

Muşat & Asociații secures definitive victory for NUROL in a strategic Romanian road infrastructure project



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Muşat & Asociații has successfully assisted NUROL İnsaat ve Ticaret A.Ş. in securing a final and binding outcome in the public procurement procedure for the Arad–Oradea Express Road – Lot 3, following a second, highly contested procedural cycle. The firm’s team acted both to position NUROL as the successful bidder and to defend its tender against challenges brought by Automagistral Precon, the contractor awarded Lot 1 of the same project.

The proceedings involved complex procedural and EU law-related issues, including challenges based on the Turkish origin of the economic operator, allegations of late filing and inadmissibility, as well as arguments seeking a preliminary reference to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU). All such arguments were rejected by the competent authorities, resulting in the definitive confirmation of NUROL’s award.

“This outcome reflects the strength of a carefully coordinated legal strategy and our ability to deliver certainty in high-stakes, multi-layered procurement disputes. It is a result built on technical precision and deep procedural know-how.” said **Iulian Popescu**, *Deputy Managing Partner at Muşat & Asociații*.

The Arad–Oradea Express Road – Lot 3 success forms part of a broader track record of major wins for NUROL, for whom Muşat & Asociații has recently secured or defended several projects of national strategic importance. These include the Ploiești–Buzau Motorway – Lot 3, opened to traffic on 30 November, with NUROL completing works several months ahead of schedule, as well as the Timișoara Bypass and the Târgu Mureș–Târgu Neamț Motorway, Section 1 Miercurea Nirajului, both currently under execution and significantly advanced ahead of contractual deadlines.

“Major infrastructure projects require not only strong execution capabilities but also robust legal protection throughout the procurement and delivery phases. Our work for NUROL demonstrates our ability to secure and preserve winning positions in some of the most complex procurement procedures on the Romanian market.” said **Ana Maria Abrudan**, *Partner at Muşat & Asociații*, a key member of the winning team.

Through this latest result, Muşat & Asociații further consolidates its position as a leading Romanian law firm in large-scale civil and defence-related infrastructure projects, leveraging over three decades of experience to deliver definitive outcomes for international contractors.