

## Romania continues as European leader in construction

Romania recorded this May the highest year-on-year growth rate in construction works (31.5 percent) for the third consecutive time, followed at a long distance by Poland and Bulgaria, with a 16.3 percent advancement each, Eurostat statistics reveal.

In the case of Romania, the 31.5-percent year-on-year growth in May 2008 happened after a 31.4-percent monthly growth in April 2008 and a 31.6-percent rise in March 2008.

Data with the National Statistics Institute (INS) indicate that the volume of construction works advanced 32.9 percent January through May 2008, which compares to the similar period of 2007. The advancement was recorded for all types of structures: non-residential (35.1 percent), residential (34.1 percent), engineering structures (31.6 percent). Current maintenance and repairing works advanced 33.9 percent, while new construction works went up 32.9 percent, and overhaul works 30.8 percent.