
Press release

The Corruption Perception Index (CPI) 2006

According to the Corruption Perception Index 2006, Romania bypassed with a tenth the points the countries with a generalized perceived corruption have, and that obtained 3 or less than 3 points from a maximum of 10. Romania obtained only 3.1 points in 2006, with a tenth better than last year (3.0 in 2005). In comparison with Bulgaria, which obtained 4.0 points, in the last pre-adhesion year Romania remains inferior.

In order to offer a relevant comparison term for the European integration efforts of our country, we specify that for 2006, the average points of the EU member states were 7.71, and for the states that became EU members (the former 10 candidate countries) the average is of 5.3 point. The points Romania scores in 2006 make it the country to adhere at the EU with the lowest Corruption Perception Index. The points scored this year are even fewer than Turkey's, which scored 3.8. this result indicates the fact that the anticorruption reforms did not produce real effects, the perception being that no major change took place.

The increasing with one tenth of the index for Romania in 2006 can be interpreted as continuing the low rhythm of implementing the anticorruption reforms. This tenth point grow is also due to the trend registered in the last years. The score thus obtained must be a warning for the Bucharest officials, this having to materialize the political engagements in orientating the reforms to get to concrete results.