



Press Release

On the Signing of the Financing Agreement between the Ministry of Justice, acting as Programme Operator, and the National Agency for the Management of Seized Assets (ANABI), acting as Component Operator and Beneficiary, for the Implementation of Programme Component No. 4 - "Enhancing and Modernising the National System for the Recovery of Criminal Assets", financed under the Public Safety and Security (Justice) Programme within the Second Swiss Contribution to selected EU Member States - Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme

On 22 May 2025, the Ministry of Justice, acting as Programme Operator, and the National Agency for the Management of Seized Assets (ANABI), acting as Component Operator, signed the financing agreement for the implementation of 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 - Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme.

One of the component's main objectives is to assess Romania's national asset recovery system through an external audit. The audit will evaluate the capacity of the Romanian authorities involved in asset recovery, identify areas requiring improvement and provide recommendations based on international best practices. Its findings will support the preparation of Romania's National Strategy on the Recovery of Proceeds of Crime for the period 2026-2030, to be developed by ANABI and submitted to the Government of Romania for approval upon the proposal of the Ministry of Justice.

To further strengthen institutional capacity in the field of asset recovery, ANABI has established a strategic partnership with the International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR) of the Basel Institute on Governance. The partnership facilitates the transfer of Swiss expertise and the exchange of best practices, contributing to greater institutional effectiveness, alignment with international standards and reinforcing the principle that "crime does not pay."

Project start date: 22 May 2025

Implementation period: 23 months

Eligible project value: CHF 500,000, of which CHF 425,000 (85%) represents non-reimbursable external funding.

On 2 June 2025, the first activity of the audit mission commenced with the visit of the Swiss experts to Romania. During the mission, interviews were conducted with representatives of the relevant institutions to assess the national asset recovery system.

Bucharest, 2 June 2025

Program Operator



MINISTERUL JUSTIȚIEI

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