

RESEARCH AND INNOVATIONS FOR THE WEAPONS INDUSTRY

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Abstract: *The Romanian defense industry strategy is under public debate and has among its objectives for the next six years: research and innovation in the defense industry; 2% of the annual Defense budget (approximately 200 million euros) will be invested in research. The strategy was published on August 9 for public debate and will be adopted by the Government and assumed by the Supreme Defense Council.*

Compared to the previous year, ROMARM's turnover increased two to three times. Some ROMARM subsidiaries have taken on renowned partners such as „Uzina Mecanică București” and „IAR Ghimbav”.

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The country's defense industry strategy, which is under public debate, foresees that, in the next 6 years, research and innovation in the defense industry will be stimulated, with 2% of the annual Defense budget (200 million euros) to be invested in research. Romania ranks last in the EU in funds allocated to research.

In the defense industry, the average age of employees is 53 years old and the salary of a starting engineer is 600 euros (3,000 lei). The government has promised that, in just 6 years, Romania's arms industry will become an important player on the international stage.

Research and innovation in the arms industry is a key objective of the Strategy for Romania's Defense Industry, a document published on August 9 for public debate by the Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Tourism.

The strategy is to be adopted by the Government and assumed by the country Supreme Council of Defense.

On its basis, the defense industry, necessary for Romania due to the war launched by Russia against Ukraine, is to be developed.

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