



NATIONAL ANTICORRUPTION CENTER

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DIRECTOR OF THE NAC, 21 YEARS SINCE THE CREATION OF THE INSTITUTION: WE HAVE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO BE PROUD OF THE RESULTS ACHIEVED AND TO LOOK WITH CONFIDENCE TO THE FUTURE

The National Anticorruption Center put on festive clothes on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of its foundation. In his congratulatory message, the director of the NAC, Iulian Rusu, mentioned that the institution managed to deliver significant results, which give confidence that, in the future, they can be improved and multiplied.

Present at the event, the president of the Commission for Legal Issues, Appointments and Immunities of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, Olesea Stamate, expressed her appreciation for the dedication and perseverance of the staff of the National Anticorruption Center.

On the occasion of the 21st anniversary of the establishment of the institution, the director of the NAC offered awards and orders of thanks to employees who recorded outstanding results in the activity of preventing and fighting corruption.

COMBATING CORRUPTION AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Cases: 30 criminal cases, of which 9 were initiated on the basis of operative information, initiated on facts of passive corruption, active corruption, influence peddling, abuse of office, falsification of evidence and illicit enrichment through acts of corruption.

Subjects investigated: decision-makers of a state enterprise, 1



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peasant household administrator, 2 inspectors of the Central Customs Office, 1 real estate agent, 7 agents of National Agency for Food Safety (NAFS), 6 patrol officers, 1 head of the Health Center, 1 judicial expert, 4 economic agents and 5 natural persons involved in acts of corruption, as well as other subjects, who are currently being under criminal investigation and cannot be identified.

Domain: public procurement, finance, state enterprises, public services, justice, customs.

Damage: 221 000 lei.

Purpose: 9 criminal cases were sent to the Anticorruption Prosecutor's Office with the proposal to be referred to the court.

Combating corruption in the press:

- The chief architect of the Hîncești district was detained by the NAC in the framework of some cases of passive and active corruption and abuse of office
- Ex-employee of the Migration and Asylum Bureau of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, convicted of influence peddling. The criminal case was initiated by the CNA based on a self-report
- Merchant convicted of active corruption. The criminal case was initiated by the NAC, based on a whistleblowing
- The director and the president of the Board of Directors of the SA "Apa Canal Cahul" enterprise, as well as a legal entity and its administrator, referred to justice for acts of corruption
- Public figures from the Cahul District Council and the administrators of some companies, sent to court for exceeding their duties
- A head of department within SRL "Chișinău-Gaz" was referred to justice for bribery. He was reported to the National Anticorruption Line of the NAC
- A former head of the State Energy Inspectorate was sent to court for exceeding his duties
- Two police officers from Chisinau, referred to justice for passive corruption
- Criminal case regarding Marina Tauber and the Political Party Sor sent to court



- Four border police officers are under criminal investigation for allegedly misappropriating part of the money, picked up during a search. One of them was detained
- The accomplice of the Ukrainian citizen, who in 2022 tried to bribe a border policeman to get a minor without identity documents out of the country, was detained
- An employee of the Comrat Battalion within the INSP is suspected of demanding 4,000 lei from a taxi driver not to draw up a report
- Prosecutor, referred to justice for coercion to testify and disclose the data of the criminal investigation
- NAC director – invited by the journalist Mădălin Necșuțu at Punctul pe Azi, TVR Moldova



CRIMINAL ASSETS RECOVERY AGENCY

Delegations: 6 delegations, ordered within 6 criminal cases, regarding 10 subjects. Also, 13 delegations were executed, ordered within 11 criminal cases, regarding 22 subjects. On 30.06.2023, the Agency had 117 delegations in the procedure, ordered within 86 criminal cases regarding 183 subjects.

Seizures: 17,864,596.45 lei

Assets, management and disposal: the evaluations of 37 criminal assets (29 movable assets and 8 immovable assets) were carried out, with a total value of 33 969 364.25 lei.

At the same time, the administration of 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 30.06.2023, constitutes 9,593,925.50 lei.



Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, in the press:

- NAC's synthesis: CARA issued seizure orders for assets of over 5,4 million lei last week
- CARA of the NAC issued seizure orders for assets of about 1,7 million lei last week



- CARA issued seizure orders for assets of over 10 million lei and freezing orders for 19 bank accounts and 2 automobiles
- CARA of the NAC seized assets of about 3 million lei and transferred to treasury accounts 8 million lei last week



INSTITUTIONAL EVALUATION AND INTEGRITY TESTING

Evaluation activities carried out: Timofei Moșneaga Republican Clinical Hospital, Sectoral evaluation of 12 road entities

Monitoring reports: 7 public entities

Integrity records issued: 430



LEGISLATION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION EXPERTISE

In June 2023, the NAC drew up and sent to public entities 89 anti-corruption expert reports with the right of legislative initiative (authors of draft normative acts).

From the total number of 89 expertized projects, 31 are draft laws, 50 draft Government decisions, and 8 are draft departmental documents.

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

- 246 risk factors (the most widespread: ambiguous wording that admits abusive interpretations (9.76%); lack/ambiguity of administrative procedures (18.29%); duties that admit abusive interpretations and derogations (13.41%); gap in law (6.10%), competition of legal norms (8.54%));
- 295 risks of corruption (the most widespread: abuse of office (16.61%); exceeding the duties of office (9.49%); conflict of interest and/or favoritism (10.17%); undue influence (9.83 %), influence peddling (9.15%)).



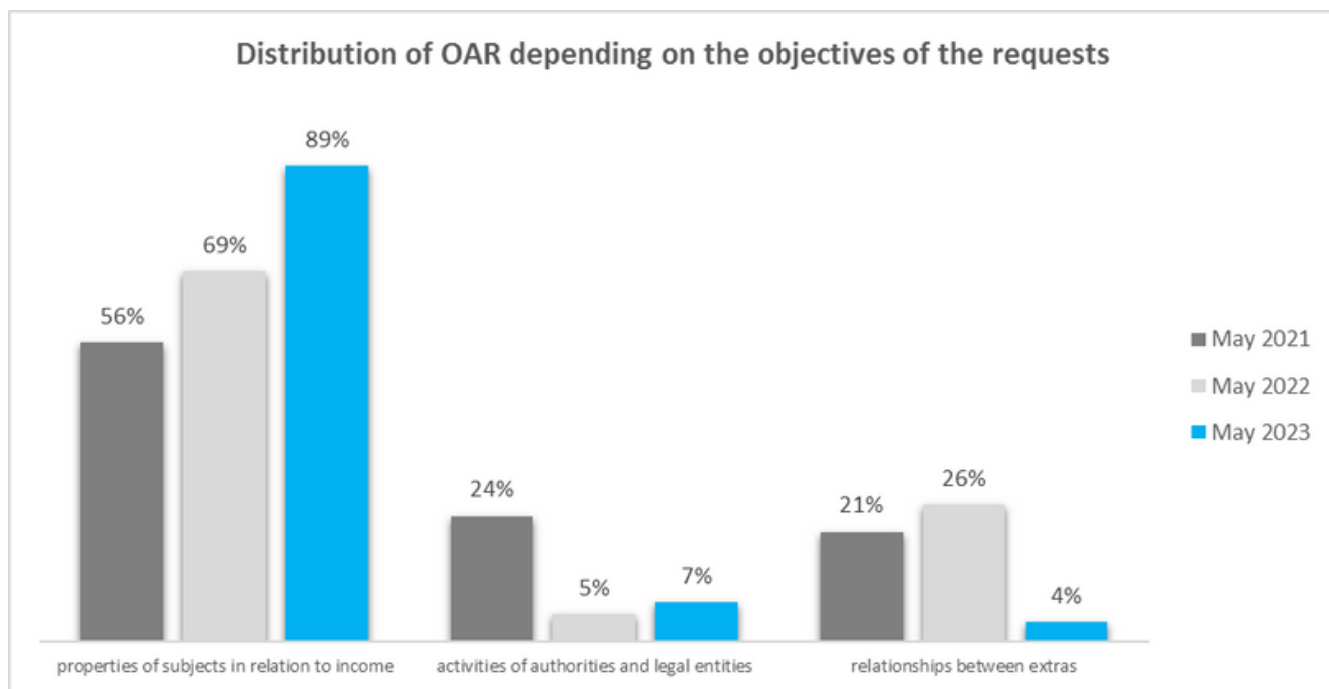
EXPERT REPORTS

- Draft law for the amendment of some legislative acts (Customs Code - art. 184/1; Law no. 1569/2002 - art. 10; etc.)
- Draft Government decision regarding the establishment of the Public Institution "Agricultural and Rural Advisory Center"

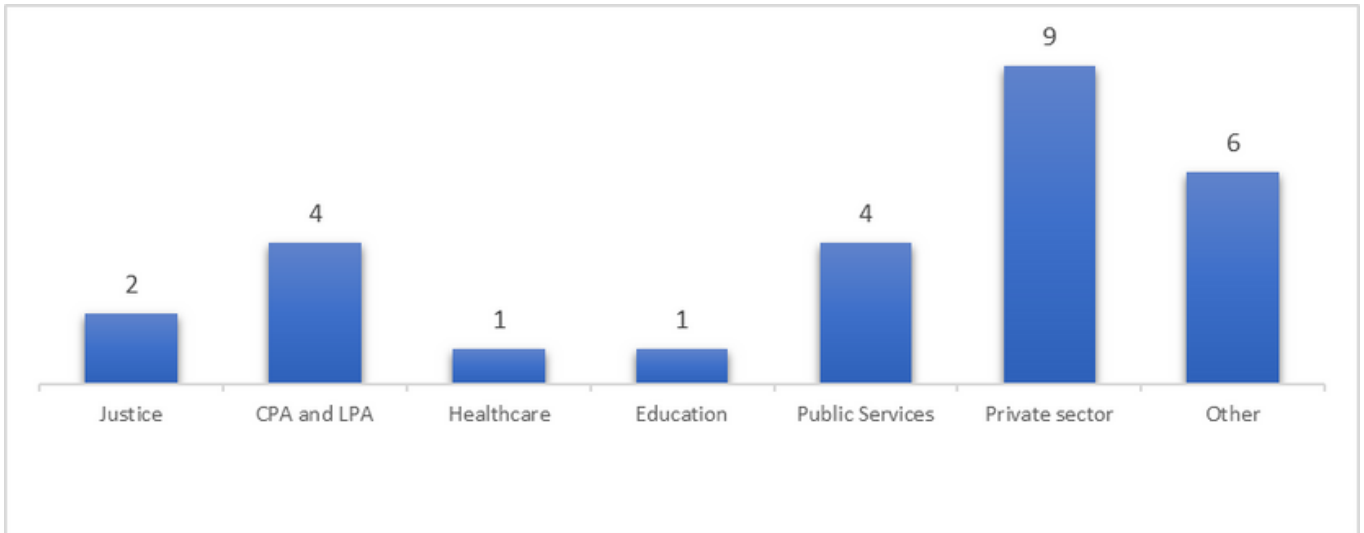
ANALYTICAL ACTIVITY

2 strategic analysis reports were developed and 27 operational analysis reports, including in relation to the examination of criminal cases instrumented by the criminal investigation officers within the NAC (12) regarding the crimes of passive corruption, influence peddling and money laundering, as well as in support of the investigations carried out (4) on the alleged acts of corruption and related to corruption.

Thus, 89% of the prepared reports concerned the analysis of the assets owned by the persons concerned, incomes and sources of income, as well as personal interests in relation to the field of competence in which the subjects carried out their activity. Subsidiarily, the operational analyzes also covered the activity of public authorities and legal entities (7% of the total), especially the public procurement sector, as well as the analysis of relationships/connections (economic, financial, personal, etc.) between extra persons (4%).



At the same time, the operational analyzes referred to persons from the justice sector (2 reports), central and local public administration (4). The field of public services (4), the private sector (9), etc., were also targeted.



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

- Participation at the fourteenth session of the Implementation Review Group of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the fourteenth session of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Prevention of Corruption (14 to 16 June 2023);
- Participation at the 40th RAI Steering Group Meeting
- Partnership with EU/RM-EU Association Agreement/Accession: 15.06.2023 – participation at the public consultations on the draft National Action Plan for the implementation of the Association Agreement for the years 2023 – 2027



ANTI-CORRUPTION EDUCATION

Trainings: 39 trainings

Number of trained persons: 2,500 persons

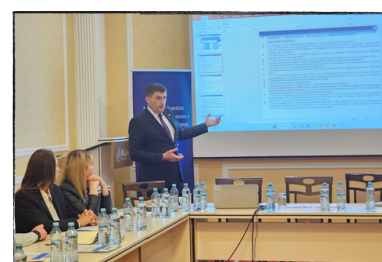
Number of campaigns: 6 information and awareness-raising campaigns:

- The launch of the NAC information and awareness-raising campaign in partnership with **LTD Chisinau-Gaz**, which aims to cultivate integrity in the private sector and strengthen institutional and professional integrity. During the training activities, employees of private companies are familiar with the measures to ensure integrity in the



private sector in relations with the public sector, namely with the rigors of integrity regarding the policy of gifts, conflicts of interest, compliance with the restrictions and limitations established for former public agents, ethics business, internal managerial control systems, transparency of private sector business with the state and liability for acts of corruption. 5 trainings were held for about 263 people.

- The information and awareness-raising campaign with the generic **"For Safety We Build with Integrity"**, the NAC in partnership with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development, for those responsible in the field of construction (Telenești, Hîncești, Călărași, Ștefan Vodă, Căușeni, Ocnița and Dondușeni) . 7 training activities were carried out for about 265 people.
- The information and awareness-raising campaign with the generic **"Integrity: Credibility in the Educational System"**, the NAC in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Research, for managers and teaching staff of educational institutions (the districts of Telenești, Hîncești, Călărași, Criuleni, Ștefan Vodă, Causeni, Ocnița and Dondușeni, Professional School no. 3, Chisinau). 9 activities were carried out for about 750 people.
- The information and awareness-raising campaign with the generic **"Integrity for Health"** the NAC jointly with MS-CNAS-AO HOMECARE, for the medical staff of the Health Centers (Telenești, Hîncești, Călărași, Criuleni, Ștefan Vodă, Căușeni, Ocnița and Dondușeni,). 8 activities were carried out for about 405 people.
- The information and awareness-raising campaign **"Integrity: Precondition for Preventing the Risks of Corruption"**, NAC-AAIJ-ANI, for exponents of the justice sector (judiciary in the districts of Ștefan Vodă, Strășeni and Căușeni). 4 activities were carried out for 75 people.



- The information and awareness campaign "**The Art of Staying Honest**", NAC in partnership with the Theater Center of Moldova and the Mihai Eminescu National Theater, with the support of the project financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany (GIZ). The show "**The Choice of Mr Macabeț**" was broadcast in the district of Ștefan Vodă. About 600 people participated.



Also, the awarding of the **Integrity Trophy** took place at the Moldovan Business Gala "**Trademark of the Year 2022**", the event organized by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry and AGEPI in partnership with the NAC, namely to private companies: JSC ORANGE, JSC MOLDCELL, LTD METRO and JSC CET-Nord .



The anti-corruption training activities were also carried out within the initial professional training courses and continuous training of the officers and non-commissioned officers of the penitentiary system provided by the **Training Center of the National Penitentiary Administration**. Also, a continuous development course on institutional and professional integrity rigors was ensured for the employees of the **Security and Intelligence Service** within the National Institute of Intelligence and Security "**Bogdan the Founder of Moldova**".



Anti-corruption education, in the press:

- The head of the Anticorruption Education Directorate of the NAC, Ion Pruteanu, participated in the regional conference "Strengthening Youth Resilience to Organized Crime and Corruption in South-Eastern Europe", organized in North Macedonia, between June 6-7
- Four companies were awarded Integrity Trophy by the NAC within the contest Trademark of the Year
- "Integrity: Precondition for Preventing Corruption Risks" - the 11th workshop was organized for the staff of the Căușeni Court



- Three young people from Ungheni shared their experience of what it is like to be a volunteer at the National Anticorruption Center
- About 800 people were instructed by the AED of the NAC in districts Telenesti, Hincesti and Calarasi, this week
- The officer of the National Anticorruption Center, Natalia Cheptea, informed the managers of general education institutions about the measures of preventing and reporting corruption cases
- An anti-corruption training activity took place in Criuleni as part of the information and awareness campaign "Integrity: Credibility in Educational System"
- NAC's Anticorruption Education Directorate organized several trainings in the Ștefan Vodă district
- NAC officers organized an integrity and anti-corruption training course for SIS employees
- The 12th workshop with the generic theme "Integrity: Precondition for Preventing Corruption Risks" was held for 6 judges and 21 officials from the Strășeni Court
- NAC continues awareness-raising activities within the campaign of preventing corruption in the private sector
- Around 400 people benefited from the NAC trainings at Ocnița, Dondușeni and Chișinău, this week



5090 materials were registered by the NAC Chancellery.



National Anticorruption Hotline received 142 calls.