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After the collapse of the communist regime, for Eastern European countries like Romania the path of development for the national defense industry has been a complicated one. After the defense industry was moved from the Ministry of Defence to the Ministry of Economy, a lot of companies that were stated owned before 1989 went bankrupt while others barely survive. After joining NATO, Romania's defence industry improved marginally but it was only after the Russian invasion of Ukraine that investments and upgrades started to emerge in this market. Now with Europe's ambitious ReArm program, there is a new chance for the development of the national defense industry. It is the aim of this paper to study what are the opportunities for development, current shortfalls and gaps and the ways ahead for this key element in Romania's integrated national defence system.