



**Energy & Natural Resources  
Practice**

**BIRIŞ·GORAN**  
Legal + Tax



## **Firm Presentation**


The law firm of Biriş Goran was launched in 2006. Since then, we have quickly established ourselves as counsel of choice for heavyweight international investors and local entrepreneurs alike. Chambers, PLC Which Lawyer? and Legal 500 have all listed us as top practices in Romania within our areas of specialty.

We have the resources and expertise to execute transactions to international standards. Large or small, domestic or cross-border, where and whenever needed.

Our 30+ attorney team is composed of experienced professionals supported by bright young talent, all with strong backgrounds from local and global firms. Many of our lawyers are also trained and licensed to practice in the US, UK and Canada. The result? Business-driven advice delivered on time and in a manner that meets, and often exceeds, our clients' expectations.

This is why during the past years we have been involved in high-profile, complex, multi-million EUR transactions, representing an array of leading multinationals, investment funds, developers and high net worth individuals.

In Romania's economy, vast opportunities go hand-in-hand with risk. We believe that our unique strengths make us the premier choice for getting you safely where you want to be in Romania and the wider region.






## **Energy & Natural Resources Practice**

Biriş Goran's energy & natural resources team, lead by of counsel Christian Mîndru, recognized by the Chambers Europe 2007, ([www.chambersandpartners.com](http://www.chambersandpartners.com)) edition for his "*deep knowledge of the due diligence and unbundling procedures relating to the privatization of gas distribution companies*" has been increasingly called upon to advise on energy-related matters. We offer advice on all aspects of oil & gas, power, renewable and alternative energy.


As an example, we have offered advice relating to exploration and concession agreements, as well as the establishment and operation of energy trading companies. Our lawyers handled such high-profile transactions as the privatization of Distrigaz Nord, one of the two main natural gas distributors in Romania. We also have considerable experience in carbon trading and monetization of carbon allowances, and advise on the Romania and transnational aspects of such transactions.





## Selected Recent Track Record

Lawyers of our group have been involved in some important transactions, either as members of Biris Goran or while working for previous law firms, some of which are listed below, enabling them to gain valuable experience in the energy & natural resources field.

- Legal advisor to one of the world largest gas company in relation to gas trading in Romania, tolling agreements, and gas transit on the Romanian territory;
  - Legal advisor to a major German gas company as regards network expansion taking into account meandered gas regulations in Romania;
  - Legal advice to a major investment bank in the potential pooling and securitization of carbon trading allowances issued to Romanian energy producers;
  - Legal counsel to E.ON Ruhrgas AG, one of the world's largest utilities group, in connection with the 304 million Euros acquisition of Distrigaz Nord one of the two main natural gas distributors in Romania;
  - Legal counsel to a Spanish energy company in connection with the privatisation of Electrica Muntenia Sud, the electricity distribution company for Bucharest;
  - Advice to a major American group in the gas sector in connection with the setting up of a joint venture in partnership with a Romanian state-owned company for gas incremental production;
  - Legal counsel to one of the world's largest utilities group, in connection with the joint venture company in thermal energy set up together with a Romanian municipality;
  - Legal advice to a Dutch group in the energy sector in connection with the negotiation and drafting of concession agreements relating to certain projects of thermal energy systems in two Romanian cities;
  - Legal counsel to Egger Romania (a subsidiary of Egger Group, Austria), to negotiate the connectivity to the local electricity and gas distribution networks of their green field investment plant in Romania and performing post-connectivity day-to-day legal assistance;
  - Legal advice to TMD Friction Romania (a subsidiary of TMD Friction Group, Germany, the world's number one producer of brake friction materials) in negotiating the connectivity to the local electricity distribution network of their green field investment plant in Romania;
  - Advice to one of the largest investment groups in Romania for the development of their E-RES projects in Romania, with a special focus on hydro energy;
  - Advice to the Austria's largest electricity producer and transporter for their entry on the E-RES market in Romania, especially on wind energy market.
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## Energy & Natural Resources Team



### **CHRISTIAN MÎNDRU**

Canadian qualified of counsel. Admitted to the Quebec Bar (1995) and registered with the Bucharest Bar (2003). He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Hartford University (U.S.A.) and a Bachelor in Law from the University of Montréal (Canada). Before joining Biriş Goran in 2007, Christian previously worked in Montréal for Fasken Martineau, a top-tier Canadian law firm and then as senior associate and transaction leader for the Paris global firm of Gide Loyrette Nouel in its Paris and Bucharest offices. He has experience acting on domestic and cross-border merger and acquisition deals. In addition, Christian has been involved in numerous energy related transactions including the privatisation of Distrigaz Nord and Electrica Muntenia Sud



### **VICTOR CONSTANTINESCU**


New York qualified partner. Admitted to the New York Bar (2002) and registered with the Bucharest Bar (2004). He has graduated from McGill University, Faculty of Law, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (common law (LL.B.) and civil law (B.C.L.) degrees, with honours, 2001), University of Toronto, Centre for Russian and East European Studies, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (M.A., 2001), University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (B.A. International Relations, cum laude, 1996) and London School of Economics and Political Science, London, United Kingdom (General Course, 1994 – 1995). Victor is a founding partner of Biriş Goran, and heads the firm's highly touted real estate practice. Before founding Biriş Goran in 2006, Victor worked in Chicago for Altheimer & Gray from 2001 to 2003 and for Salans in its Bucharest and Shanghai offices from 2003 until 2006. He has also considerable experience in carbon trading and monetization of carbon allowances, and advised on the Romania and transnational aspects of such transactions.



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