
Press release

The only antidote for CORRUPTION is the political will

The conclusion of the National Report is that, in the course of the last years, a tendency towards the strengthening of the legal and institutional capacity of fighting corruption was registered in the majority of the fields. This tendency aimed with priority at the sanction of the “petty” and “medium” corruption, so that the perception of the corruption and of the anticorruption measures remained negative. The report underlines the necessity to concentrate the anticorruption measures upon the “grand” corruption, with an accent over the development of the institutional capacity to prevent corruption, as much more as this type of measures conditions Romania’s adhesion to the European Union in 2007. Also, the Report claims concrete anticorruption reforms and measures that will consolidate the rule of law, will attract an increase in the standard of living and will make possible Romania’s lasting development, eventually through the immediate effect of foreign investments increase.

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The analysis of the most recent measures to prevent and fight against corruption in Romania (2000-03) show the direction of the anticorruption measure also to the medium officials within the governmental structures or to the former officials, together with the “small functionaries”. The evaluation of the judicial authority reveals the fact that little was done until the end of the last year for increasing its independence and autonomy in regard to the other powers in state, even though the National Anticorruption Prosecution registered a higher degree of liberty in activity.

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The press conference will take place Wednesday, 31 March, between 11:00—13:00, at the Group for Social Dialogue, Calea Victoriei no. 120.