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The Electoral Register – the first step towards eliminating electoral fraud

What makes a democratic society? In a nutshell, its citizens who adhere to principles such as liberty, justice and equality, ideals hard fought for through history. This type of society can only exist through free and fair elections; this democratic way of forming governing consensus, taking executive action and ruling would heighten citizens' trust and level of participation in the electoral process.

For this very reason, the Permanent Electoral Authority sought solutions against electoral fraud. Now Romania has an electronic Register including every Romanian who is eligible to vote. This is the crowning achievement of a young team who understood the usefulness of an Electoral Register, took the challenge and worked hard to make it happen.

We wanted to grant every Romanian the opportunity to find out if he is registered to vote by checking his name against the Electoral Register, and if not, to easily register and we succeeded! For the first time, every citizen has the tool to quickly and accurately identify his polling station. It is very simple and we encourage all Romanian voters to do so, by accessing www.registrulelectoral.ro.

In our ten years of activity, we witnessed how democracy demands participation and we worked towards facilitating it. The Electoral Register and the information and education campaigns we carried out are the keys to reduce electoral fraud.

In this context, the Permanent Electoral Authority of Romania will continuously initiate and develop projects to streamline the electoral processes. We strongly believe this is the only way to ensure transparency and fairness in election administration.

Ana Maria Pătru
President of the Permanent Electoral Authority

EVERY VOTER MATTERS!

The 2014 Presidential Elections represent the second general electoral event when the Electoral Register is used in Romania. The mayors are in charge with updating the Electoral Register.

WHY THE ELECTORAL REGISTER?

The Electoral Register has been created to ensure a fair and transparent electoral process.

WHAT IS THE ELECTORAL REGISTER?

The Electoral Register is a nationwide database holding the identities of all Romanian citizens of voting age and their allocation to polling stations. The Electoral Register is administered by the Permanent Electoral Authority.

The mayors are entitled to operate changes in the Register in order to keep it updated. This allows a prompt and efficient resolution of unwanted situations like voter omissions, erroneous allocation to a polling station or enforcement of a banning order.

Using the data within the Electoral Register the mayors generate and print the electoral rolls.

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HOW DOES THE ELECTORAL REGISTER WORK?

The Electoral Register is divided by counties, county towns, towns and villages.
There are 2 sections of the Electoral Register:
- The public section, accessible to the public;
- The private section, only accessible to governmental and local institutions.
The Electoral Register is constantly updated by adding voters who turn 18, are granted Romanian citizenship as well as those whose banning orders expire. It discards voters who have had their citizenship withdrawn or had their electoral rights revoked by the magistrates and also deceased voters.

IMPORTANT!
Because of these constant updates, the total number of voters nationwide keeps changing.

WHY IS THE ELECTORAL REGISTER USEFUL TO THE VOTERS?

Voters can access the webpage of the Electoral Register to check whether they are registered to vote. Through the www.registrulelectoral.ro portal they can find where their polling station is using only their name and their personal identification number (PIN).

Any discrepancies found in the Register can be signalled by the voters to their mayor or directly to the Permanent Electoral Authority.

Voters can register to vote at their current abode.

The Electoral Register gives the mayor the exact number of voters in his parish, allowing him to promptly and accurately generate the electoral rolls and establish the polling stations.

FACTS AND FIGURES

The Electoral Register was initially designed to be used only at Parliamentary Elections.

In March 2013, the Romanian voters' database, containing 18.309.654 people, was for the first time uploaded to the Electoral Register. The database was provided by the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

Between July and August 2013, the Permanent Electoral Authority conducted a national simulation of an electoral event in order to establish users' skills in working with the Electoral Register and printing the electoral rolls.

Starting February 13, 2014 the Electoral Register is used at all types of elections.

By accessing www.registrulelectoral.ro, voters can read news about the electoral process, debate via a Forum, subscribe to a newsletter and keep updated with the latest announcements made by the Permanent Electoral Authority.

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THE ELECTORAL REGISTER - SHORT HISTORY

The Permanent Electoral Authority is an independent, impartial, transparent, efficient, professional, sustainable, predictable and responsible organization whose main objective is to organize the electoral processes and to oversee the financing of the political parties and electoral campaigns according to national and international standards.

2009

The Permanent Electoral Authority decided to conduct a feasibility study in order to digitize the printed electoral rolls and to implement an Electoral Register.

2011

The conclusions of this feasibility study spurred the development of an IT-based system "Electoral Register". The application was initially designed to be used only at Parliamentary Elections. After the first stage of the project had been implemented, training of the Permanent Electoral Authority staff began.

2012

Designing of a web portal www.registrulelectoral.ro represented the second stage of the Electoral Register implementation. The goal of this stage was to offer both mayors and voters the opportunity to get in touch with the main performances of the Electoral Register.

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2013

A country-wide training began after the web portal became functional. Mayors and their empowered public officers were trained in using the private section of the Register. They have learned to electronically assign voters to polling stations, to add or to remove voters, to generate the electoral rolls.

The Romanian Government agreed on conducting a national simulation of an electoral event in order to establish users' skills in working with the application. Mayors and their empowered public officers had nearly 2 months to update all the data and 3 days to print the electoral rolls. The outcome of this simulation was encouraging: the existing data were updated and 98% of users succeeded in printing the electoral rolls within the scheduled time. Proper adjustments were made to the system in order to ensure its use for all types of elections.

2014

The Electoral Register is based on a modern hardware and software architecture placed in a contained and secure Data Center. The system offers low latencies and high data throughput for users.

For almost a year, public officers empowered by mayors continuously updated the Electoral Register. They were provided with support via e-mail and a Call Centre.

The Electoral Register was successfully used at the elections for the European Parliament, local by-elections and parliamentary by-elections this year.

REGISTERED ROMANIAN VOTERS - SEPTEMBER 26, 2014*

County / District	Voters
ALBA	317.663
ARAD	393.417
ARGEŞ	541.561
BACĂU	602.822
BIHOR	505.849
BISTRIŢA-NĂSĂUD	262.279
BOTOŞANI	364.390
BRAŞOV	518.188
BRĂILA	303.759
BUZĂU	399.404
CARAŞ-SEVERIN	277.280
CĂLĂRAŞI	258.969
CLUJ	602.474
CONSTANŢA	631.033
COVASNA	184.526
DÂMBOVIŢA	434.404
DOLJ	584.649
GALAŢI	523.106
GIURGIU	229.098
GORJ	304.982
HARGHITA	270.670
HUNEDOARA	400.481
IALOMIŢA	237.956
IAŞI	714.683
ILFOV	302.821
MARAMUREŞ	429.160
MEHEDINŢI	240.515
MUREŞ	483.564
NEAMŢ	473.292
OLT	381.476
PRAHOVA	678.419
SATU MARE	318.045
SĂLAJ	200.631
SIBIU	376.905
SUCEAVA	581.031
TELEORMAN	332.896
TIMIŞ	616.486
TULCEA	202.913
VASLUI	375.240
VÂLCEA	339.014
VRANCEA	318.808
BUCHAREST - 1ST DISTRICT	208.162
BUCHAREST - 2ND DISTRICT	321.189
BUCHAREST - 3RD DISTRICT	403.182
BUCHAREST - 4TH DISTRICT	274.316
BUCHAREST - 5TH DISTRICT	249.317
BUCHAREST - 6TH DISTRICT	333.458
BUCHAREST - ALL DISTRICTS	1.789.624
TOTAL	18.304.483

* Including all Romanian citizens that will turn 18 by November 2nd, 2014, inclusive.

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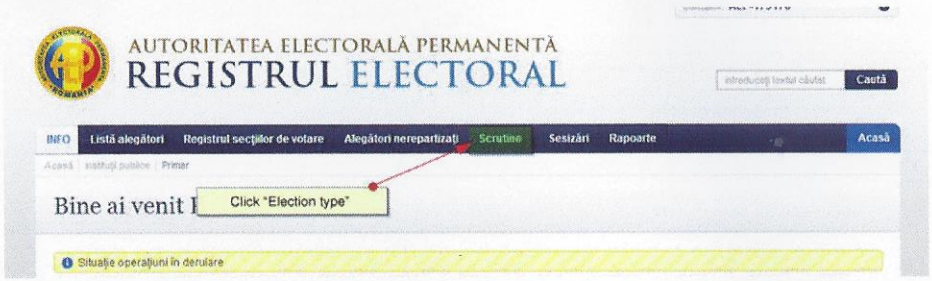
2014 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS – GENERATING THE ELECTORAL ROLLS

In order to generate the electoral rolls, the users must follow the next steps:

1. **2.** *Access www.registrulelectoral.ro*
System authentication

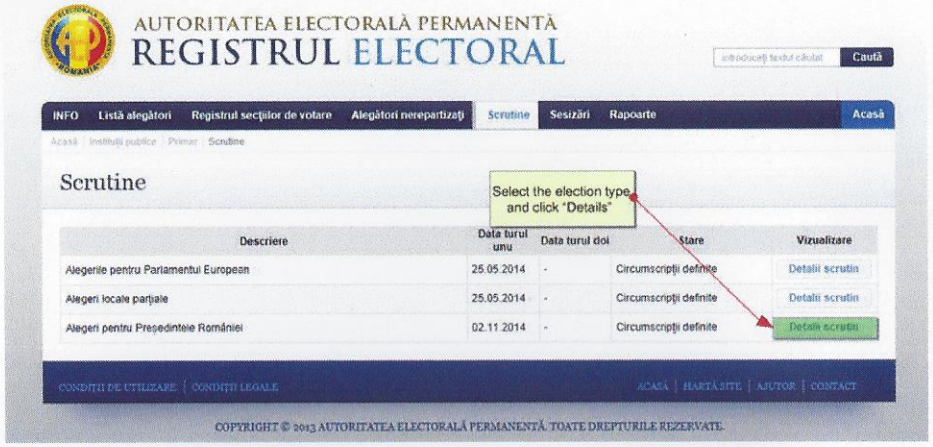
3.

Access "Election type" section



4.

Select the type of election according to the need



5.

Generating the electoral rolls

6.

Save the .ZIP folder on the computer. The archive contains the permanent electoral rolls of every polling station and a list of citizens excluded from voting. All these documents are .PDF file format. The permanent electoral rolls will be first verified and then printed according to the legal provisions (in two copies).