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### Start order for the services contract "Feasibility study for the modernization of the railway lines and installations in the Bucharest Railway Complex"

On 09.05.2022, the sectoral services contract has been started for the project "Feasibility study for the modernization of the railway lines and installations in the Bucharest Railway Complex" according to the framework content provided by the legislation in force at the date of approval of the documentation.

The service provider will analyse, design in correlation with the other modes of transport developed in the Bucharest-Ilfov Region and, also, identify possible scenarios/technical-economic options, compare them and present the optimal investment that it is operationally eligible for funding from external funds and the state budget.

The study will be developed starting from the railway network of the Bucharest Railway Complex in a length of approximately 605,700 km, which includes the following areas of analysis and development:

- *Bucharest North Railway Complex (156,055 km);*
- *Bucharest Railway Ring (316,323 km);*
- *Connections with the Bucharest Railway Ring (133,348 km).*

In order to elaborate the feasibility study, the achievement of the specific objectives of the investment will be taken into account:

- improving the travel and safety conditions of the railway traffic at the level of the Bucharest Railway Complex;
- streamlining traffic management for freight transport at the level of the national railway network;
- presentation of a competitive alternative for urban transport between the different areas of the Bucharest-Ilfov region;
- decongestion of road traffic in Bucharest and implicitly reduction of the polluting factor.

The payments within contract are provided from the Cohesion Fund through the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) and from the Romanian state budget (15% from the eligible expenditures and VAT), according to the Financing Agreement no. INEA/CEF/TRAN/INEA/CEF/TRAN/M2019/2092039.

The duration of the service contract is **21 months** from the date of commencement of the provision of services.

The beneficiary of the contract is the National Railway Company "CFR" S.A.

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