

Press Conference on Telecentre April 26, 2004

The official opening of the four telecentres within the pilot project on implementing Universal Service in Romania, jointly organised by USAID and MCTI (Ministry of Communications and Information Technology)

Opening speeches by:

Rodger Garner – Mission Director of USAID Bucharest

Adriana Țicău – Secretary of State in MCTI



The press conference began with speeches by Mr. Rodger Garner and Mrs. Adriana Țicău on the telecentre pilot project. The project was initiated by RITI dot-Gov to explore a way of implementing universal service in Romania. It was supported by RITI-Access that provided the equipment – computers, printers, fax and phone sets. Both RITI projects are financed by USAID, on the basis of an agreement between USAID and MCTI.

A short movie presented the four telecentres. Each telecentre has proven its usefulness, clearly demonstrated through the success stories referred to in the movie. Awards were given to the mayors of the communes where the centres were created, for their contribution and efforts in making the installation of the telecentres possible. Awards were also given to the operators having financially supported the creation of the centers by providing the telecommunication connections and installations.



A picture of one sequence of the movie with the mayor of Frecești commune



The event was covered by TV cameramen.