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**Assistance Agreement
through Project Preparation Facility for elaboration of the Final Proposal of the
Project „Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism” within
Thematic Focus Area 6 – „Improvement of regulations in the financial sector and
enhancement of financial markets and institutions”,
Swiss – Romanian Cooperation Programme to reduce economic and social
disparities within enlarged European Union**

On 19th of July, 2012 was signed the assistance agreement through Project Preparation Facility within thematic focus area 6 – „Improvement of regulations in the financial sector and enhancement of financial markets and institutions” between the Ministry of Public Finances, as National Coordination Unit and Payment Authority and the National Office for Prevention and Control of Money Laundering as Beneficiary.

By this agreement, the National Office for Prevention and Control of Money Laundering benefits of financial assistance for the elaboration of the final proposal of the project „Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism” which will be further financed, in case of approval, by the Swiss partners.

The project will have as main objective strengthening the institutional capacity of the National Office for Prevention and Control of Money Laundering and of law enforcement authorities, with competences in this area, regarding fight against money laundering, terrorism financing and implementation of international sanctions, and also increasing the awareness level of reporting entities regarding the risk of being used for money laundering and terrorism financing purposes.

The total budget of this assistance agreement through Project Preparation Facility is 68.600,79 RON, the equivalent of 18.450 CHF, out of which the value of the Swiss contribution is of maximum 58.310,67 RON, equivalent of 15.682,5 CHF. The National Office for Prevention and Control of Money Laundering will ensure a co-financing of minimum 15%, amounting 10.290,12 RON, equivalent of 2.767,5 CHF.

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