

FEATURED HIGHLIGHTS

Undermining civil society - Romania's Ministry for the Environment refuses to honour civil society's input in the Rosia Montana licensing procedure

Alburnus Maior and Greenpeace CEE are signaling grave irregularities committed by the Ministry for the Environment and Water Management (MEWM) in drawing up the list of annex questions submitted to the Rosia Montana project owner.

On February 1st 2006, MEWM released the list containing the comments and suggestions that resulted from the Rosia Montana public consultation procedure and written comments/suggestions sent by the public. Alburnus Maior and Greenpeace subsequently conducted a diligent analysis of the list and are now in the position to reveal significant and serious logical, mathematical and procedural errors. [\[Read more\]](#)

Fact sheet about the substantial irregularities are found in the 'Form stating the public's opinion with regards to the Rosia Montana EIA

The Ministry of the Environment officially stated during a press conference on January 31, 2007 that the number of comments/ suggestions is 21 425 submitted by 21 425 individuals, organisations and municipalities from Romania and abroad.

These irregularities include:

- A. Significant errors in registering the contestations
- B. Deliberate confusion between the number of comments/ suggestions and the total number of applicants
- C. Discriminating the foreign public
- D. Incomplete documentation
- E. Omitting comments raised during the public debates and/ or submitted in writing

[\[Read the factsheet\]](#)

ACTIVISM ALERT

Did you send a contestation to the Romanian Ministry of the Environment during the EIA process? Check if you are on the list!

Some of the letters sent to the Ministry and copied to Alburnus Maior are not registered on the list. E-mail to alburnusmaior@ngo.ro if it is also your case. [\[Check the list\]](#)

Act now: Let them know what you think

After a study visit to Rosia Montana in October 2006, a parliamentary commission opened an online voting system so that the public can express its opinion on the Rosia Montana mine proposal. Up to now more than 6500 people voted against GR's mining proposal. Anyone, from anywhere, is invited to participate and the commission is particularly keen to hear as many voices as possible. Feel free to reply in your mother tongue. [\[Vote now!\]](#)

MEDIA

Questions over Romanian mine hurts Gabriel rating

Article by Allan Robinson

February 6 2007 [[read the article](#)]

Video footage from the Greenpeace protests in the Save Rosia Montana campaign

The Ministry of the Environment 'in bed' with Gabriel Resources, August 19, 2006

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Protest against the Rosia Montana project in front of the Governement [\[Watch\]](#)
