

**MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION**  
between the  
**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION**  
United States of America  
and the  
**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION**  
Republic of Romania

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) of the Department of Transportation of the United States of America, Washington, D.C., United States of America and the Ministry of Transportation (MT) of the Republic of Romania, Bucharest, Romania, hereinafter referred to as “the Participants,” desiring to promote cooperation in finding solutions to problems of mutual concern, to improve rail transportation systems and technology; and, desiring to realize the benefits of cooperation pursuant to this Memorandum of Cooperation, herein referred to as the MOC, have agreed as follows:

*Article I*

**SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of this MOC is to provide a framework for exchange of information and determine areas of mutual rail-related interest to both organizations. The scope of work to be accomplished by the Participants, individually and jointly, will be worked out between the Participants within six (6) months after the date of signing of this MOC.

*Article II*

**FUNDING**

The participation of each Participant is subject to the availability of appropriated funds. No transfer of funds between the Participants is envisaged in connection with this MOC.

*Article III*

**DISCLAIMER**

Each Participant will exercise its best efforts to ensure the accuracy of any data transmitted to the other Participant pursuant to this MOC, but the accuracy of such data is not guaranteed. Each Participant will use the other’s data at its own risk and may not hold the other Participant responsible for damages arising from the use of such data.

*Article IV*

**PROPRIETARY DATA AND INFORMATION**

Unless it is otherwise stipulated by the Participants, scientific and technical information of a non-proprietary nature derived from the cooperative activities under this MOC are to be made available to the scientific community through customary channels and in accordance with the normal procedures of both Participants. Where a joint report is to be published, clearances by the Participants are to be obtained in accordance with procedures stipulated by the Participants on a case-by-case basis.

The participants are to maintain confidentiality of information supplied in accordance with the applicable laws and guidelines of the Participant that supplied the information. If a Participant determines that proprietary information cannot be held in confidence pursuant to the laws governing that Participant, those documents shall be promptly returned to the other Participant.

All publicly distributed copies of a copyrighted work prepared under this MOC are to indicate the names of the authors of the work and the names of the contributing organizations, unless an author explicitly declines to be named. Each Participant reserves a royalty-free, no-exclusive, and irrevocable world-wide right to reproduce, publish, disseminate, or to otherwise use, and to authorize others to use, works prepared under this MOC for FRA and MT purposes.

*Article V*

**SCOPE OF MEMORANDUM**

The following subjects/areas of interest will form the core of the MOC. New subjects/areas of interest may be added by consent of both Participants.

- Improvement of safety in rail operations through the use of new system technologies.
- Identifying new fields of technologies for rail applications and to develop joint strategies in the field of organizational and operational system restructuring through information exchange.

Each Participant will identify individuals responsible for the areas covered in the Scope of Memorandum within sixty (60) days of the start of a particular project.

*Article VI*

**DURATION AND TERMINATION**

These activities under this MOC are to commence on the date appearing below and continue for a period of three (3) years, until either Participant receives sixty (60) days advance written notice by the other Participant of its intention to cease cooperative activities.

Done in Washington, D.C., on this day, March 5, 1999



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**Department of Transportation**  
**Washington, DC**  
**United States of America**



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**Minister,**  
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