

NRCC supports Romania's accession to Schengen assuming a positive outcome of the EU evaluation mission

The NRCC has noticed that the public debate around the Schengen accession process has intensified. In the context of the evolving debate, the NRCC wishes to clarify the fact that the Lower House of the Dutch Parliament has not adopted a resolution last week requesting the government of the Netherlands to vote against Romania joining the Schengen area.

We have witnessed how the integration in the European economic area has contributed significantly to the social and economic progress in Romania. Undoubtedly, Romania's accession to Schengen will further support this positive development. The NRCC therefore supports Romania joining the Schengen area, assuming a positive outcome of the ongoing EU evaluation mission. Additionally, considering our members' longstanding presence in Romania as well as the positive contribution to the economy and communities in which they operate, we believe that the political decision-making process should not be linked to the activities of our members.

We will be closely watching how the political process unfolds in the coming weeks. Until the vote in the Justice and Home Affairs Council in December, the NRCC will engage with stakeholders in the Netherlands to explain our position, and at the same time, continue our open and constructive dialogue with representatives of the Romanian public and private sector.