

**PRESS RELEASE****no. 12 of March 11, 2005****on the main short term indicators in 2004 and in January 2005**

Gross domestic product estimated for 2004 accounted for ROL 2387914.3 billion current prices, increasing – in real terms – by 8.3% in comparison with 2003. The growth was mostly determined by higher activity volume and, consequently, of gross value added in agriculture, forestry, fish breeding (+22.2%) and construction (+9.0%).

Total final consumption registered a growth of 10.3% in 2004, as against 2003 and gross fixed capital formation increased by 10.1%.

In January 2005, gross index of **manufacturing production** registered a growth of 11.2%, as compared to the same month of the previous year; per total branch; gross index was 108.5%. In January 2005, as against December 2004, gross index of industrial production decreased by 6.1%.

In 2004, total turnover¹⁾ of enterprises having industry as main activity was by 9.9% higher in real terms in comparison with 2004 and in January 2005, it increased by 2.5% as against January 2004.

In January 2005, **the main resources of primary energy** amounted to 3424.7 thousand tons equivalent oil ²⁾, of which 2091.6 thousand tons equivalent oil from domestic production.

Investments achieved in the economy in 2004 accounted for ROL 309356.2 billion, increasing in real terms by 8.2% in comparison with 2003.

In 2004, the value of **construction works** amounted to ROL 213900.4 billion, increasing by 8.9% as against 2003. New construction works accounting for ROL 133556.3 billion represented 62.4% of total construction.

Capital repair works amounted to ROL 33681.4 billion (15.8% of total construction works) and maintenance and current repair works for existent buildings and construction represented 21.8%.

In 2004, 34346 **construction licenses** were released for residential buildings, of which those for one dwelling residential buildings represented 98.0% as against total. Residential

¹⁾ Total turnover comes from main activity and from secondary activities of industrial enterprises.

²⁾ Conventional fuel with calorific power of 10 000 kcal/kg.

buildings, for which construction licenses were released, comprise, according to the projects, 37798 dwellings of 5465.1 thousand sq.m. useful area.

In January 2005, 1441 licenses were released for residential buildings.

In 2004, the number of **finished dwellings** was 29957. 4991 dwellings were carried out from budgetary subsidies. In this period, the number of finished dwellings from population funds was by 2142 dwellings higher than in 2003, this category still holding the highest weight (82.8% of total finished dwellings).

On December 31, 2004, 82838 dwellings were under various stages of execution in account of economic units and of the population; 35.7% of them were under an advanced stage of finalisation.

In 2004, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **retail trade** (excepting trade of motor vehicles and motorcycles) was by 17.6% over the level registered in 2003, higher growths being obtained both for sales of non-food goods (+22.5%) and for sales of food goods (+11.2%).

In January 2005, in comparison with the same month of 2004, turnover from retail trade was by 6.2% higher (+24.5% for food goods).

In 2004, turnover volume of enterprises having as main activity **wholesale and retail trade, maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles, retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles** was by 14.5% higher than in 2003, being supported by the growth of turnover from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+15.9%) as well as by higher turnover from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles (+13.1%).

In comparison with January 2004, in January 2005 turnover was increased by 31.3% due to higher turnover from trade and maintenance of motor vehicles as well as from retail trade of fuel for motor vehicles (+38.8%, respectively +24.0%).

In 2004, **market services rendered to the population** pointed out a turnover by 16.5% higher than in 2003. In comparison with the same month of the previous year, in January 2005, a decrease of 7.7% was registered.

Average number of pensioners was 6212 thousands in the fourth quarter of 2004, decreasing by 10 thousands as against the third quarter of 2004.

Social insurance pensioners represented 99.6% of total pensioners; in comparison with the third quarter of 2004, state social insurance pensioners number increased by 8 thousands and that of farmers pensioners decreased by 18 thousands.

Monthly average pension of state social insurance pensioners was ROL 2514630 in the fourth quarter of 2004, increasing by 5.8% as against the third quarter of 2004.

The ratio between average pension of state social insurance for age limit, full contribution (without tax) and net average earning was 54.7% in the fourth quarter of 2004.

According to the data provided by the National Agency for Employment, **number of registered unemployed** was 562.7 thousands at the end of January 2005. In comparison with

January 2004, number of unemployed registered at the agencies for employment decreased by 130.7 thousands. Women represented 41.1 % of total registered unemployed.

In January 2005, **unemployment rate** was 6.3% in relation to total civil active population (7.7% in January 2004). Female unemployment rate was 5.5% (6.9% in January 2004) and male unemployment rate was 7.0% (8.5% in January 2004).

Higher unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Braşov (10.8%), Mehedinţi (10.7%), Hunedoara (10.5%), Vaslui (10.2%) and Alba (10.1%). The lowest unemployment rates were registered in the counties: Bihor (2.2%), Satu-Mare (2.5%), Timiş (2.6%), as well as in Bucharest Municipality (2.7%).