

THE IMAGE OF ROMANIA'S ADHESION TO SCHENGEN SPACE REFLECTED IN THE NEWSPAPER "ADEVĂRUL" (2024-2025)

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Abstract: *The online archives of the daily newspaper Adevărul provided us interesting articles during all the year 2024-2025 concerning the Romania's chances to adhere to Schengen space. Voices of European and national politician represented in the country or at the level of European institutions expressed their points of view, opinions, interrogations concerning the future of Romania as full member of European Union and in the future, later on, of Schengen space. The encouragements of European leaders and also their skepticism are very well debated in the pages of the journal Adevărul. The entering of Romania in Schengen space is presented as a national achievement of Romania and a guarantee that new perspectives for economy, security, and workers mobility will expand.*

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I tried to gather a few articles published in the newspaper *Adevărul*¹ during 2024-2025 from the archives of this journal published online and having at basis this first-hand material to make a press account of the sketch of Romania adherence to Schengen space as it is revealed in a part of the Romanian press. The battle of Romanian officials to see their country in Schengen space is described in this press review. See below, a few of the opinions presented in Romanian press (journal *Adevărul*) regarding the entrance of Romania in Schengen space.

From March 29, 2024, in the newspaper *Adevărul*, in the article of Valentin Bolocan, *România intră în Schengen. Cum vom călători începând de duminică/ Romania enters Schengen (n.n. space). How we will travel starting with Sunday*, it is explained that Romania has to enter to sea and aerial Schengen space. In what concerns the aerial traffic it will not exist anymore controls of documents only spontaneous verification of documents (randomly). In airports will exist policemen but not for usual control. There will be aleatory controls to identify people with false travelling documents. These controls verify the legality of documents and drug traffic. (Bolocan, 2024)

From March 30, 2024, in the article written by George Andrei Cristescu in the journal *Adevărul*, *Noaptea în care România intră în spațiul Schengen aerian și maritim. Cum vor călători românii începând cu ora 00.00/ The night in which Romania enters to aerial and sea Schengen space. How they will travel Romanians starting with the hour 00.00*, is mentioned the entrance of Romania in aerial and sea Schengen space while on

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Friday, the prime-minister Marcel Ciolacu was present at Timișoara, at the International Airport, talking about this victory of Romanians, asserting that Romania opts out for full adherence to the Schengen space. (Cristescu, 2024)

From March 31, 2024, in the article of Ana-Maria Gherghiță from the newspaper *Adevărul*, *România a intrat în Schengen, Primii călători care nu au mai fost supuși controalelor la frontieră VIDEO/ Romania has entered Schengen (n.n. space). The first travellers that were not submitted to border controls VIDEO*, it is revealed that Romania has entered the Schengen space, namely aerial and sea space.

From May, 9, 2024, in the article written by Laura Macavei in the journal *Adevărul*, *Bătăia pe muncitori. Intrarea în Schengen ne-ar putea lăsa și fără puțina forță de muncă pe care o mai avem./ The fight for workers. The entrance in Schengen could leave us without the very few workforce we still have*, it is revealed that Romania entered in Schengen space in what it concerns its aerial and sea space but this thing can bring us an inconvenience, the foreigners who work in our country can migrate in other countries to work. The author shows that, after Siria, Romania is on the second place in the world in what it concerns the flow of the working force outside the country. In the same time, shows Laura Macavei immigrants, sometimes non-Europeans, came to Romania hoping to get a job. The issue, says the author, is that the Romanian state don't have such policies to keep the workers in the country. (Macavei, 2024)

From July, 12, 2024, in the article of Teodora Marinescu from the newspaper *Adevărul*, *România beneficiază de sprijinul deplin al Franței pentru intrarea în spațiul Schengen terestru. Ce mesaj a transmis ambasadorul francez/ Romania is benefiting by the full support of France for the entrance in pedestrian Schengen space. What message transmitted the French ambassador*, it is pointed out the full support of France in the view of the full adherence of Romania to pedestrian Schengen in the opinion of French ambassador to Romania, Nicolas Warnery at the reception organized with the occasion of France national day. This speech of the French ambassador happened in the context of the beginning of the negotiations of adherence to the European Union of Ukraine and Republic of Moldova. The opinion of the French ambassador is that France will support the adherence of Romania to OECD in 2024. The ambassador warmly thanked to Olympics and sportives for their contribution to the image of Romania abroad. (Marinescu, 2024)

From July, 20, 2024, in the article of Dana Arambescu of the journal *Adevărul*, *Cum se schimbă șansele de intrare completă în Schengen cu doi vicepreședinți în PE. Ștefănuță: "Cred că va trebui să așteptăm alegerile parlamentare din Austria"/ How they are changed the chances of full entrance in Schengen with two vice-presidents in PE (n.n. see European Parliament). Ștefănuță: „I think we will have to wait the parliamentary elections from Austria”*, it is revealed that, Romania, will have major political gains after the elections of the Eurodeputees Nicu Ștefănuță and Victor Negrescu and it is expected that Romania to have an easier path on its way to full adherence to Schengen space. These two Eurodeputees were both named as vice-presidents of the European Parliament, asserts the author. Ștefănuță thinks we have to wait the parliamentary elections from Austria that will take place in the autumn of 2024 in order to see the perspective of Romania's entrance in the pedestrian Schengen space. (Arambescu, 2024)

From July, 22, 2024 in the article of Ana-Maria Gheorghită from the newspaper *Adevărul*, namely *Când ar putea avea loc intrarea României în spațiul Schengen terestru. Cătălin Predoiu : "Suntem mai bine plasați decât anul trecut"/ When it could take place*

the adherence of Romania in the pedestrian Schengen space. Cătălin Predoiu: “We are better placed than last year”, it is mentioned the fact that the minister of internal affairs, Cătălin Predoiu asserted that Romania is enjoying a more favourable position than last year in what it concerns its full adherence to Schengen space according to the opinion of Agerpress. At that hour, Romania has entered already in aerial and sea Schengen space, asserts the author. According to Cătălin Predoiu, Romania will enter to pedestrian Schengen space in 2025. This happens in 2025, in a more complex situation than last year, when the European Commission is about to be formed, process that will probably end in the autumn. (Gheorghită, 2024)

From September 26, 2024, in the newspaper “Adevărul”, the author Alex Vlaicu writes the article *Comisia Europeană susține că România este pregătită pentru aderarea deplină la Schengen/ European Commission sustains that Romania is ready for full adherence to Schengen space*. It is revealed the declaration of the European Commission, from September 26, 2024, that, Romania and Bulgaria are ready to enter the Schengen space. The border control at the internal frontiers of Bulgaria, Romania and other states should be eliminated is the opinion of the European Commission. Ten days ago, Germany introduced border controls at all pedestrian frontiers in order to combat illegal immigration. (Vlaicu, 2024)

From September, 28, 2024, in the journal “Adevărul”, in the article of Cristina Stancu, *Cum au încercat să intre ilegal în spațiul Schengen, prin România, un cetățean palestinian și unul tunisian/ How it tried to enter illegally in the Schengen space, through Romania, a palestinian citizen and a tunisian one*, it is shown that the frontier policemen from the International Airport Henri Coandă from Bucharest identified two citizens (a palestinian and a tunisian) who tried to pass illegally in Schengen space using false travelling documents. The two people were forbidden to enter in Schengen space being forced to return to Amman, in Jordan. (Stancu, 2024)

From October 2, 2024, in the newspaper “Adevărul”, the author Alex Vlaicu, in the article *Europarlamentarul Victor Negrescu, în urma alegerilor din Austria: “Aderarea la Schengen devine aproape imposibilă”/ The Eurodeputee Victor Negrescu after the elections from Austria: “The adherence to Schengen becomes almost impossible”* reveals the opinion of the vice-president of European Parliament, Victor Negrescu, considering that, the Romania’s adherence to pedestrian Schengen space, is almost impossible in the context when, in Austria, right wing extreme would form the government. FPÖ, a nationalist and anti-immigration party, won the first place in elections in Austria, this aspect being a worrying factor. Concerning the opinion of Austrian officials regarding the adherence of Romania to Schengen space, the leadership of this country opposed for longer time to this adherence and finally agreed to Romania’s integration into Schengen space only in what it concerns aerial and sea frontiers. (Vlaicu, 2024)

From October 4, 2024, in the journal “Adevărul”, the author Alex Vlaicu writes the article *Consiliul JAI discută săptămâna viitoare dacă România poate intra în spațiul Schengen terestru/ The Council JAI debates next week if Romania can enter into pedestrian Schengen*. It is mentioned the Council of Justice and Home Affairs from Luxemburg which will debate the implementation of *acquis communautaire* in Bulgaria and Romania. European Commission will present Schengen Barometer, a bi-annual report regarding the evolutions developed in Schengen space, but also the threats emergent in Schengen space. (Vlaicu, 2024)

From October 7, 2024, in the journal “Adevărul“, the author Cristina Stancu, in the article *România trebuie să adere la Schengen cu frontierele terestre până la sfârșitul anului, spune comisarul european pentru afaceri interne/ Romania has to adhere to Schengen until the end of the year, says the European commissioner for internal affairs*, it is revealed the declaration of the European Commissioner for Internal Affairs that Romania and Bulgaria has to adhere to Schengen space until the year 2024. The European commissioner declared he is happy to live in Schengen space. He pleaded for the cause of Romania and Bulgaria to adhere to Schengen space. (Stancu, 2024)

From October 8, 2024, in the journal “Adevărul”, the author Dana Arambescu, in the article *Video. Care sunt șansele României să intre în Schengen anul acesta. Agenda Consiliului JAI din 10 octombrie/ Video. Which are the chances of Romania to enter in Schengen this year. The Agenda of the Council of JAI from October 10*, reveals the fact that Romania is in a critical point in what it concerns the adherence to Schengen space regarding the pedestrian frontiers and this will be the topic of debate from October 10, 2024 at the meeting of the Council of Justice and Home Affairs. Daniel Buda, depute of Liberal Party was asked if there are signals at the level European Popular Party concerning the positive answer of Austria regarding the adherence of Romania and Bulgaria to Schengen. The idea of adherence to Schengen space will be debated in the Council of Justice and Home Affairs and, in December, the final decision regarding these states will be taken. In the opinion of liberal depute Buda, the adherence of Romania to Schengen space will help to the strenghtening of external frontiers of the European Union. Previously, the aerial and sea frontiers with Romania and Bulgaria, were removed on December, 2023. Austria opposed before the moment when the article was written to the adherence of Romania and Bulgaria to Schengen space. The new European Commission lead by Ursula von der Leyen would probably generate a change of attitude in the politics of Austria regarding the enlargement of Schengen space. The author asserts that the reunion of the Council for Justice and Home Affairs from Luxemburg from October 10 is very important for the issue of Schengen space. (Arambescu, 2024)

From October 10, 2024, in the journal “Adevărul”, the author Cristina Stanca, in the article *Video. România află joi dacă îndeplinește condițiile pentru adera la Schengen terestru. Vești proaste din partea Austriei/ Video. Romania finds out on Thursday if it fullfils the conditions for adherence to pedestrian Schengen. Bad news coming from Austria's side*, says that, after the meeting from Luxemburg, from October 2024, Romania will find out if it fullfils the conditions to adhere to pedestrian Schengen space. The opinion of the Austrian minister for internal affairs, Gerhard Karner is that Romania and Bulgaria should not be admitted yet into Schengen space while Cătălin Predoiu, Romanian minister for Internal Affairs is optimistic before the Council of Justice and Home Affairs from Luxemburg, considering that, Romanian state, is ready to adhere to Schengen space. During this summit, the European Comission will present a bi-annual report considering the evolution of the Schengen space. The Hungarian Presidency of the European Union will present how it was applied to community acquis in Bulgaria and Romania. In the opinion of the Romanian prime-minister, Marcel Ciolacu, 2024 is the year when Romania will enter to Schengen. (Stanca, 2024)

From October 10, 2024, in the journal “Adevărul”, in the article *Chiar înaintea ședinței JAI, reprezentantul Austriei declară că nu e încă momentul ca România și Bulgaria să intre în Schengen/ Right after the meeting of JAI, the representative of Austria declares that it is not still the moment that Romania and Bulgaria to enter in Schengen*, the author Florentina Grigore writes about the fact that Austrian opinion

regarding the adherence of Romania and Bulgaria to Schengen, expressed before this meeting of JAI, was not favourable to these two countries. The pedestrian frontiers with Romania and Bulgaria were maintained for longer time. The opinion of the President of European Commission, Ursula von de Leyen, was more favourable regarding the adherence of Romania to Schengen space. Nevertheless, Romania is enjoying the support of several European officialities and this fact might lead to future adherence of Romania to Schengen space, considered the author. (Grigore, 2024)

From October 11, 2024, in the journal "Adevărul", the author Ioana Ion, in the article *Anunțul Bruxelles-ului după ce Austria a pus din nou frână aderării României la Schengen/ The announcement of Bruxelles after Austria put an end to Romania's adherence to Schengen*, reveals that Romania was, again, rejected in its attempt to adhere to Schengen space, mainly because of the opposition of Austria. At December 30, 2023, the Council of the European Union decided the release the border internal controll at Romania's and Bulgaria's aerial and sea borders. The Council of the European Union will decide when the internal pedestrian frontiers of the European Union with Romania and Bulgaria will become open. Before the meeting of the Council of Justice and Home Affairs from December 12-13 2024, Austria and its minister of internal affairs, Gerhard Karner, opposed to the full adherence of Romania and Bulgaria to Schengen space. He considered that some progresses have been achieved but, Romania and Bulgaria were not, in his opinion, at that time, ready for entering into Schengen space. (Ion, 2024)

From November 7, 2024, in the newspaper *Adevărul*, the author Briana Teodorescu, in the article *Noutăți privind calendarul aderării României la Schengen terestru: Se amână pentru Paște- "Sunt niște softuri de implementat"/ News regarding the callender of Romania's adherence to Schengen space. It is delayed for Eastern "There are some softs to implement"*, it revealed that Romania is waiting for the decision to be accepted to Schengen space from December 13, decisions taken by the European Council of Justice and Home Affairs. The opinion of the Romanian prime-minister, Marcel Ciolacu, is that border controlls at the periphery of the European Union could take place in spring 2025. Last month, the prime-minister Marcel Ciolacu was optimistic regarding the accesion of Romania to Schengen space until the end of this year. (Teodorescu, 2024)

From November 15, 2024, in the journal *Adevărul*, in the article *Lasconi i-a scris lui Nehammer: "Nu doar Romania pierde din cauza actualei frontiere Schengen, ci și Austria"/ Lasconi wrote to Nehammer: "Not only Romania will loose because of the actual Schengen frontier, but also Austria."*, the author Maria Dinu reveals and the president of political group USR and one of the candidates to Romanian Presidency, Elena Lasconi, wrote to Austrian chancellor, Karl Nehammer, that, taking into consideration that Austria is one of the largest investor in Romania, the Romania's entrance in Schengen space will improve much more the commercial figures of the two countries. Elena Lasconi considers that Romania's entrance to Schengen space is a right and a responsibility. Austria is the second largest investor in Romania and the volume of imports and exports between the two countries might increase considerably because of this entrance of Romania in Schengen area. (Dinu, 2024)

From November 22, 2024, in the newspaper *Adevărul*, the journalist Ștefan Lică publishes the article *Ce înseamnă pentru România aderarea deplină la Spațiul Schengen. Beneficiile aduse fiecărui român și companiilor/ What it means for Romania the full adherence to Schengen Space. The benefits brought to each Romanian and companies*. The article reveals the fact that, Romania is about to enter into Schengen space, after it adhered firstly to sea and aerial European space of free movement, gaining economic

advantages. (Lică, 2024) Romania's entrance into Schengen space, shows the author, will bring a series of benefits for country's economy. It will be created a single external frontier of the European Union, crossing the border of the European Union without further restrictions. Economic companies and the firms of transport will gain an advantage because of the fact that Romanians will be excepted from customs control. Private investors will see with good eyes the entrance of Romania to Schengen space, considers the author. (Lică, 2024) Border control delayed the transit of private companies and they now see with positive eyes the end of customs duties and lost time for formalities of crossing the border. Another asset gained by Romania after the entrance to Schengen space, asserts the author, will be the freedom of the movement of Romanian citizens.

From November 23, 2024, in the journal *Adevărul*, Alina Mitran, in the article *România intră în spațiul Schengen la 17 ani de la aderarea în Uniunea Europeană. Care au fost piedicile/ ANALIZĂ/ Romania enters in the Schengen space at 17 years after the entrance in European Union. Which were the obstacles/ ANALYSIS*, the author Alina Mitran asserts that, there is only a single step to the final decision to accept Romania into Schengen space, at the Council for Justice and Home Affairs from December 12. The prime-minister Marcel Ciolacu thanked to the Hungarian prime-minister Victor Orban for his support in what it concerns the full adherence of Romania to the Schengen space. (Mitran, 2024). Hungary was the country who, at that time, detained the presidency of European Union. The opinion of the Romanian minister was that Romanian-Hungarian economic relations will be accelerated by the adherence of Romania to Schengen. Romania through the voice of prime-minister, Marcel Ciolacu, promised to Austrian chancellor, Karl Nehammer that Romania will undertake the responsibility to protect the external frontiers of the European Union. In the opinion of Victor Orban is that all the barriers that hindered the process of Romania's adherence to Schengen space were eliminated. In the opinion of Viktor Orban, in the cross-border areal economic cooperation between the two countries will be enhanced due to Romania's adherence to Schengen space. After the end of pandemy, in 2021, the Romanian president Klaus Iohannis asserted that the the entrance of Romania in Schengen space will stay as a necessity on the political agenda of Romania. It followed a favourable resolution in the European Parliament with the view of Romania's entrance to Schengen space. The favourable opinion of Austria in favor of Romania's cause, formulated by chancellor Nehammer, put Romania's problem in a favourable light. Romania and Bulgarian will be the guardian of external frontiers of the European Union, is the opinion of the author. The frontiers from the boundaries with Romania and Bulgaria will be maintained for 6 months after January 1, 2025. (Mitran, 2024)

From November 27, 2024 in the journal *Adevărul*, the author Florentina Grigore, in the article *România mai face un pas spre Spațiul Schengen: "Ambasadorii UE au agreeat aderarea completă"/ Romania makes another step towards the Schengen Space: "The ambassadors of EU agreed the complete adherence"* says that, Austria was the last country who opposed to the adherence of Romania to EU. The decision of acceptance of Romania in the Schengen space will be ratified by the Council of Justice and Internal Affairs of the European Union. (Grigore, 2024)

From November 27, 2024 in the journal *Adevărul*, the article *Premierul PSD Marcel Ciolacu: din 2025, românii vor călători liber nu doar în Schengen, ci și în SUA/ The prime-minister of Social Democratic Party Marcel Ciolacu: from 2025, the Romanians will travell freely not only in Schengen, but also in United States*, is it mentioned the information provided by Marcel Ciolacu that, after the entrance of

Romania in Schengen space, the Romanians will travel freely without visa in USA. (***, 2024)

From December 12, 2024 in the newspaper *Adevărul* from December 12, 2024, in the article of Denis Grigorescu, *Ce beneficii aduce pentru România aderarea la spațiul terestru Schengen de la 1 ianuarie 2025/ What benefits it brings for Romania the adherence to Schengen space from January 1 2025*, it is mentioned the fact that the adherence of Romania to Schengen space will bring a series of benefits to Romanian state in the economic field. Freedom of movement is an other asset we gained. The transport and commercial firms will not lose time anymore for customs control within the territory of the European Union. It is expected that, because of the adherence of Romania to Schengen space, the number of foreign investors in Romania will increase. Almost 400 millions of people can now move freely on the territory of the European Union. (Grigorescu, 2024)

From December 12, 2024, in the journal *Adevărul*, in the article *România a fost admisă pe deplin în spațiul Schengen/ Romania was admitted fully in the Schengen space*, the author mentions the fact that the Council of European Union decided, in the morning of December 12, 2024, the full adherence of Romania to the Schengen space, starting with the date of January 1, 2025. Austria opposed for the last years to the enlargement of Romania to Schengen space. The minister Ciolacu said, about the entrance of Romania in Schengen space, that, this decision will bring new opportunities for business world and much more new jobs for Romanian citizens. Although Romania fulfilled since two years the criterias for adherence to Schengen space, it was admitted as a full member of Schengen area only at January 1, 2025 and, in the opinion of the prime-minister Marcel Ciolacu, Romania lost 2% of gross domestic product as for the delays at the borders of the European Union due to customs duties previously. (***, 2024)

From December 14, 2024, the newspaper *Adevărul* publishes the article of Ștefan Lică, *Ce ar fi însemnat pentru România un nou eșec în Schengen și cum putem depăși criza politică: "Am fost primii care am decis să-l susținem"/ What it would have meant for Romania a new failure in Schengen and how we can surpass the political crisis: "We were the first who decide to support it"*, that explains the opinion of Professor Valentin Naumescu that Nicușor Dan should win the elections in Romania. Professor Naumescu was interviewed about the Schengen problem and the political crisis in Romania. Mentioning the adherence of Romania to Schengen space, Professor Naumescu says that for six months on will exist certain customary controls within the boundaries of the European Union. (Lică, 2024)

From December, 20, 2024, the newspaper *Adevărul* publishes the article of Ștefan Borcea, *Comisia Europeană afirmă că reintroducerea controalelor la frontierele interne este posibilă/ The European Commission asserts asserts that the re-introduction of controls at internal frontiers is possible*, it is asserted that the border internal controls from the frontier with Bulgaria and Romania will be eliminated starting with January 1, 2025. Other European states such as Germany, Austria, France, Slovenia, Italy, Holland, Denmark and Sweden reintroduced border controls at their internal frontiers, at their decision. (Borcea, 2024)

From December 25, 2024, Cornelia Mazilu, in the newspaper *Adevărul*, in the article *Zeci de puncte de frontieră vor fi închise definitiv de la 1 ianuarie, după aderarea la Schengen. Iată lista completă a acestora/ Several points of frontiers will be closed from January 1, after the adherence to Schengen. See the complete list of them*, it is

underlined that Romania will close 30 points of frontier from the Romanian-Hungarian border and Romanian-Bulgarian frontier after Romania's acceptance into Schengen space. The infrastructure of frontier points will be maintained. (Mazilu, 2024)

From January 1, 2025, in the article of Maria Dinu from the journal *Adevărul*, *Ministrul Predoiu a trecut simbolic granița cu Bulgaria de Revelion, într-o ceremonie la frontiera Giurgiu-Ruse/ Minister Predoiu passed symbolically the boundary with Bulgaria for Revelion, in a ceremony at the frontier Giurgiu-Ruse*, the minister of Internal Affairs of Romania, Cătălin Predoiu, opened the frontier between Romania and Bulgaria at the point of frontier Giurgiu-Ruse, after the adherence of Romania to the Schengen space, event that occurred in January 1, 2025. The frontier controls on the territory Romania –Bulgary will cease to exist, concludes the author. Starting with the night of January 1, 2025 Romania will eliminate all the border controls with the rest of Schengen space members. (Dinu, 2025)

From January 2, 2025, in the article of Ștefan Borcea from the journal *Adevărul*, *Marcel Ciolacu susține că dispariția punctelor de frontieră cu Bulgaria și România reprezintă garanția că exporturile românești vor avansa puternic/ Marcel Ciolacu sustains that the disappearance of the frontier points with Bulgaria and Romania represents the guarantee that Romanian exports will advance strongly*, the prime-minister, Marcel Ciolacu, mentions the positive impulse for national economy that Romania's entrance into Schengen (n.n. space) will bring. The disappearance of the frontier barriers from the boundary with Hungary and Bulgaria will advance the Romanian exports this year (2025), concludes the author. (Borcea, 2025)

From January 15, 2025, in the newspaper *Adevărul*, we find the article of Ștefan Lică, *Efectul neașteptat după intrarea României în Schengen. Economist: "Am zâmbit când i-am auzit pe unii că e bine"/ The unexpected event after the entrance of Romania in Schengen. Economist: "I smiled when I heard some people that it is OK."* The idea of the article is that, there are beneficial aspects brought by Romania's entrance in Schengen space, but also disputable elements taken into discussion by the economist Radu Georgescu. Economy will grow as a consequence of adherence to Schengen space, but the fact that Romania has a commercial deficit, and there is an imbalance between exports and imports, the beneficiaries for economy will not be as expected. The imports of Romania from EU are higher than exports. Americans have also a deficit in the balance of trade, but they introduced taxes for imports of almost 25%, explains Radu Georgescu. (Lică, 2025)

From 7 February, 2025, in the newspaper *Adevărul*, we have the article of Alex Vlaicu, *Mai mulți cetățeni, fără documente pentru spațiul Schengen, depistați la Giurgiu. Încercău să intre în România ajutați de un bulgar/ Several citizens, without documents for Schengen space, identified at Giurgiu were trying to enter in Romania helped by a Bulgarian*. It is revealed the fact that, a Romanian policeman from Giurgiu identified foreign citizens without valid documents trying to cross the border. The article signals cases of citizens of sirian and iranian nationality, who were not having on them documents of travel valid for Schengen space. The author notices an increase of the situations of these kind. (Vlaicu, 2025)

We summarized thus a few of the ideas debated in Romanian press (journal *Adevărul*) with the view of Romania's adesion to Schengen space. It is a part of a political reality reflected in online media. Romania will finalize a process started 30 years ago when it made known its intention to apply for full membership in the European Union. A difficult transition from communism to democracy and European integration which, as

we all hope, to start some real benefits after the pandemic context and all of difficulties we passed through in these transition years.

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