

## Iohannis: Romania's main goal is implementing interconnection strategic projects

### **President Klaus Iohannis participated on Monday in the Virtual Summit and the Web Forum of the Three Seas Initiative, organized in videoconference format.**

"The Three Seas initiative will contribute in the post-pandemic period to the economic recovery, by developing connectivity among the states in our region. In fact, Romania's main objective is to implement strategic interconnection projects, an important step being the completion of the first phase of the natural gas transmission project - the so-called BRUA project, and the transition to the implementation of the second phase," President Klaus Iohannis told a press conference at the Cotroceni Presidential Palace.

He said he stressed at the meeting the special economic and strategic importance of the Rail2Sea railway line, which will connect the ports of Constanta and Gdansk, as well as that of the Via Carpatia trans-European road route.

"These strategic projects for us need substantial funding, and therefore, in addition to the financial resources from the Three Seas Initiative Investment Fund, government funds, European funds, as well as funds announced by the United States of America should be used," said Iohannis.

He appreciated that, despite the difficulties generated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the summit was a good one, during which important progress was registered, at the same time outlining the main lines of action for the next period.

The participants in the meeting of the Three Seas Initiative adopted a joint statement.