

# ROMANIA



## NATIONAL ANTICORRUPTION DIRECTORATE

(D.N.A.)

**Progress achieved and  
the way ahead**

# NATIONAL ANTICORRUPTION STRATEGY 2005-2007

- Objective no. 6

*Strengthening the institutional  
capacity of the National  
Anticorruption Prosecutor's Office*

# CONCLUSION OF THE NEGOCIATIONS FOR EU ACCESSION – DECEMBER 2004

- Safeguard clause on justice and home affairs
- One of the commitments:

*Speeding up the fight against corruption, in particular through obtaining concrete results in high level corruption cases*

# 2005-2007

## WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

- Reorganization of the National Anticorruption Prosecutor's Office (PNA)
- Evaluating the prosecutors activity
- Improving the selection procedure for the anticorruption prosecutors
- Reducing the competence of DNA to the high and medium level corruption cases
- Concentrating the main efforts and resources of DNA to investigating and prosecuting high level corruption cases

# REORGANIZATION

- The former autonomous National Anticorruption Prosecutor's Office - reorganized in October 2005 – as the National Anticorruption Department
- It became in March 2006 the National Anticorruption Directorate (DNA), an integrated structure within the Prosecutor's office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice
- DNA keeps a certain degree of independence (financial; regarding the appointment of the personnel; regarding the presentation of the annual report)

# ADJUSTING THE COMPETENCE OF DNA

- Competence restricted:
  - increasing the financial threshold of the prejudice caused to 200.000 Euro
  - increasing the financial threshold of the bribe to 10.000 Euro
  - reducing the sphere of the offender's quality
- Competence extended:
  - including economic and financial macro-criminality when the value of the prejudice outruns 1.000.000 Euro

# SOLVING HIGH PROFILE AND COMPLEX CASES

Areas covered:

- Corruption and fraud in public procurement
- Corruption and fraud related to immovable property restitution; under-evaluation of assets belonging to a state company
- Corruption related to illegal financing of electoral campaigns
- Corruption related to influencing criminal investigations and/or trial decisions

# SOLVING HIGH PROFILE AND COMPLEX CASES

Public officials indicted:

- Persons holding high level positions within the legislative and executive branch (Members of Parliament, Members of Government, State Secretaries)
- Persons holding high level positions within the local public administration (presidents of county councils, mayors, prefects)
- Members of the judiciary (judges, prosecutors)
- Commanders of military units
- Police officers, fiscal or financial controllers, customs officials etc.

# 2006 EU MONITORING OF THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED

- Peer review March 2006
- Monitoring Report May 2006
- Monitoring Report September 2006
- Conclusions:
  - *DNA stopped dealing with petty corruption cases and focuses on medium and high level corruption cases*
  - *Quality and quantity of non-partisan investigation into allegations of high level corruption have continued to increase*
  - *Anticorruption framework has become more effective as more DNA investigations are launched on the basis of information provided by public control bodies*

# EU MECHANISM OF VERIFICATION AND COOPERATION

- Benchmark 3

*Building on progress already made, continue to conduct professional, non-partisan investigations into allegations of high level corruption*

# THE WAY AHEAD

- More conviction decisions and dissuasive sentences – needed
- Filling in the vacancies of prosecutors' positions in DNA
- Continue the collaboration of other state authorities with DNA

**THANK YOU**

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Public Relations**

**DNA**