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Press Release**Decarbonisation of economy: a challenge for Romania, an opportunity for Romgaz**

Transition to an economy without carbon emissions was the main topic of discussions today, during the "Central European Day of Energy" conference in Brussels. In an optimistic and ambitious perspective, the decarbonisation of EU economy by 2050 implies an easy and, at the same time, strongly regulated framework for all member states. The key element to achieve decarbonisation of economies by 2050 is JET Fund or, in other words, the Transition Fund, an instrument that supports and sustains changes aiming at decarbonisation, especially for countries under transition and with financial difficulties.

Klaus Dieter Borchardt, DG Energy Director General stated: *"We know challenges are big, but the opportunities brought by these changes to member states are just as big. If we manage to use opportunities, we can generate new jobs and an economic growth in the future. No citizen and no country will be left behind in this transition period. We need to work together, to find the suitable solution to each identified problem"*.

Mr. Borchardt talked about the necessity for diversification and development of an energy mix of gas, electricity, LNG, green energy, etc. to ensure the possibility of sustainable development during the transition to economies with zero carbon emissions. *"We have to demonstrate that the opportunities brought by transition are greater and clearly more profitable than the challenges we need to overcome."* Between 2021-2030, 20% of the EU budget is to be allocated to the energy sector, mainly to green energy, climate changes, infrastructure, etc.

Adrian Volintiru, Romgaz CEO said: *"ROMGAZ is taking action in the direction proposed by the EC, respectively company's activity diversification and identifying new financing possibilities in order to carry out the planned projects. Among these projects, I recall intensifying the offshore activity (Lukoil and the intention to take over part of Neptun Deep from Exxon), continuing to build power plants similar to the one at Iernut, taking part in the LNG Terminal project at Alexandroupolis Greece, and not lastly, besides renewable energy, investing in a methanol factory. We are very careful and willing to actively participate in the opportunities offered in the future by JET Fund, as part of the company's projects are highly dependant on European financing."*

The European Commission estimates in the long term climate change strategy that investments in energy with reduced carbon emissions and in the related infrastructure have increased from 2% to 2,8% from GDP, or in figures 520-575 billion Euros for decarbonisation until 2050. This could be translated in investments of 175-290 billion Euros per year during 2021-2030.

"The magnitude of future transformations in the energy sector justifies the increase of JET Fund financing, and its amount proposed by the European Parliament of 4.8 billion Euros is considered insufficient for covering the needs of the transitional member states" said Maciej Jakubik, Executive



Director of CEEP (Central Europe Energy Partnerships). In his opinion, the recommendation given to member states to identify opportunities in the next period is to diversify the portfolio and to create a mix: LNG, development of interconnections, green energy and other forms that sustain transition towards decarbonisation of the economy until 2050.

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About ROMGAZ

Romgaz is the largest natural gas producer and the main supplier in Romania. The company's shares are traded on Bucharest Stock Exchange (BVB) and on London Stock Exchange (LSE). The main shareholder is the Romanian State holding a 70% stake. The company has a vast experience in the field of gas exploration and production and a history that began in 1909, more than 100 years ago. Romgaz undertakes geological exploration in order to discover new gas fields, produces methane by exploiting the reservoirs included in the company's portfolio, stores natural gas in underground storages, performs interventions, workover and special operations in wells and provides technological transportation.