THE REAL CONVERGENCE BETWEEN ROMANIA AND E.U.

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SUMMARY

The essential objective for Romania’s integration in European Union is the real convergence. Analyzing the convergence means to compare the way the social, economical, political factors and mechanisms, are contributing to eliminate some gaps related to EU performances. The statistical data researches suggest that Romania needs a long period to approach the European system and performances.

As an example we can ascertain that: 1. In Romania the GDP/inhabitant is 34% of the EU-25 average. The level is very low even comparatively to other ex-socialist countries. (Slovenia –83%, Cehia-75%, Hungary 63%, Poland-51%). Considering a growing rate of Romanian GDP of 4% and in EU of 2%, it would be necessary 52 years to reach the community’s level of economic development.

2. Romania has a divergent situation concerning the work force structure through weak population mobility from agriculture and industry to services. In 2003 the proportion of active population involved in agriculture was 34% (EU-3.95%) and in services 32.1% (EU-70.2%). In industry the number of employees diminished slowly, Romania having more than one third of work force involved in this sector.

3. In Romania the speed of prices’ convergence is more rapid than the incomes’ from salaries. Romanian gross wages are 271 Euro, which represents 10% of the EU average (2888 Euro). The price for the electric energy is 80 Euro/MWh more than the EU-prices (40-55 euro/MWk in UE). Although in the year of 2006 the incomes will increase with 8%, the natural gases prices will be 27% bigger and the prices of heating will increase 20%. If the gross average wage will be increased by 10% yearly and in EU with 3%, 33 years will be necessary to accomplish the real convergence.

4. In Romania the ratio of increasing the work productivity is very low. Considering the average ratio of 5% in increasing the average productivity, Romania will attained the same productivity as EU in the next 36 years. The accomplishing of the real convergence implies to adopt the strategies in order to reinsert Romania in modernity through increasing the integration speed.

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