

4. Main legal provisions regulating abortion in Romania

- 1936: Romania's Penal Code forbids abortion, except for medical recommendations authorized by doctors and the General Attorney;
- 1957: adoption of the Decree no. 463/1957 which liberalized abortion on demand in Romania for the first time;
- 1966: adoption of the Decree no. 770/01.10.1966, restricting elective abortions. Abortions were permitted only by authorization of a medical committee established through decision of the Executive Committee of the Regional People's Council and if:
 - the pregnancy endangered the mother's life;
 - one of the parents suffered of a serious hereditary disease which could end up with grave congenital malformations for the child;
 - the woman was severely physically, psychologically or sensorially disabled;
 - the woman was over 45 years of age;
 - the woman had given birth to four children and cared for them;
 - the pregnancy was the result of rape or incest.
- 1989: adoption of the Decree no. 1/26.12.1989 which invalidated Decree no. 770/1966;