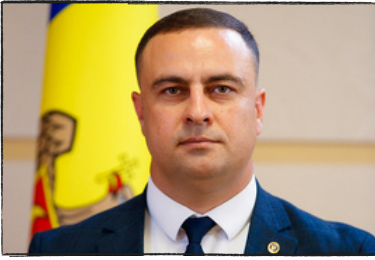




# NATIONAL ANTICORRUPTION CENTER

## Newsletter - August 2023



### ALEXANDR PÎNZARI, APPOINTED BY THE PARLIAMENT AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL ANTICORRUPTION CENTER

The candidacy of Alexandr Pînzari has been approved by the Parliament as deputy director of the National Anticorruption Center (NAC). The draft decision providing for this was supported by 53 Members of Parliament.

According to the legislation, the director of the NAC is assisted by two deputies, who are appointed by the Parliament, at the proposal of the director, during his term of office.



### COMBATING CORRUPTION AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

**Cases:** 31 criminal cases, initiated on the facts of passive corruption, active corruption, influence peddling, abuse of office, fraud and embezzlement of foreign assets through acts of corruption.

**Subjects investigated:** 3 employees of the MIA, the administrator of a state enterprise, the president of a Public Association, 2 lawyers, 1 real estate agent, 1 citizen of Ukraine, 2 economic agents and 4 natural persons involved in acts of corruption, as well as other subjects regarding which are currently being prosecuted.

**Domain:** law enforcement, finance, state enterprises, public services, law, construction, education.

**Damages established in the initiated criminal cases:** 3,856,192 lei.

**Detention:** 4 people detained.

**Finality:** 11 criminal cases were submitted to the Anticorruption Prosecutor's Office with the proposal to be referred to the court.

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### Combating corruption in the press:

- Employee of the Rîșcani Praetor's Sector, Chisinau municipality, convicted for passive corruption and forgery of public documents
- A councilor of the Ocnîța District Council was caught red-handed during the transmission of an illegal amount of money of 30 thousand dollars
- A lawyer was detained by the NAC in an influence peddling case. He allegedly claimed the sum of 6000 euros to influence the decision on a criminal case
- A man from Drochia, caught red-handed by the NAC. He wanted to help a driver, caught drink driving, to escape liability in exchange for 2000 euros
- A policeman from the Edineț Police Inspectorate was caught red-handed by the NAC when he received a bribe of 1500 euros
- An IPAS police officer, investigated by the NAC in a case of influence peddling, was sent to the court by the prosecutors



## CRIMINAL ASSETS RECOVERY AGENCY

**Delegations:** 6 delegations, ordered within 6 criminal cases, regarding 9 subjects. 19 delegations were executed, ordered within 16 criminal cases, regarding 32 subjects. On 31.08.2023, the Agency had 105 delegations in the procedure, ordered within 76 criminal cases regarding 159 subjects.

**Seizures:** 140,097,649.64 lei.

**Assets, administration and disposal:** the evaluations of 44 criminal assets (9 movable assets and 35 immovable assets) were carried out, with a total value of 31747918.10 lei.

At the same time, the administration of the seized funds was ensured, in cash, in national currency (MDL) and foreign currency (EUR, USD), the value of which, equated in national currency - Moldovan lei, according to the official exchange rate of the NBM, on of 31.08.2023, is 103,659.94 lei.



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### Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, in the press:

- Assets worth about 2 million lei were seized through the ordinances issued by the CARA
- CARA of the NAC: assets of about 1,8 million lei were seized, 11 million lei were transferred to treasury accounts
- Two cars, several premises and cash, worth over 3 million lei, seized by the NAC's CARA
- CARA synthesis: assets of over 133 million lei were seized, based on the delegations of the Anticorruption Prosecutor's Office



## INSTITUTIONAL EVALUATION AND INTEGRITY TESTING

**Ongoing evaluation activities:** sectoral evaluation of 12 entities in the "roads" field

**Integrity plans under monitoring:** 8 entities

**Integrity records issued:** 623



## LEGISLATION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION EXPERTISE

During the month of August 2023, the NAC prepared and sent 81 anti-corruption expert reports to public entities with the right of legislative initiative (authors of draft normative acts).

From the total number of 81 expertized projects, 16 are draft laws, 47 are draft Government decisions, and 18 are draft departmental documents.

Following the anti-corruption expertise, the following were identified in the draft normative acts:

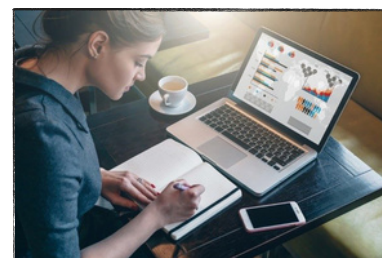
- 299 risk factors (the most widespread: ambiguous wording that admits abusive interpretations (10.37%); lack/ambiguity of administrative procedures (16.05%); attributions that admit derogations and abusive interpretations (13.04%); gap in law (9.70%), competition of legal norms (7.02%));



- 486 corruption risks (the most widespread: abuse of office (12.96%); exceeding the duties of office (6.79%); conflict of interest and/or favoritism (10.70%); undue influence (10.08 %), influencer traffic (9.26%).

### EXPERT REPORTS

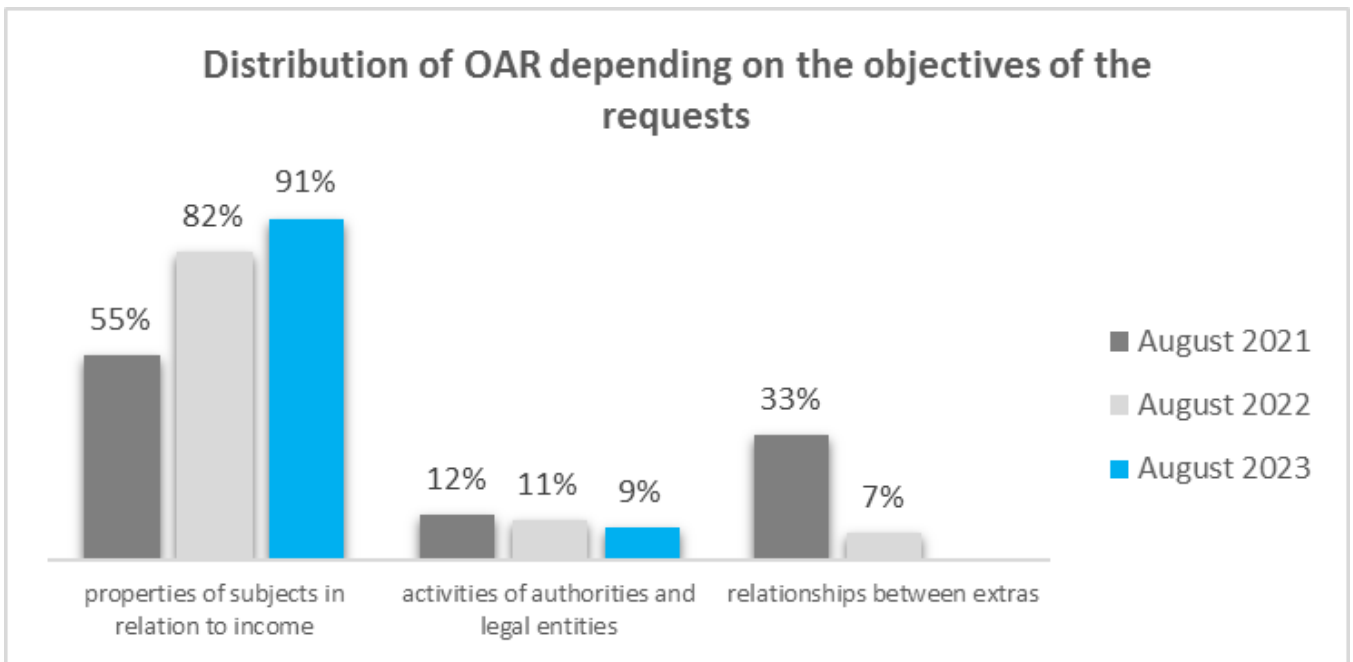
- Draft law on the approval of the Urban Planning and Construction Code (unique number 28/MIDR/2023).
- Draft law for the amendment of some normative acts (Road Transport Code no. 150/2014 – art. 5, 45, 80, etc.; Contraventional Code no. 218/2008 – art. 197).
- Draft law on hunting and the protection of the hunting fund
- Draft decision of the Government regarding the approval of the Regulation on administrative procedures regarding ground handling companies (unique number 442/MIDR/2023).
- Draft decision of the Government regarding the organization and operation of the National Anti-Doping Agency (unique number 567/ANAD/2023).
- Draft decision of the Government regarding the allocation of financial means in order to increase the share capital of the State Enterprise "Moldova Railway" (unique number 524/MIDR/2023).
- Draft order of the Minister of Education and Research regarding the approval of the Regulation on the attestation of management staff in general and professional technical education



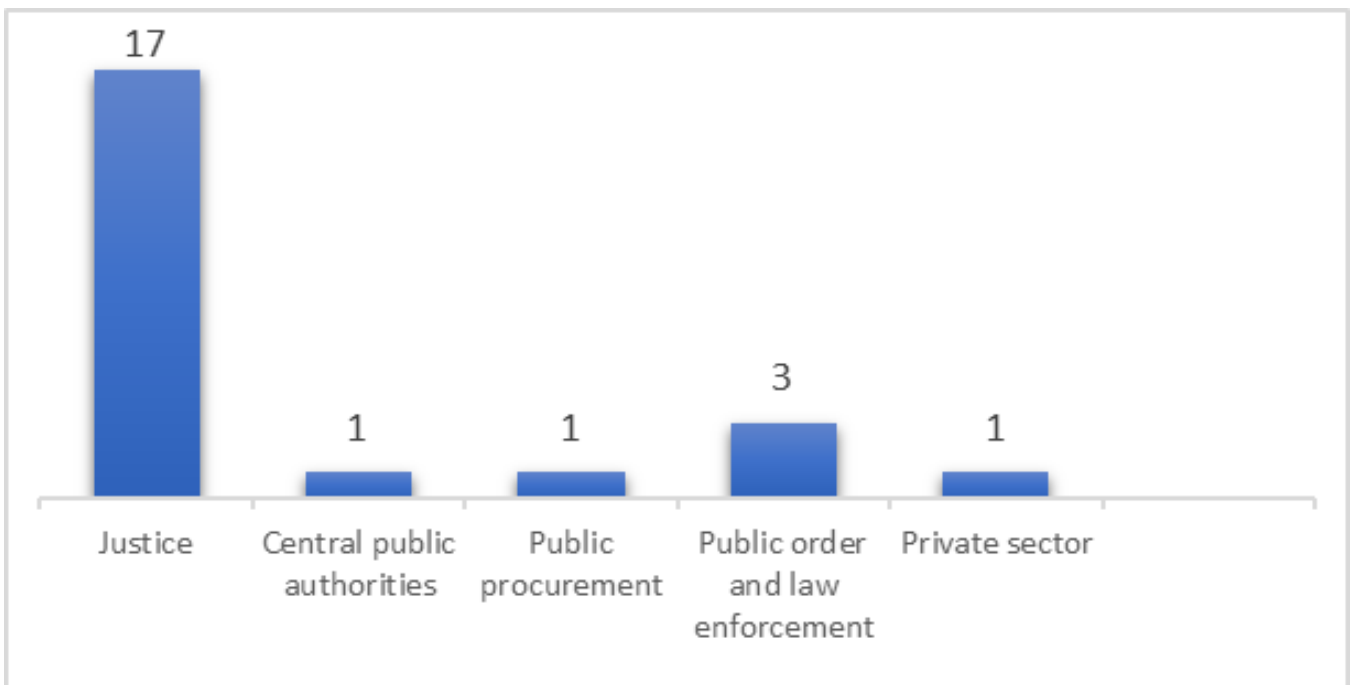
### ANALYTICAL ACTIVITY

23 operational analysis reports and 1 strategic analysis report were drawn up, including in relation to the handling of two criminal cases by the NAC and the Anticorruption Prosecutor's Office on the alleged acts of corruption and related to corruption, as well as in relation to other requests.

Thus, 91% of the operational analyzes concerned the assets of the subjects, their incomes and personal interests. In another 9% of cases, the operational analyzes concerned the activity of public authorities regarding public procurement.



At the same time, the operational analyzes mostly referred to people from the justice sector (17 reports) and public order bodies and law enforcement (3), etc.



### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Memorandum of Understanding in the field of preventing and combating corruption was signed by the Director of the National Anti-corruption Centre - Mr. Iulian RUSU and the Head of the State Bureau of Investigation of Ukraine - Mr. Oleksii SUKHACHOV. The purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to ensure close cooperation between the two institutions, including through the exchange of information and best practices in the field of preventing and combatting corruption, investigating and denouncing acts related to corruption. The official event took place in Chernivtsi, Ukraine, on August, 18.



The NAC, as the national coordinator of the evaluation process within the 5th round of monitoring under the Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan, conducted by the Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ACN) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), continued to ensure the coordination of the draft Report prepared by ACN/OECD with the national authorities of the Republic of Moldova.



#### International Cooperation, in the press:

- Memorandum of Understanding in the field of preventing and combating corruption was signed by the Director of NAC and the Director of the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) of Ukraine



### ANTI-CORRUPTION EDUCATION

**Trainings:** 11 trainings

**Number of trained persons:** 220 persons

**Number of campaigns:** 1 information and awareness-raising campaign:

The information and awareness-raising campaign "Integrity: Precondition for Preventing the Risks of Corruption", NAC-AAIJ-ANI, for exponents of the justice sector (courts, Chisinau municipality, Soroca district). 4 activities were carried out for 40 people.



The anti-corruption training activities regarding the assurance and promotion of integrity and anti-corruption policies were also carried out within the continuous professional training courses organized by the training centers of public entities, namely:

The training center of the **National Penitentiary Administration**, the "Integrity and Anti-Corruption Standards" module included the legal regime of gifts, conflicts of interest, undue influences, whistleblowing and liability for lack of integrity. 1 training was held for about 47 people.

Also, training activities were carried out for the employees of **Penitentiary no. 16-Pruncul**, the **Agency for Inspection and Restoration of Monuments**, the **Public Procurement Agency** and the **Institute for Standardization of Moldova**.

A study visit was organized for a group of 20 students from Comrat and an information session for 30 young people, who are members of AO AIESEC with the topic "NAC's Role in Preventing and Combatting Corruption".



### Anti-corruption education, in the press:

- Employees of the State Fiscal Service were trained by the NAC to strengthen institutional integrity, between July 24-31, 2023
- The employees of Penitentiary no. 16 - Pruncul of the National Administration of Penitentiaries participated in an institutional and professional integrity session, held by the National Anticorruption Center
- Active summer holidays. 20 pupils from Cantemir visited the National Anticorruption Center
- 30 young people participated in an anti-corruption lesson, organized by the National Anticorruption Center





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- 32 participants from among the judges and staff of the Drochia Court were trained by the National Anticorruption Center as part of the information and awareness raising campaign "Integrity: a Precondition for Preventing the Risks of Corruption"



- A new anti-corruption training was organized by the NAC officers at the Institute for Standardization of Moldova



5316 materials were registered by the NAC Chancellery.



National Anticorruption Hotline received 163 calls.



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