Press Conference on Launching the Guide for the Implementation of Cyber Crime Legislation
Galați - September 1, 2004

The official launching of the Cyber Crime Guide drafted by RITI dot-Gov Project in collaboration with MCTI (Ministry of Communications and Information Technology)

Opening speeches by:
The US Ambassador in Romania – Mr. Jack Dyer Crouch II
The Minister of Communications and Information Technology – Mrs. Adriana Țicău

Presentation of the Guide:
Bogdan Manolea – RITI dot-Gov, Legal Coordinator

RITI dot-Gov together with MCTI specialists produced an *Introductory Guide for the Implementation of the Cyber Crime Legislation*. The guide is designed as a tool for Romanian law enforcement authorities in fighting cyber crime. The Guide was officially launched at a Press Conference in Galați.

Bogdan presenting the Guide

In their opening speeches, both Ambassador Jack Dyer Crouch II and the Minister of Communications and IT, Mrs. Adriana Țicău, emphasized that cyber crime was a world-wide, transboundary issue that required the combined efforts of all states. "Cyber crime is not an issued that is specific to Romania, we have such phenomena in USA" said the Ambassador. He also stressed that the implementation of cyber crime legislation by the government but also the prosecution of the criminals in the domain increased the confidence of the public as well as of the companies.

"The fact that this guide exists shows the importance both governments give to this domain and we are convinced that this collaboration will continue" stated the Minister who also expressed her appreciation for the support US Government has provided to Romania in the domain of Communications and IT and for the good collaboration MCTI had with RITI dot-Gov project, financed by USAID.

Bogdan started by presenting a case study that proves the international character of cyber crime and its very serious dangers and then continued to briefly present the chapters covered by the Guide, emphasizing the fact that the Guide is written in plain, simple Romanian language so that any person may read it without special IT knowledge.

On the screen, an image suggesting the international impact of cyber crime

The press and the audience including representatives of the US Embassy in Bucharest, USAID Mission in Bucharest, RITI dot-Gov, MCTI, local authorities