

# REFORMING TAX SYSTEM – THE ROMANIAN EXPERIENCE

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## Abstract

*This paper proposes an analysis of the reform of the taxation system in Romania after 1990 by concentrating on following aspects and inquiries:*

- Was there a well-defined rationale to change the structure of the taxation system after 1990?
- Were the implemented changes in the structure of the taxation system planned adequately?
- When the technical elements of the taxes were established?
- Were the general accepted criteria of fiscal equity, efficiency, neutrality, convenience, efficiency, and stability integrated in the system?
- To what degree and how the changes in the structure of the taxation system have contributed to the social and economic development in Romania?
- What was the overall impact of the changes in the structure of the taxation system on the budgetary aggregates?
- How did the taxation system respond to the financial crisis?
- What lessons the fiscal authorities have learned from changes and how the feedback will be integrated the future reforms?

*The analysis is based - in the qualitative part - on the legislation that was the foundation for the taxation system in Romania, on its substantiation, and on the parliamentary debates for its adoption. In the quantitative part, the analysis is based on the data provided by the national specialized institutions such as Ministry of Finance, Fiscal Council, and National Institute of Statistics.*