

# Synthesis: NAC announces the takeover of approximately 18 million lei in the case regarding the illegal financing of a political party, through CARA



**The National Anti-corruption Centre informs that, based on a delegation issued by criminal investigation officers, the Criminal Assets Recovery Agency (CARA) took over in the previous week, financial means worth approximately 18 million lei, part of the total amount of over 20 million lei taken over in a large criminal case regarding suspicions of illegal financing of political parties in aggravating circumstances.** The financial means taken over were deposited in the treasury accounts of NAC, according to the legal procedures applicable to frozen assets.

We remind that, two months ago, the NAC officers and prosecutors from the Chisinau Municipal Prosecutor's Office conducted several searches in the capital, in the context of investigations into the activity of a group of persons suspected of participating in a coordinated criminal plan to illegally finance political parties, in the period preceding the parliamentary elections scheduled for September 28, 2025. Among the targeted persons are decision-makers, members and supporters of political parties, about whom there is a reasonable suspicion that they contributed to the illegal channeling of funds to political parties. As a result of the searches, financial means in various currencies, in a total amount of over 20 million lei, electronic data storage devices, draft documents, other evidence relevant to documenting the facts under investigation, were seized. The CARA is to take over the administration of other financial means in foreign currency, previously seized by NAC, immediately after the opening of the accounts necessary for their deposit.

At the same time, the NAC's Criminal Assets Recovery Agency (CARA) has seized assets of illicit origin worth over 11 million lei. The seized assets include 2 social capitals, 3 non-residential buildings, 2 residential premises, a means of transport and 4 agricultural lands. The assets were frozen in various cases: money laundering, tax evasion, illegal deprivation of liberty, child trafficking and luring minors to criminal activity. The Agency also issued a freezing order on a bank account in the amount of

over 63 000 lei, and several previously applied seizures, worth about 7 million lei, were confirmed by court decisions. The Agency also reports the placement on the virtual wallet of 10 types of cryptocurrency worth a total of 85 thousand dollars.

During the same period, the vice-president of the Anenii Noi Territorial Office of a former political party, investigated by the NAC, APO and SIS, was sentenced to 4 years and 6 months in prison for committing the crime of complicity in knowingly accepting financing of the political party from an organized criminal group. The NAC's criminal investigation officers initiated 6 criminal cases, and currently 2 people are detained in prisons, being preventively arrested and one in the NAC Detention Centre.

In the field of corruption prevention, the Legislation Directorate received 18 reports for expert assessment. At the same time, 189 integrity records were released, and 34 calls were received at the National Anti-corruption Line. 1693 materials were registered in the institution's Chancellery.

