



## Press Release

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### **CEF-TA PSA RIM project "Developing the capacity building of CNCF CFR SA, the Romanian Railway Infrastructure Manager eligible for the Cohesion Package of the Connecting Europe Facility Mechanism (2014-2020)"**

#### **Achievements during the implementation period 01.01.2016-30.12.2017**

The CEF Grant Agreement no.MOVE/B4/SUB/2014/705/CEF/PSA2/9/SI2.714464 for the CEF Project "Developing the capacity building of CNCF CFR SA, the Romanian Railway Infrastructure Manager eligible for the Cohesion Package of the Connecting Europe Facility Mechanism (2014-2020)" came into force on **1 January 2016**, with an eligible budget of **€ 1,073,945** (100% covered by the European Commission) and a duration of **60 months**.

The general objective of the project is to strengthen the administrative and institutional capacity of CFR -SA to ensure efficiency in the preparation and implementation of the railway infrastructure projects in Romania, projects related to the TEN-T network and eligible for non-refundable European financing in the current programming period 2014-2020/2023.

In order to achieve the general and the specific objectives of the project, the following activities were carried out during the period 01.01.2016-30.12.2017:

- 1.) The *Development Directorate*, a structure within the Technical Sector responsible for implementing all activities and sub-activities of the CEF-TA PSA RIM project, was created.
- 2.) The Development Directorate was populated with newly hired *experts* (engineers, economists and architects). By the end of 2017, out of the 32 total new posts available, 27 new employees were recruited. The recruitment process is on going.
- 3.) All the activities of the Development Directorate (*Railway Services Development Unit, Architectural and Construction Development Unit and Project Development and Management Services Unit*) were aimed at improving the Company's activity through the preparation and implementation of railway investment projects. The activity of the Development Directorate has significantly contributed to:
  - ✓ The increased quality of the tender documentation, the financing applications and internal procedures;
  - ✓ The increased capacity of CNCF "CFR"-SA to respond to requests for clarifications from tenderers in the tendering procedures for the awarding of the works contracts;
  - ✓ The increased capacity of "CFR"-SA to provide technical assistance from the designer for the ongoing projects and during the implementation stages of construction projects;
  - ✓ The increased technical expertise required by CNCF "CFR"-SA for the acquisition and development of contracts for the elaboration of feasibility studies, technical projects and details of works execution;
  - ✓ The increased technical expertise required by CNCF "CFR"-SA regarding the evolution of the stages of preparation of projects, design and verification of the technical and economic documentation delivered by the providers;
  - ✓ The identification and consolidation of a List of Priority Projects for CNCF "CFR"-SA and the development of a Strategy for the implementation of CNCF "CFR" -SA projects.

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