



**Press release**

**on the signing of the financing contract between the Ministry of Justice as Program Operator and ANABI as Program Component Operator and Beneficiary for the implementation of Program Component 4 „*Enhancing and modernizing the Romanian asset recovery system*”, financed by the Public Security and Safety (Justice) Program within the framework of the second Swiss Contribution in the field of cohesion - Swiss Cooperation Program with Romania.**

On May 22, 2025, the Ministry of Justice, as Program Operator, and the National Agency for the Management of Seized Assets (A.N.A.B.I.), as Program Component Operator, Beneficiary, signed the financing contract for the implementation of Program Component 4 „*Enhancing and modernizing the Romanian asset recovery system*”, financed by the Public Security and Safety (Justice) Program within the framework of the second Swiss Contribution in the field of cohesion - Swiss Cooperation Program with Romania.

The component, proposed by ANABI, is designed to support the implementation of **The National Strategy on the Recovery of Crime-related Claims for the period 2021-2025**, - “**Crime is not profitable!**” and its Action Plan.

A specific objective of the component is the **evaluation of the quality, efficiency, and effectiveness of crime-related asset recovery chain through an external audit**. This audit will assess the investigative, prosecution and administrative support capabilities of Romanian authorities responsible for asset recovery, identifying areas for improvement and adopting best practices. As such, the audit report will provide solid bases for the new Asset recovery strategy 2026 -2030 which is to be developed by ANABI in consultations with the main stakeholders and adopted by the Romanian Government, at the proposal of MoJ.

To further enhance the capacity of Romanian authorities in the recovery of crime-related assets, ANABI will engage in a strategic partnership with the International Centre for Asset Recovery (ICAR) of the Basel Institute on Governance, building on previous successful collaborations. This partnership aims to leverage Swiss expertise to enhance knowledge and exchange best practices in asset recovery.

This collaboration will significantly contribute to the objectives of the component by increasing the professionalism and efficiency of the institutions involved in asset recovery and asset management, thus ensuring alignment with international standards and practices and reinforcing the principle that criminal activities „do not pay”.

Start date: 22.05.2025

Implementation period: 23 months

The eligible amount of the grant contract is 500.000 CHF, of which 425.000 CHF (85%) is external non-reimbursable funding.

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Today, June 2, 2025, starts the first planned activity of the audit mission - the on-site visit of Swiss experts to Romania involving thematic interviews with relevant institutions in the judiciary, law enforcement and international cooperation.

Bucharest June 2nd, 2025

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