**PRESS RELEASE**

**the commencement of the project**

***“*Demonstrating and promoting natural values to support decision-making in Romania *(Nature4Decision-making – N4D)”***

National Environmental Protection Agency based in Splaiul Independenţei, no. 294, postal code 060031, Bucharest, implements the project ***“*Demonstrating and promoting natural values to support decision-making in Romania”** within the ***Programme Area******RO02:*** Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, financed by **the 2009-2014 EEA Financial Mechanism,** since16th of February 2015**.**

Project activities are implemented by NEPA as project promoter in collaboration with WWF-Romania (WWF), Romanian Space Agency (ROSA) and Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA).

Total eligible cost is 3.386.122 Euro, of which 2.878.203,70 Euro is the grant 85% offered by EEA Financial Mechanism, and 507.918,30 Euro is the cofinancing 15% from the national budget.

The objective of this project is setting up of the national mapping and biophysical assessment of selected ecosystems and ecosystem services (ES) in accordance with the Mapping and Assessment of Ecosystems and their Services (MAES) process ongoing at the European Union level.

Date of completion of project ***“*Demonstrating and promoting natural values to support decision-making in Romania *(Nature4Decision-making – N4D)”*** implementationis 30th of April 2016.