRM, ANRE, ACROPO
 - 2 Prime Ministers and their cabinets
 - 6 Committees in the Senate
 - 8 Committees in the House of Deputies
 - Repeated process through Senate and House of Deputies after rejection by President

The Result



Clear Regulatory process Achieved

Transparent and Liberalized gas market

Not Fully Achieved

Fiscal Stability Not Achieved



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