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## **ROMANIA RANKS LAST IN THE EU IN TERMS OF QUALITY OF LIFE AND WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE**

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Social Progress Index survey (SPI) measures peoples quality of life and the well-being of society from 146 countries, analyzing three dimensions using indicators covering basic human needs (nutrition and basic medical care, water and sanitation, shelter, personal safety), foundations of well-being (access to basic education, access to communications and information, health and well-being, environmental quality) and opportunity (personal rights, personal freedom and choice, inclusiveness, access to advanced education).

Among the Central and Eastern European countries, Slovenia (22) had the best performance, followed by the Czech Republic (26), Estonia (27), Lithuania (31), Poland (32), Slovakia (35), Hungary (36), Croatia (37), Latvia (39), Bulgaria (40) and Romania (44).

Romania ranks 44th this year, compared to 51st, in 2014. The scores registered for each indicator analyzed by SPI are compared to the ones of 15 other states registering a similar GDP per capita (including Bulgaria, Croatia, Latvia, Greece, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Turkey or Iran). According to the scores, Romania performs weaker than the 15 states with a GDP per capita similar on the following chapters: water and sanitation, access to quality medical care, access to advanced education, life expectancy of people over 60 or social inclusion.

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