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Corlatean: We will have American political presence at the inauguration of the works at Deveselu

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The minister of foreign affairs Titus Corlatean stated that the inauguration of the works at the infrastructure of the base in Deveselu will be made in a public ceremony in the first part of this year which will be attended by " a Romanian-American important political presence". "We will wish to mark in a public way, in a special ceremony with Romanian-American important political presence, in the first part of this year, the beginning of those works at the future base in Deveselu" Corlatean stated on Tuesday night for the public radio station.

He added that there is a good implementation of the bilateral arrangements which come from the basic agreement with the US regarding the installation at Deveselu of the elements belonging to the [anti-missile shield to be operational in 2015](#) as well as the preparation of the starting of the construction of the infrastructure of the base. On Tuesday Corlateanu met the business attaché of the US Duane Butcher.

"We have good bilateral agreement with regard to the necessity to have political contacts, as well as political-diplomatic ones, starting with the contact between the two ministers of foreign affairs, the minister in Bucharest and the new Secretary of State (John Kerry), the head of diplomacy" said about the meeting with the American official. [Romania could be one of the countries which the future State Secretary John Kerry will visit](#), together with Austria and Luxembourg as well as Mali or the Sudan where his predecessor Hillary Clinton had no time to go, the blog of the Washington Post newspaper said.

Hillary Clinton visited a total of 112 countries during her tenure as State Secretary. But John Kerry will have to go to the states where Clinton had no time to visit or visited more rarely. Thus, Kerry would visit states affected by wars such as Mali and the Sudan, but the first visit could be made to Austria. At the same time, Kerry could visit Luxembourg, Romania and the Republic of Cyprus.

The US Embassy announced on [22 December that a contract of 3.3 million dollars was allocated by the Corps of Engineers stationed in Europe of the US Army to the Romanian company SC Glacial Prod SRL in Ilfov for the building of](#)

the temporary facilities necessary for the construction of the base in Deveselu. The temporary facilities - an administrative building, a warehouse and a checking post for vehicles must be made in the next eight months, the US Embassy said.

Romanian and US officials inaugurate base at Deveselu to deploy anti-missile system



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Romanian and US officials inaugurate at Deveselu location to deploy antimissile system

Romanian and US officials, on Tuesday, were attending an official ceremony at Deveselu, Olt County, the location where elements of the US antimissile shield will be deployed.

Attending the ceremony at Deveselu were Romanian Foreign Ministry (MAE) State Secretary Bogdan Aurescu, the US Under Secretary of State for Arms

Control and International Security Affairs Ellen Tauscher, the heads of the Romanian delegation and of the US delegation respectively, negotiating the agreement on deploying, in Romania's territory, some elements of the American antimissile defense system.

On this special occasion, the Chief of the Romanian Army's General Staff Major General Stefan Danila made a short presentation of the future antimissile shield. He emphasized the importance of the deployment in our country of the antimissile system's elements stressing that they will enhance the security against the current threats, which the short and the medium-range ballistic missiles pose.

It is the United States that pays for the works to achieve the antimissile defense system at Deveselu, and according to US Under Secretary of State Ellen Tauscher they amount to 400 million USD, plus 20 million USD to be annually paid for operation works. The costs do not include the missiles price.

It was President Traian Basescu who announced the location where the American antimissile system is to be deployed, namely the air base at Deveselu, Ilt County (southern Romania), and this after the Supreme Council of National Defence convened on Monday.

"We have approved that the location for the antimissile system to be deployed should be the former air base at Deveselu, in Ilt County. The air base stays under the Romanian command and part of the area of the base will be used by the American antimissile system. The commander of the base is a Romanian officer, this is no US base, it is a military base of the Romanian Air Forces, which is partially used by the antimissile system too. About 200 American servicemen on average will be deployed to serve the antimissile system. The largest number of servicemen that can be deployed is 500," said the Romanian Head of State in a statement he made at the Cotroceni Palace.

He added that, since February last year, when Romania took the invitation extended by the US to be included in the security programme under consideration, examinations of the appropriate location had been made.

According to the Head of State, several locations have been examined. When making the selection, one had to consider about 120 parameters that had to be met for such a location, for the system to be safe.

He also added that the American antimissile system was a defensive one, meant to defend the territories of Romania and the US, also maintaining that other countries too are to benefit from the system's efficacy.

Traian Basescu also said that the creation of the antimissile defence system was a Romanian-American bilateral understanding.

"By the time the NATO member states develop the antimissile shield, as it was established during the last summit in Lisbon, the Romanian-American component too will be integrated into this system. For the time being it is a bilateral approach to the system. ... In my opinion, by creating this component of the antimissile shield, Romania has reached the highest security level in its history and I think that, from this point of view, we can say that Romania has achieved an important goal, the one meant to guarantee its long-term security, not a security connected to circumstances," explained Basescu.

He reiterated that the elements of the antimissile shield were not directed against the Russian Federation.

The military base at Deveselu, Olt County, on the border with Bulgaria, has no longer been operational and has had a small military structure. It was broken up in 2002. The military airport covers a 500 ha area and is in good condition. Romania's participation involves the deployment of terrestrial interceptors and a radar system to guide them, reads the press file the MAE prepared on the antimissile shield. The target searching finding radar systems will be hosted in other countries.

Romania's involvement is due in the second phase that means to host land-based interceptors, namely Standard Missile 3 (SM-3) interceptor missiles Block 1 B, and the Romanian-based site is expected to become operational in 2015.

Neither will Romania have to buy interceptor missiles SM-3, nor will it have to pay for either their mounting or the grounding of their site on the Romanian territory as the expenses related to the implementation of the PAA will be covered by the USA. Romania will make available the interceptors' site. Any other incidental costs will be subject of bilateral negotiations. Making the anti-missile shield operational as soon as possible will increase the national security, both directly, by protecting the national territory, and indirectly, by deterring such risks. The deterrent role will also decrease the risk of possible attacks by ballistic missiles.

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Work on local missile defense shield to start in 2013

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Building works at the military site in Deveselu, Olt County, that will host elements of the US missile defense [project will start in the spring of 2013 and will take 24 months](#), after the tendering of contractors is completed, said US representatives last week during an industry day where Romania companies could find out about the project's business opportunities.

[US representatives expect two contracts to be approved, one for developing the facilities of the Missile Defense Agency \(MDA\), and one for the US Navy component that is included in the Deveselu site, some 230 km from Bucharest.](#)

[More than half of the MDA facilities require a US prime contractor that has security clearance.](#) These include the launch area of missile interceptors, a back-up power plant and a security control building. Other facilities include a non-mission power plant, the foundation construction, a fire station and the site infrastructure and utilities, which do not require a US prime contractor. [The contract is worth USD 100 million-250 million.](#)

[The Navy facilities includes an access control center, housing and dining facilities, a medical facility and site utilities and infrastructure for 250 people. Due to its limited footprint on the MDA facility, this does not need a US prime contractor. The value is USD 25 million-100 million.](#)

"This project reaffirms Romania's commitments to NATO and reflects the very strong relations between our two countries," said Ken Wetzel, press officer at the US Embassy.

Shield attracts companies

The US embassy said that around 175 companies from nine countries including Italy and Turkey attended the industry day. These companies are active in various sectors including industrial construction, logistics and IT&C.

Bogdan Aurescu, state secretary within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said US forces should contract Romanian suppliers of goods and services if possible.

"The US agreement regarding the placement of the anti-missile shield in Romania, signed last year on September 13 in Washington, creates the premises for Romanian companies to participate in making the Deveselu base operational," said Aurescu. He added that Romanian companies have gained significant experience in NATO projects in the last eight years, since the country joined NATO.

"This is a normal decision given that they can't bring all the workforce to Romania and this is a good opportunity for Romanian firms to develop their technical capabilities, and to export capacities to other places where the US army and US government have projects. This is a large-scale project that will help us gain experience and profit," said Adi Lupascu, general manager at B3Globalcon Romania. The company has already won a series of contracts with the US government at the US Army base in Kogalniceanu, Constanta, since 2007.

President Traian Basescu said last month the missile shield assets in Romania were currently being developed under a bilateral agreement between the US and Romania and would become operational in 2015. The shield system will gradually be transferred under the aegis of NATO. Until the missile defense system becomes fully operational, US ships will guard South-Eastern Europe, partially covering Romanian territory.

Aurescu said the missile defense was an ongoing project, and the declaration of the intermediary capacity during the NATO Summit in Chicago was the initial stage of this project, which will become fully operation by 2018, when Poland will set up a facility similar to the Deveselu base.