



**THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
FOR MACROPRUDENTIAL OVERSIGHT**

**NCMO Recommendation No. R/4/2024  
on the countercyclical capital buffer in Romania**

Having regard to:

- (1) the provisions of Art. 3, para. (2), letter b) and para. (3) of Law No. 12/2017 on the macroprudential oversight of the national financial system and the provisions of NCMO Regulation No. 2/2017 on the methodology and procedures used for setting capital buffers and the scope of these instruments, as subsequently amended and supplemented, namely Articles 4-8 on the countercyclical capital buffer,
- (2) the objective of the countercyclical capital buffer (CCyB) to improve the banking sector's resilience to potential losses generated by a cyclical increase in risks. The countercyclical buffer rate is expressed as a percentage of total risk exposure amount of credit institutions with credit exposures in Romania, shall range between 0 percent and 2.5 percent and shall be calibrated in steps of 0.25 percentage points or multiples of 0.25 percentage points. Where justified, a CCyB rate higher than 2.5 percent of total risk exposure amount may be set.

Whereas:

- Cyclical systemic risks persist, amid multiple sources of geopolitical uncertainty,
- There is a tendency at EU level to enhance the resilience of the banking sector, *inter alia* by using macroprudential instruments more frequently,

- Profitability, liquidity and solvency levels of the banking sector remain adequate, thus allowing the build-up of capital buffers – in line with the European practices and recommendations,
- Tensions surrounding macroeconomic equilibria persist.

Pursuant to:

- the provisions of Art. 3, para. (1) letters b), e) and i) and the provisions of Art. 4, para. (1) of Law No. 12/2017 on the macroprudential oversight of the national financial system,

**The National Committee for Macroprudential Oversight has issued this recommendation:**

Art. 1 – The National Bank of Romania is recommended to maintain the countercyclical buffer rate at 1 percent.

Art. 2 – The National Bank of Romania is recommended to further monitor developments in the economy and lending, given the multiple sources of uncertainty internationally and in the region.

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Chairman