



## Water & Waste Water Market Brief 2008

### Romania: Important Links & Contacts

Ministry of Environment – [www.mmediu.ro](http://www.mmediu.ro)

Romanian Water Association – [www.ara.ro](http://www.ara.ro)

Electronic System for Public Procurement – [www.e-licitatie.ro](http://www.e-licitatie.ro)

## Market Overview

Romania entered the European Union (EU) in January 2007 and to a large degree, both the now-completed EU ascension process and current membership have been driving Romania's program of reform, modernization and investment. More significantly, Romania is now benefiting from EU funding to be able to align its economy with the rest of the EU. Under this general framework, Romania is planning significant investments to implement the EU environmental standards, including in the water and wastewater industry.

Currently, only 52% of Romania's population is connected to water supply and sewerage systems, while 79% of wastewaters are either inadequately treated or not treated at all. The Romanian Ministry of Environment is preparing an extensive portfolio of projects aimed at accessing the EU Funds. This portfolio includes some 80 major projects for investment in water infrastructure with a value of over 4 billion euros.

The beneficiaries of almost all these projects are the water and wastewater utilities, which are commercial companies owned by municipalities. The water utilities are required to purchase goods, works and services by using an electronic system for public acquisitions in an effort to provide a fully transparent procurement process.

### Key Projects in the Water and Wastewater Industries:

- Construction/rehabilitation of water treatment plants;
- Extension/rehabilitation of water and sewerage networks;
- Construction/upgrading of wastewater treatment plants;
- Construction/rehabilitation of sludge treatment facilities;
- Purchase of metering, laboratory equipment, leakage detection equipment, etc.



### Romania Compliance Timeline

**2015** is the target year for complying with the EU drinking water quality standards.

**2018** is the target year for complying with the EU standards regarding municipal wastewater collection, discharge and treatment.



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