



Press Release

ANABI Announces the Completion and Publication of the External Audit of Romania's National Asset Recovery System

The **National Agency for the Management of Seized Assets (ANABI)** announces the completion of the external audit assessing the capacity of the Romanian authorities to investigate, confiscate and recover the proceeds of crime. The audit was carried out under **Programme Component No. 4 - "Enhancing and Modernising the National System for the Recovery of Criminal Assets"**, financed through the **Public Safety and Security (Justice) Programme** under the **Second Swiss Contribution to selected EU Member States**.

The audit findings are presented in the report **"Enhancing and Modernising the Romanian Asset Recovery System"**, prepared by experts from the **Basel Institute on Governance - International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR)**. The report provides an independent external assessment of Romania's national asset recovery system and examines, in an integrated manner, the institutional framework responsible for the identification, freezing, confiscation, management and recovery of the proceeds of crime. The assessment covers both the legislative and institutional framework, as well as the practical functioning of the mechanisms for identifying, freezing, confiscating, managing and recovering criminal assets.

The report highlights the progress achieved in developing the national asset recovery system, identifies the vulnerabilities that continue to affect its effectiveness and provides recommendations aimed at strengthening institutional and operational capacity in line with European and international standards and best practices.

The report's findings and recommendations will support the development of public policies in this area, including the transposition of **Directive (EU) 2024/1260 on asset recovery and confiscation** and the preparation of Romania's **National Strategy on the Recovery of Proceeds of Crime for the period 2027-2031**.

The audit was conducted throughout **2025-2026** during evaluation missions carried out in Romania. ICAR experts consulted representatives of **15 institutions and organisations** involved in the fields of justice, law enforcement and asset management, as well as representatives of civil society.

In the coming period, ANABI will continue to work closely with all competent national authorities and with its European and international partners to analyse and progressively implement the report's recommendations, with the objective of further strengthening a modern, efficient and interoperable national asset recovery system aligned with the new European legal framework.

Commenting on the audit findings and the importance of implementing the recommendations made by the international experts, the Director General of ANABI stated:

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"The completion of this audit marks an important milestone in strengthening Romania's national asset recovery system. The assessment conducted by the experts of the Basel Institute on Governance provides the Romanian authorities with an objective analysis of the existing mechanisms and a valuable set of recommendations to support the development of future public policies. ANABI will continue to cooperate closely with all competent institutions to ensure that these recommendations are effectively implemented, enabling the national asset recovery system to respond more efficiently to current challenges while meeting European standards."

In the coming months, ANABI will organise a public event dedicated to presenting the report and discussing its recommendations together with representatives of national authorities, European institutions and international partners.

The external audit report "Enhancing and Modernising the Romanian Asset Recovery System" is available at: <https://anabi.just.ro/info/rapoarte-de-audit>

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