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Romania – Digital nomad visa introduced

Romania joins the list of European countries that have launched a digital nomad visa, allowing eligible individuals from outside the EU/EEA to work in jobs independent of location and time in Romania.

The Romanian legislation on foreigner workers was amended with effect from 17 January 2022. Law no. 22/2022 amended Emergency Ordinance no.194/2002 on the regime of foreigners, offering digital nomads the possibility to obtain a long-stay visa for Romania. We summarize below the key aspects introduced by the new legislation.

Definition

A digital nomad is defined as a foreigner (a) employed under contract by a company registered outside Romania, or (b) who owns a company registered outside Romania, provided that his/her activity as an employee or the activity within such company is performed remotely, by using information and communication technology.

Eligible applicants

Law no. 22/2022 provides that a long-stay visa can be granted to digital nomads who meet the following cumulative conditions:

(i) The applicant must have the means to support himself/herself financially from the activity carried out, amounting to at least three times the average gross monthly salary in Romania, for each of the last six months, prior to the date of submission of the visa application, as well as for the entire visa period. The average gross monthly salary in Romania for 2022 is RON 6,095 (approx. EUR 1,230).

(ii) The applicant must carry out activities remotely from which he/she obtains income, by using information and communication technology.

Supporting documents

To obtain a digital nomad visa, applicants must make a formal request to the Romanian embassy or consulate in their country of residence.

The digital nomad visa application must be accompanied by a number of documents, including the following:

- the employment contract concluded with a company registered outside Romania or proof of the remote administration of a company registered for at least three years as of the filing of the visa application;
- proof of sufficient financial means obtained from the activity carried out, amounting to at least three times the average gross monthly salary in Romania for each of the last 6 months prior to the date of filing the visa application, as well as for the entire visa period;
- a criminal record certificate and a certificate attesting the payment of fees/taxes by the digital nomad or, as the case may be, the company he/she owns;
- proof of health insurance for the entire period during which the visa is valid, with minimum coverage of at least EUR 30,000;
- proof of accommodation and proof of reservation of a travel ticket to enter the country/driving licence.

Documents may need to be legalized or apostilled and translated into Romanian.

The right to temporary residence for a digital nomad can initially be extended for a period of six months, whereas subsequent extensions may be



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granted if the digital nomad continues to fulfil the conditions mentioned above and presents an income certificate issued by the competent tax authority.

The digital nomad visa is expected to attract workers, promote the country internationally and contribute to the development of the economy.

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