

# NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CENTRE January 2023 Newsletter www.cna.md

# **COMBATING CORRUPTION**

- **Subjects of the investigations:** mayor of Durlesti, chief architect of Durleşti, 3 employees of the AIPA, 2 economic agents, employees of Railways of Moldova, a lawyer, a doctor, 5 natural persons
- Type of crimes: passive corruption, influence peddling, abuse of office, fraud
- Fields: local / central public administration, justice, medicine, law, state enterprises
- Damage: 3.5 million lei and 8,500 euros
- A detained person

### **GDCC, IN THE PRESS:**

- <u>Corruption scheme in granting of subsidies in agriculture. Details</u> <u>regarding the searches, carried out by the NAC and AP, in Glodeni,</u> <u>Singerei, Balti, Comrat and Chisinau</u>
- <u>Press briefing// NAC and AP regarding the results of the searches in</u> <u>the AIPA files</u>
- <u>President of the Călăraşi district, the mayor and a director of the</u> <u>District Council, detained in corruption cases aimed at defrauding</u> <u>public procurement</u>





# **GENERAL TERRITORIAL DIRECTORATE NORTH**

**Files:** 27 criminal cases, initiated on passive corruption, influence peddling and money laundering **Subjects investigated/detained:** two officials of the Ministry of Defense, Donduşeni and Edineţ branches, an employee of the Public Services Agency Balti branch, two employees from the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry (the head of the Balti territorial Section of the Interventions and Payments Agency for Agriculture and an inspector), 75 administrators of LTD and 18 administrators of peasant households

### 7 people detained

### Damages caused:

- on started criminal proceedings 159,880 lei
- on criminal trials, referred to the court 149,034 lei
- damages voluntarily returned at the preliminary stage 100,060 lei
- value of the assets seized by the GTD NORTH 46,935 lei.

Finality: 4 criminal cases, sent to court

### DGT NORTH, IN THE PRESS:

<u>A man from Balti was detained by the NAC for influence peddling. He allegedly demanded 10,000</u> <u>lei from a citizen to influence the decision on a criminal case</u>



### **GENERAL TERRITORIAL DIRECTORATE SOUTH**

Files: 8 criminal cases and 12 criminal proceedings, started on corruption Subjects: LTD administrator, employee of the City Hall, jurist of the South Territorial Agency of the National Health Insurance Company (NHIC), employee of the Border Police

#### 1 detained person Damages caused:

- on criminal cases started 27,875 lei
- on criminal cases, different in the court 815,125 lei
- value of the assets seized by the GTD South 27,366 lei
- value of the assets seized by the CARA on the GTD South files is 940,584 lei

Finality: 3 criminal cases, referred to the court

#### GTD SOUTH, IN THE PRESS:

<u>A border police officer and his accomplice are under criminal investigation by the NAC and prosecutors for organizing the illegal crossing of the state border by two Ukrainians</u>

#### **TERRITORIAL DIRECTORATE CENTRE**

**Files:** 23 criminal cases, initiated on facts of passive corruption, active corruption, abuse of office, excess of duties, fraud and other types of crimes

**Subjects investigated/detained:** president of the Călărași district, mayor of Călărași, head of the Construction Department of the Călărași District Council

#### 3 people detained

**Damages:** illegal remunerations in the form of commissions, which constituted about 10-15% of the value of public procurement contracts. The largest - 440,000 lei.

**TD CENTER, IN THE PRESS:** <u>The criminal file regarding a customs</u> <u>broker, accused of active corruption, has been sent to court</u>

#### **CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**

**Files:** 20 criminal cases, initiated on the facts of passive corruption, active corruption, influence peddling, abuse of power, excess of duties, fraud, embezzlement of foreign assets, money laundering and making false documents

#### Damages caused:

- on criminal proceedings started 127,555 lei
- on criminal trials, referred to the court 212,300 lei
- damages voluntarily returned at the prejudicial stage 1,520,000 lei
- value of the assets seized individually by law enforcement authorities 195,488 lei

**Finality:** 5 criminal cases regarding 9 persons, submitted to justice, another 28 criminal cases were connected to other cases

GDCI, IN THE PRESS: Another part of the damages, caused to the state budget in the case of theformer official of the Embassy of the Republic of Moldova in Bucharest, was paid back2







# CRIMINAL ASSETS RECOVERY AGENCY

The Criminal Assets Recovery Agency (CARA) received 20 delegations, ordered in 16 criminal cases regarding 36 subjects. Seizures were applied to 18 assets, in total value of 5,937,509.72 lei.

### CARA, IN THE PRESS:

- <u>NAC synthesis: assets worth 2 million lei, seized by the CARA, about</u> <u>700,000 lei collected in cash and a Hyundai Tucson worth 350</u> <u>thousand lei</u>
- <u>Video administration of assets seized by CARA. The entire process</u> <u>up to the recovery or social reuse of criminal assets is explained</u>
- <u>CARA takes into its custody over 268 million lei from a case in which</u> <u>Platon is targeted</u>
- <u>CARA of the NAC applied seizures on assets worth 3 million lei,</u> <u>among them a Lexus estimated at 700 thousand lei</u>
- <u>VIDEO INTERVIEW Parallel financial investigations and their role in</u> <u>the criminal asset recovery process</u>

# ANTI-CORRUPTION EXPERTISE

- 97 draft normative acts received, out of which 45 projects, submitted for approval and on 31 projects expert reports were drawn up. From the total number of 31 expertized projects, 7 are draft laws, 21 are draft Government decisions, and 3 are draft departmental documents.
- 104 risk factors were identified (ambiguous wording, which can generate abusive interpretations, lack/ambiguity of administrative procedures, powers that admit derogations, competition of legal norms) and 126 risks of corruption (abuse of office, excess of duties, conflict of interest and/or favoritism, undue influence).

# **Expert reports**

- Draft law for the amendment of some normative acts (facilitating the activity of the business environment) (unique number 979/ME/2022) REA ELO23/8507 of 27.01.2023
- Draft law on state tax (legislative initiative) REA ELO23/8499 of 24.01.2023
- Draft decision of the Government for the approval of the Regulation regarding the activity of the Fund for Entrepreneurship and Economic Growth of Moldova (unique number 775/ME/2022) REA EHG23/8497 of 23.01.2023
- Draft decision of the Government regarding the amendment of the Government Decision no. 1276/2018 for the approval of procedures regarding access to employment measures, (unique number 895/MMPS/2022) REA EHG23/8494 of 20.01.2023









- Draft decision of the Government for the approval of the Regulation on granting compensations to offset the interest rate increase to partially state-guaranteed loans given under the State Program "Prima casa" (unique number 29/MF/2023) REA EHG23/8493 of 18.01.2023
- Draft law to amend the Criminal Code of the Republic Moldova no. 985/2002 (legislative initiative) REA ELO23/8479 of 04.01.2023
- Draft decision of the Vatra City Council regarding the approval of the regulation on the allocation and use of social housing, developed and promoted to regulate the rules that establish the criteria for granting social housing, as well as the way of assigning and using them, REA EHG23/8471 of 03.01.2023

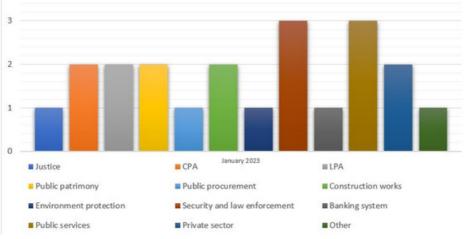
# JUDICIAL EXPERTISE



# **OPERATIONAL AND STRATEGIC ANALYSIS**

21 operational analysis reports on corruption files, 2/3 of which concerned the analysis of individuals' assets, and the other part - the activity of public authorities and legal entities, especially the public procurement sector.

At the same time, the operational analyzes also referred to the people involved in security and law enforcement, in the provision of public services, central and local public administration, the field of justice, the management of public assets, the private sector, public procurement and construction works.



# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

### International treaties:

- Initiation of negotiations for signing the Cooperation Agreement with the Anti-corruption Agency of Kazakhstan. Drafting the Agreement.
- Drafting and presentating (MFAEI) of the Report on implementating in 2022 of the provisions from international treaties to which the Republic of Moldova is a party, according to the competence of the National Anti-corruption Centre

### **Participation in events:**

- Presentation of STT (Lithuania) analytical instruments
- Study visit to the anti-corruption institutions from Vienna, Austria
- CoE\_PGG II\_ Regional workshop on "The Recovery of Ill Gotten Assets and the management of Seized Assets", Tbilisi, Georgia
- Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) 3rd Annual Regional Multistakeholder Training and Whistleblower Protection, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

# Partnership with EU/RM-EU Association Agreement/Accession:

- Reporting NAC progress on implemening the actions from the Action Plan for the implementation of the measures proposed by the European Commission in its Opinion on the Republic of Moldova's application for membership of the European Union
- Presentating the information regarding the progress achieved in fulfilling the conditions related to second and third instalment of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Republic of Moldova and the European Union regarding macro-financial assistance for the Republic of Moldova

ICD, IN THE PRESS: <u>VIDEO: 21 EPAC/EACN ANNUAL CONFERENCE,</u> <u>ORGANIZED IN CHISINAU BY THE NAC</u>

# INSTITUTIONAL EVALUATION AND INTEGRITY TESTING

- "Timofei Moșneaga" Republican Clinical Hospital
- Monuments Inspection Agency
- Sectoral evaluation of 12 road entities
- Methodological support for the development of the integrity plan at Railways of Moldova
- 8 public entities, monitored
- 466 integrity records issued









### **ANTI-CORRUPTION EDUCATION**

- 5 anti-corruption trainings for public agents from the Bălți Municipal Clinical Hospital, the Central Laboratory for Testing Alcoholic/Non-Alcoholic Beverages, the Agency for Consumer Protection and Market Surveillance, the Institute of Emergency Medicine
- 244 trained people
- Study visit to the NAC headquarters for students from the Administrative College of Fiscal Studies.

#### AED, IN THE PRESS:

The first study visit in 2023. About 50 students of the College of Administrative and Fiscal Studies from Moldova came to the NAC







5508 materials were registered in the NAC Registry National Anticorruption Hotline received 190 calls





