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Today **the vice prime-minister Dan Nica, minister of administration and interior**, has inaugurated the COMPLEX SYSTEM OF OBSERVATION, SURVEILLANCE AND CONTROL OF THE BLACK SEA TRAFFIC (SCOMAR).

On this occasion, the vice prime-minister Dan Nica stated: “A system like this one provides not only support to all the persons in need near the Romanian Black Sea shore, but also an effective way of countering illegal trafficking of either drugs, persons or goods, as well as of countering the illegal fishing.”

In the same context, Mr. Dan Nica underlined the increased importance of the SCOMAR implementation in view of Romania’s joining to the Schengen area:

“One of the requirements referred to the securing of the Black Sea frontier. There are also the other borders to the Danube, to the Eastern and Northern zones. But we proved today that we have the ability to secure the Black Sea, through a comprehensive operation which other countries with tradition and other economic power couldn’t carry out this year.

Therefore, Romania knows how to meet these requirement, we accomplish our tasks in due time so as to join the Schengen area in 2011, and we do it very well.”

Background

SCOMAR is an operational system of surveillance, based on up-to-date technology which allows quick detection, surveillance, recognition and identification of the crafts developing illegal trafficking in the Black Sea.

The system was designed in cooperation with the partners of the European Union, with a total budget of 24.60 million Euros (by Phare funds and co-financing), being rendered operational in view of Romania’s joining to the Schengen area.

The large images provided by this integrated system will be used by other institutions as well, such as Ministry of National Defense, the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Agriculture.