Romania Dispute Resolution Profile

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General Information

• Romania tax treaties are available at:

https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/AsistentaContribuabili r/Conventii/Conventii.htm

• MAP request should be made to:

National Agency for Fiscal Administration 17 Apolodor street, District 5, Bucharest, Romania, Postal Code 050741 Tel: + 021 327 06 28 email: secretariat.dgcif@anaf.ro;

• APA request should be made to:

Same as above.

s/n		Response	Detailed explanation	Where publicly available information and guidance can be found
A.	Preventing Disputes			
1.	Are agreements reached by your competent authority to resolve difficulties or doubts arising as to the interpretation or application of your tax treaties in relation to issues of a general nature which concern, or which may concern, a category of taxpayers published?	No	Agreements reached by our competent authority are currently covered by confidentiality and fiscal secrecy provisions and thus cannot be published.	-
2.	Are bilateral APA programmes implemented? If yes:	Yes	amendments and additions (art. 52) and the Order of the President of the National Fiscal Administration Agency no. 3735/2015 for the approval of the procedure for issuing and amending the advance price	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/cod_procedura/Cod_Procedura_Fiscala_2023.htm#RefHeading3257_1651101228 https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/legislatie/OPANAF3735_2015.pdf

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a.	Are roll-back of APAs provided for in the bilateral APA programmes?	No	Currently, the Romanian legislation is not allowing roll-back for issued APAs.	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/cod_procedura/Cod_Procedura Fiscala 2023.htm# RefHeading 3257 165110 1228
b.	Are there specific timeline for the filing of an APA request?	No	APAs have effect only for future transactions. Future transactions that are the subject of the advance price agreement are assessed according to the date of submission of the application.	=
C.	 Are rules, guidelines and procedures on how taxpayers can access and use bilateral APAs, including the specific information and documentation that should be submitted in a taxpayer's request for bilateral APA assistance, publicly available? 	Yes		https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/cod_procedura/Cod_Procedura Fiscala 2023.htm# RefHeading 3257 165110 1228

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d.	 Are there any fees charged to taxpayers for a bilateral APA request? 	Yes	The fees charged for issuing/modifying an APA are as follows:	
			a) 20.000 Euro for issuing an APA and 15.000 Euro for modifying it, in case of large taxpayers.	<u>www.anaf.ro</u>
			b) 10.000 Euro for issuing an APA and 6.000 Euro for modifying it, in case of small and medium size taxpayers. Also, if the consolidated value of transactions covered in the APA exceeds the equivalent of 4.000.000 Euro or if the taxpayer is classified as "large taxpayer" within the period of validity covered in the APA, the issuing fee becomes 20.000 Euro.	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/cod_procedura/Cod_Procedura Fiscala 2023.htm# RefHeading 3257 165110 1228
			These provisions are stated by the art. 52, of Law no. 207/2015 regarding the Fiscal Procedure Code, with subsequent amendments and additions.	

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e.	Are statistics relating to bilateral APAs publicly available?	Yes	Statistics, both on unilateral or bilateral/multilateral APAs are provided to the European Commission that makes the information available to the public. From 2024 APAs statistics will also be available on the OECD website together with MAP Statistics. At the national level, statistics are usually made available as part of tax administration press releases.	1/company-taxation/joint-transfer-pricing-forum_en
3.	Is training provided to your officials involved in the auditing /examination of taxpayers to ensure that any assessments made by them are in accordance with the provisions of your tax treaties?	res	Training in this area is normally provided as part of the annual training programs held at the level of the tax administration.	
4.	Is other information available on preventing tax treaty-related disputes?	No	-	-

Notes:

- 1. An APA is an "arrangement that determines, in advance of controlled transactions, an appropriate set of criteria (e.g. method, comparables and appropriate adjustments thereto, critical assumptions as to future events) for the determination of the transfer pricing for those transactions over a fixed period of time". (see definition of APA in the *OECD Transfer Pricing Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and Tax Administrations* ("Transfer Pricing Guidelines")).
- 2. Situations may arise in which the issues resolved through an APA are relevant with respect to previous filed tax years not included within the original scope of the APA. The concept of "roll-back" is further elaborated in paragraph 4.136 of Section F (Advance pricing arrangement) of Chapter IV of the Transfer Pricing Guidelines and in paragraph 69 of Section D.4.2 (Possible retrospective application ("Roll back")) of the Annex to Chapter IV (Guidelines for Conducting Advance Pricing Arrangements under the Mutual Agreement Procedure ("MAP APAs")) of the Transfer Pricing Guidelines. Simply put, the "roll-back" of the APA is understood to mean that the outcome of the APA is applied to previous filed tax years not included within the original scope of the APA.

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В.	Availability and Access to MAP			
5.	Are transfer pricing cases covered within the scope of MAP?	Yes	the double taxation avoidance conventions concluded by Romania with other states and by the Convention on the elimination of double taxation in connection with the adjustment of profits of	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/AsistentaCont ribuabili_r/Conventii/Conventii.htm https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/convention/1990/436/oj
6.	Are issues relating to the application of treaty anti-abuse provision covered within the scope of MAP?	See detailed explanation	Conventional provisions regarding MAP procedure do not provide indications regarding the types of disputes that can be submitted to the competent authorities. The scope of this procedure is very broad. The subjects of MAP requests most often submitted to the competent authorities refer to: - assessment of a taxpayer's residence; - qualification of a type of income; - interpretation of conventional terms or principles; -determining the results of a permanent establishment and the problems of allocation of profits and expenses; -relations between associated companies, in particular with regard to transfer pricing.	-

7.	Are issues relating to the application of domestic anti-abuse provision covered within the scope of MAP?	See detailed	Conventional provisions regarding MAP procedure do not provide indications regarding the types of disputes that can be submitted to the competent authorities. The scope of this procedure is very broad. The subjects of MAP requests most often submitted to the competent authorities refer to: -assessment of a taxpayer's residence; -qualification of a type of income; -interpretation of conventional terms or principles; -determining the results of a permanent establishment and the problems of allocation of profits and expenses; -relations between associated companies, in particular with regard to transfer pricing.	-
8.	Are issues where there is already an audit settlement between the tax authority and the taxpayer covered within the scope of MAP?	explanation	The fiscal law does not provide the possibility for audit settlement procedure between the tax authority and the taxpayer.	-

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9.	Are double taxation cases resulting from bona fide taxpayer initiated foreign adjustments covered within the scope of MAP?	No	-	-
10.	Are there any other treaty related issues not covered under s/n 5 to 9 which are not within the scope of MAP?	No	-	-
11.	Are taxpayers allowed to request MAP assistance in cases where the taxpayer has sought to resolve the issue under dispute via the judicial and administrative remedies provided by the domestic law of your jurisdiction?	Yes	MAP assistance is allowed where domestic judicial remedy has been sought. MAP assistance is allowed when domestic administrative remedy has been sought.	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/cod_procedura/Cod_Procedura_Fiscala_2023.htm#RefHeading37171651101228 https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/cod_procedura/Cod_Procedura_Fiscala_2023.htm#RefHeading90011651101228 https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/PrezentareR/GHIDPROCEDURAAMIABILAEN.pdf https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare_R/Ghidproceduraamiabila(MAP)EN.pdf

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12.	Are taxpayers allowed to request for MAP assistance in cases where the issue under dispute has already been decided via the judicial and administrative remedies provided by the domestic law of your jurisdiction?	See detailed explanation	The analysis is performed on a case by case basis, depending on the court decision.	-		
13.	Are rules, guidelines and procedures on how taxpayers can access and use MAP, including the specific information and documentation that should be submitted in a taxpayer's request for MAP assistance, publicly available?	Yes	Art. 282 of Law no. 207/2015 on the Fiscal Procedure Code, with subsequent amendments and additions. A guide for the mutual agreement procedure according to the art. 282 from the Law no. 207/2015 regarding The Fiscal Procedure Code with subsequent amendments and additions have been published on the website of the Romanian Competent Authority. It includes specific information and documentation needed to be submitted by a taxpayer for a MAP request. The taxpayers as well as the tax administration are guided by the recommendations of the OECD Manual on Mutually Effective Agreement Procedures (MEMAP), as well as by the provisions of the conventions for the avoidance of double taxation concluded by Romania with other states, the provisions of the Convention on the elimination of double taxation in connection with the adjustment of profits of associated enterprises (90/436/CEE) for MAP cases.	d Procedura Fiscala 2023.htm# RefHeading 3717 1 651101228 https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/convention/1990/436/oi https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare R/GH IDPROCEDURAAMIABILAEN.pdf https://www.oecd.org/tax/dispute/manualoneffective mutualagreementproceduresmemap.htm		

Romania Dispute Resolution Profile – Availability and access to MAP Art. 2831 - 28319 of Law no. 207/2015 regarding the Fiscal Procedure Code with subsequent amendments https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/AsistentaContribu and additions abili r/Conventii/Conventii.htm A guide for the mutual agreement procedure according to the art. 283¹ - 283¹9 from the Law no. https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/cod_procedura/C 207/2015 regarding The Fiscal Procedure Code with od Procedura Fiscala 2023.htm# RefHeading 9001 subsequent amendments and additions have been 1651101228 published on the website of the Romanian Competent Authority. It includes specific information and documents required to be submitted by a taxpayer for https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2017/1852/oi a litigious matter. Taxpayers, as well as the tax administration, are https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare_R/Ghi guided by the provisions of the double taxation dproceduraamiabila(MAP)EN.pdf avoidance conventions concluded by Romania with other states and the provisions of Council Directive (EU) 2017/1852 on tax dispute resolution mechanisms in the European Union.

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14.	Are there specific timeline for the filing of a MAP request?	Yes	According to the conventions concluded by Romania with other states, a MAP request can be submitted within 3 years from the first notification of the action resulting in a taxation that is not in accordance with the provisions of that convention. For EU transfer pricing MAP cases initiated under the Convention on the elimination of double taxation in connection with the adjustment of profits of associated enterprises (90/436/CEE), a MAP request may be submitted within 3 years of the first notification of the action which result or is likely to result in double taxation. As stated in the Council Directive (EU) 2017/1852 on tax dispute resolution mechanisms in the European Union, the complaint must be submitted within 3 years of the notification of the tax decision that results or will result in a litigious matter.	https://eur- lex.europa.eu/eli/convention/1990/436/oj https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2017/1852/oj https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare R/GHI

15.	Are guidance on multilateral MAPs publicly available?	Yes	Information related to multilateral MAPs can be found in the MAP Guidelines published on the website of the Romanian Competent Authority.	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare R/GH IDPROCEDURAAMIABILAEN.pdf https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare R/Gh idproceduraamiabila(MAP)EN.pdf
16.	Are tax collection procedures suspended during the period a MAP case is pending?	No	In accordance with domestic law, there is not provided any suspension of the collection of taxes and duties during the mutual agreement procedure.	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare R/GHI DPROCEDURAAMIABILAEN.pdf https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare R/Ghi dproceduraamiabila(MAP)EN.pdf
17.	Are there any fees charged to taxpayers for a MAP request?	No	-	-

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18.	Is there any other information available on availability and access to MAP?	No	-	-

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C.	Resolution of MAP Cases			
19.	Are there any model timeframes for the steps taken by your competent authority from the receipt of a MAP case to the resolution of the case provided to tax payers?	See detailed explanation	For MAP requests submitted under art. 282 of Law no. 207/2015 on the Fiscal Procedure Code with subsequent amendments and additions no deadlines are provided, but the competent authority in Romania is guided by the deadlines suggested by the OECD from MEMAP and Action 14, as well as by the deadlines suggested by the provisions of the Convention on the elimination of double taxation in connection with the adjustment of profits of associated enterprises (90/436/CEE). For complaints submitted under art. 283¹ – 283¹9 of Law no. 207/2015 on the Fiscal Procedure Code, with the subsequent amendments and additions regarding the transposition of the provisions of Directive (EU) 2017/1852 of the Council on the mechanisms for the resolution of fiscal disputes in the European Union deadlines are provided.	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/cod_procedura /Cod_Procedura_Fiscala_2023.htm#RefHeading3717_1651101228 https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/cod_procedura /Cod_Procedura_Fiscala_2023.htm#RefHeading9001_1651101228
20.	Are statistics relating to the time taken to resolve MAP cases publicly available?	Yes	MAP statistics concerning tax treaties, including those under the Convention on the elimination of double taxation in connection with the adjustment of profits of associated enterprises (90/436/CEE) and the Council Directive (EU) 2017/1852 on tax dispute resolution mechanisms in the European Union are on an annual basis published on the website of the OECD, and includes information on the average time taken to resolve MAP cases. MAP statistics concerning the application of the Council Directive (EU) 2017/1852 on tax dispute resolution mechanisms in the European Union are annually published on the website of the European	<u>european-union en</u>

			Commission.	
21.	Is interest or penalties resulting from adjustments made pursuant to a MAP agreement waived or dealt with as part of the MAP procedure?	No	-	_
22.	Are the roles and responsibility of the MAP office publicly available, for example, is the mission statement of the MAP office available in the <i>annual</i> report of the organization?	Yes	The roles and responsibilities for the competent authority in Romania with attributions in the field of MAP are provided by the NAFA Organization and Operation Regulation.	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/legislatie/17 Capitolul 12 Directia generala coordonare control fiscal.pdf
23.	Is MAP arbitration a mechanism currently available for the resolution of tax treaty related disputes in any of your tax treaties? If not:	See detailed explanation	The double taxation agreements concluded by Romania do not include provisions regarding the initiation of arbitration proceedings by taxpayers.	-
a.	Are there any legal limitations in your domestic law (for example in your constitution) to include MAP arbitration in your tax treaties?	No	-	-

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b.	Does your treaty policy allow you to include MAP arbitration in your tax treaties?	See detailed explanation	Our tax treaties do not contain an arbitration article.	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/AsistentaCon tribuabili r/Conventii/Conventii.htm
24.	Is the explanation of the relationship between the MAP and domestic law administrative and judicial remedies publicly available? If yes:	Yes	The relationship between the MAP and the administrative and judicial appeals under domestic law (see the answer to question 11) is covered by the provisions of the double taxation avoidance conventions concluded by Romania with other states, by the provisions of art. 283¹ – 283¹9 of Law 207/2015 on the Fiscal Procedure Code with subsequent amendments and additions and can also be found in the MAP Guidelines published by the competent authority in Romania.	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/AsistentaContribuabili r/Conventii/Conventii.htm https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/cod_procedura/Cod_Procedura_Fiscala_2023.htm#_RefHeading_3717_1651101228 https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/cod_procedura/Cod_Procedura_Fiscala_2023.htm#_RefHeading_9001_1651101228 https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare_R/GHIDPROCEDURAAMIABILAEN.pdf https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare_R/Ghidproceduraamiabila(MAP)EN.pdf
a.	Does the guidance specifically address whether the competent authority considers that it is legally bound to follow a domestic court decision in the MAP or will not deviate from a domestic court decision as a matter of administrative policy or practice?	Yes	The competent authority in Romania respects the provisions of the domestic legislation and is bound by law to respect a final court decision, a final Appeal Resolution Decision, a final fiscal administrative act or a final administrative act. This information can be found in the MAP Guidelines published by the competent authority in Romania.	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare_R/GHIDPROCEDURAAMIABILAEN.pdf https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare_R/Ghidproceduraamiabila(MAP)EN.pdf

25.	Are taxpayers allowed to request for multi- year resolution through the MAP of recurring issues with respect to filed tax years?		Taxpayers can request for multi-year resolution through the MAP of recurring issues with respect to filed tax years, provided that the years in question to be subject of the same MAP request, respectively the same fiscal inspection report.	GHIDPROCEDURAAMIABILAEN.pdf
26.	Do all your jurisdiction's tax treaties contain a provision which would oblige your jurisdiction to make corresponding adjustments or to grant access to the MAP with respect to the economic double taxation that may otherwise result from a primary transfer pricing adjustment (i.e. is paragraph 2 of Article 9 of the OECD Model Tax Convention or the UN Model Double Taxation Convention included in all of your jurisdiction's tax treaties)?	See detailed explanation	Article 9 paragraph 2 is not present in some of the oldest treaties. The tax treaty policy of Romania is to incorporate the equivalent of article 9(2) OECD Model Convention in all its tax treaties. Most tax treaties already contain this provision. Romania ratified, through Law 5/2022, the Multilateral Convention to Implement Tax Treaty Related Measures to Prevent Base Erosion and Profit Shifting ("Multilateral Instrument" or "BEPS MLI").	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/legislatie/L

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27.	Is there any other information available on resolution of MAP cases?	Yes	See the MAP Guidelines published by the competent authority in Romania.	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare R/ GHIDPROCEDURAAMIABILAEN.pdf
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D.	Implementation of MAP Agreements			
28.	Where the agreement reached by your competent authority through the MAP process leads to additional tax to be paid by your taxpayer, is there publicly available information on the timeframe the taxpayer could expect its tax position to be amended to reflect the agreement reached by the competent authority and/or for the additional tax to be paid?	Yes	The general provisions of the domestic legislation may apply, as follows: - Art. 282 of Law no. 207/2015 regarding the Fiscal Procedure Code, with subsequent amendments and additions. Also, where the domestic statute of limitation rules cannot be complied with and the double taxation agreements explicitly stipulates that any agreement reached shall be implemented irrespective of the domestic statute of limitation rules, the provision of the double taxation agreement will prevail over national legislation. - Art. 283¹ - 283¹9 from Law no. 207/2015 regarding the Fiscal Procedure Code, with subsequent amendments and additions. If an agreement was reached with the other competent authorities of the member states in question on how to resolve the disputed issue, NAFA issues by order of the president of NAFA the decision to settle the mutual agreement procedure, which will be immediately transmitted to the affected person. The decision to settle the mutual agreement procedure becomes binding and enforceable, provided that the affected person accepts it. The decision to resolve the mutual agreement procedure is implemented immediately, regardless of the prescription periods provided by the legal norms in force.	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/cod_proced_ura/Cod_Procedura_Fiscala_2023.htm#RefHea_ding3717_1651101228 https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/cod_proced_ura/Cod_Procedura_Fiscala_2023.htm#_RefHea_ding9001_1651101228

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29. Where the agreement reached by your competent authority through the MAP process leads to a refund of the tax due or paid by your taxpayer, are there publicly available information on the timeframe the taxpayer could expect its tax position to be amended to reflect the agreement reached by the competent authority and/or for a refund of the tax paid?

Yes

The general provisions of the domestic legislation may apply, as follows:

- Art. 282 of Law no. 207/2015 regarding the Fiscal Procedure Code, with subsequent amendments and additions. Also, where the domestic statute of limitation rules cannot be complied with and the double taxation agreements explicitly stipulates that any agreement reached shall be implemented irrespective of the domestic statute of limitation rules, the provision of the double taxation agreement will prevail over national legislation.
- Art. 283¹ 283¹9 of Law no. 207/2015 regarding the Fiscal Procedure Code, with subsequent amendments and additions. If an agreement was reached with the other competent authorities of the member states in question on how to resolve the disputed issue, NAFA issues by order of the president of NAFA the decision to settle the mutual agreement procedure, which will be immediately transmitted to the affected person. The decision to settle the mutual agreement procedure becomes binding and enforceable, provided that the affected person accepts it. The decision to resolve the mutual agreement procedure is implemented immediately, regardless of the prescription periods provided by the legal norms in force.

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30.	Are all mutual agreements reached through MAP implemented not with standing any time limits in your domestic law?	No	Where the domestic statute of limitation rules cannot be complied with and the double taxation agreements explicitly stipulates that any agreement reached shall be implemented irrespective of the domestic statute of limitation rules, the provision of the double taxation agreement will prevail over national legislation.	-
31.	Is there any other information available on the implementation of MAP agreements?	Yes	See the MAP Guidelines published by the competent authority in Romania.	https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare R/ GHIDPROCEDURAAMIABILAEN.pdf https://static.anaf.ro/static/10/Anaf/Prezentare_R/ Ghidproceduraamiabila(MAP)EN.pdf