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Institute for Legislative Analysis Announces Launch of Romanian Counterpart

New partnership aims to strengthen accountability and attract investment as allies compete with China for AI leadership

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23, 2026 — The Institute for Legislative Analysis (ILA), a public policy research and data hub based in the United States, today announced the launch of its first international counterpart and strategic partner, the Institute for Legislative Research (ILR) in Romania.

In the United States, the ILA annually produces the most expansive set of lawmaker voting analyses on Congress and state legislatures. As the organization expands its model internationally, Romania is the first nation where ILA is formalizing a partnership, reflecting the country's growing importance in the global AI race.

Romania is expected by many to soon become the European Union's leader in artificial intelligence and a significant player in the worldwide competition for AI dominance. In a race increasingly shaped by China's ambitions, sustained leadership will require more than technical capability. It will require major private investment, strong institutions, and public trust that government is transparent and accountable.

A major opportunity exists for deeper commercial ties between the United States and Romania as American businesses seek partners and new growth opportunities across Europe. At the same time, Romania's transition from decades of communist rule remains relatively recent, and concerns about government integrity and institutional accountability can weigh heavily on outside investment decisions.

The Institute for Legislative Research was created to strengthen transparency and accountability in the Parliament of Romania. Like its U.S. counterpart, ILR is grounded in the principles of limited government and free market economics, which are central drivers of investment and long-term economic growth.

"How the investment community evaluates the integrity of Romania's governance will play a major role in whether the country becomes simply a participant in the AI competition or a global leader," ILA Chief Executive Officer Ryan McGowan said. "We are proud to work with our Romanian partners at ILR to advance principled policy solutions, root out corruption, and provide the clarity and confidence investors need. Building stronger governance among allies is part of how the United States and the broader West stay ahead of China in the technologies that will define the next generation."

ILA President Fred McGrath said, *"After visiting Bucharest and hearing directly from leaders across Romania, it is clear that the country has momentum and ambition. The ILR has assembled a talented,*

mission-driven team committed to delivering real results for the Romanian people. We are excited about what this transatlantic partnership can mean for greater prosperity in both nations and for a stronger strategic position for the West in the global AI race.”

The partnership between ILA and ILR will focus on building accountability tools, publishing legislative research accessible to citizens and investors, and supporting reforms that strengthen transparency, promote competitive markets and encourage long-term investment.

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