

NAC Director, Alexandr Pînzari, at the meeting with the team of experts in the context of the 5th official round of monitoring of the peer program "Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan"



The Director of the National Anti-corruption Centre (NAC), Alexandr Pînzari, had a meeting with the evaluation team of the Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ACN) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), which was in Chisinau from February 10 to 14 as part of the 5th Round of monitoring of the sub-regional peer evaluation program "Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan". The purpose of the visit is to assess the progress made by the institutions of the Republic of Moldova in the fight against corruption, in the period 2023-2024.

During the meeting, the NAC Director spoke about the achievements of the institution in fulfilling the commitments undertaken by the Republic of Moldova. "The National Anti-corruption Centre, as an institution that ensures the national coordination of the monitoring process, has made and will continue to make all necessary efforts to collect, generalize and provide the necessary data according to the requirements of the methodological framework for the evaluation. I would also like to reiterate that the latest report is extremely important in that it provides an assessment of new key indicators, for which the NAC also ensured the coordination and provision of data at the national level," the head of the NAC noted.

In turn, the head of the ACN/OECD team, Tatiana Khavanska, appreciated the contribution of the National Anti-corruption Centre in the implementation of the "Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan". The experts positively assessed the progress made by the Republic of Moldova. Of the nine performance areas assessed, four were rated "excellent" (Anti-corruption policies, Independence of the judiciary, Independence of the prosecution service and Specialized anti-corruption authorities), while the other six areas – Conflict of interest and asset declarations, Whistleblower protection, Business integrity, Public procurement integrity and Combating corruption – were assessed as having an average level of compliance with the ACN/OECD indicators.

The Istanbul Anti-Corruption Action Plan (IAP) is a sub-regional peer review programme launched in 2003 within the Anti-Corruption Network (ACN) that supports anti-corruption reforms through ongoing assessments and monitoring of the implementation of recommendations, and the participating countries are Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

It should be noted that, since joining this sub regional monitoring program in 2020, our country has committed to periodically reporting on the progress made in preventing and combating corruption, so as to benefit from the entire set of tools for evaluating policies, legislation and practices applied in this regard.