



## Civil Nuclear Energy Workshop: Partnering for Implementation

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### **The Honorable Adrian Zuckerman**

*Former U.S. Ambassador to Romania*

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Ambassador Zuckerman is Of Counsel to DLA Piper, bringing his unique skills as a lawyer and former government official to advise multinational corporations on legal, regulatory and governmental affairs. He served as U.S. Ambassador to Romania from 2019 to 2021. Under his leadership Romania signed a ten-year defense cooperation agreement with the United States that provided financial, military and strategic support and cooperation. He also advanced and helped structure an intergovernmental agreement between the US and Romania for the \$8 billion refurbishment of the Cernavoda nuclear plant which included refurbishing one operating reactor and building two additional nuclear reactors. To help finance this project the Ambassador negotiated a \$7 billion financing agreement with the Export- Import Bank of the United States (EXIM). The Cernavoda project was the largest-ever joint project between the United States and Romania. The project financing was also the biggest financing agreement by Romania with EXIM as well as EXIM's single largest financing agreement. During Ambassador Zuckerman's tenure, Romania also implemented new economic and infrastructure initiatives as well as initiatives to combat organized crime, human trafficking, fraud, corruption and intellectual property theft, among others.



Romanian President Klaus Iohannis awarded Ambassador Zuckerman Romania's highest civilian award, the Star of Romania, Order of the Grand Cross.

Ambassador Zuckerman is a member of the advisory council for the Krach Institute For Tech Diplomacy at Purdue. He is also a frequent public speaker and writer about various economic and political issues.