

Annex - Questionnaire

Measures taken to implement the Convention and the commitments contained in the UNGASS political declaration, as well as good practices and progress made in the use of international cooperation mechanisms under the Convention¹

Country	Romania
Implementing authority/authorities	Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education, Superior Council of Magistracy, Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice, High Court of Cassation and Justice, Romanian National Union of Bar Associations
Corresponding paragraph(s) of the UNGASS political declaration and/or article(s) of the Convention	1
Title of initiative	Collaboration protocol regarding the legal education in schools
Keywords of initiative	legal education, universities,
Short summary of initiative (please indicate the start date/duration if relevant)	The Ministry of Justice concluded a new collaboration protocol in 2022 with the Ministry of Education, the Superior Council of Magistracy, the High Court of Cassation and Justice, the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice and the National Union of Bar Associations in Romania, which aims to promote legal education at all levels of education (primary, secondary, high school and university), in a manner adapted to the understanding power of each participant.
Detailed description of initiative	<p>Through the new collaboration protocol on legal education in schools, the good practices from the previous protocol, concluded in 2017, are capitalized, the novelty elements being the presentation of legal education topics in the universities, as well as the inclusion in the object of the protocol not only of pupils and students, but also of the teaching staff.</p> <p>The fields that are subject to legal education in educational institutions include, but are not limited to: fundamental rights, freedoms and duties, aspects regarding the legislative process, general aspects regarding the organization and functioning of the judicial system, preventing and combating discrimination, prevention and combating violence in schools and domestic violence, combating drug use and trafficking, criminality in the online environment, anticorruption matters.</p>

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Corresponding paragraph(s) of the UNGASS political declaration and/or article(s) of the Convention	54, 56
Title of initiative	Online training dedicated to Commission to investigate allegations of bribery or corruption (CIABOC) from Sri Lanka
Keywords of initiative	preventive tools, financial investigations, asset recovery
Short summary of initiative (please indicate the start date/duration if relevant)	The initiative consists in offering professional training for 200 employees in the field of investigating corruption crimes, as well as in the field of corruption prevention, with an emphasis on increasing integrity.
Detailed description of initiative	As a response to the request of CIABOC, RO built a customized training, in order to meet the needs expressed. The initiative materialized in two 5-day online trainings with 50 employees present in each session, which took place between 7-11 November 2022 and 22 – 26 may 2023. RO presented the institutional architecture of the mechanism for preventing and fighting corruption in RO, going deeper into more specific matters, as following: special methods and techniques of investigation on corruption, asset recovery aspects, digital forensic techniques used when investigating corruption offences and financial investigations and data analysis. As follow-up, RO asked for feedback on the effectiveness of the training or other subjects that could be of interest, receiving positive reply and a new request to continue this type of collaboration, in order to train a bigger number of employees.
Lessons learned in implementing the initiative	The initiative is still ongoing
Challenges encountered in implementing the initiative	The online environment does not facilitate an optimal exchange of information.
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Corresponding paragraph(s) of the UNGASS political declaration and/or article(s) of the Convention	21, 30
Title of initiative	Strengthening the whistleblowers' protection legislation
Keywords of initiative	Update, strengthen, whistleblower, protection
Short summary of initiative (please indicate the start date/duration if relevant)	Romania adopted Law no. 361/2022 regarding the protection of public interest whistleblowers, in December 2022, which transposes into the national legislation the EU Directive 2019/1937 on the protection of persons who report breaches of Union law.
Detailed description of initiative	<p>Through the newly adopted legislation (Law no. 361/2022), the National Integrity Agency (hereinafter the Agency / NIA) has been designated as an external reporting channel - competent authority to receive reports on violations of the law, defined by art. 3 of the normative act as oral or written communications relating to facts that consist of an action or inaction that constitutes non-compliance with the legal provisions. Moreover, the Agency operationalized, on the 6th of February 2023, the newly established structure (Whistleblower Directorate) in order to implement an effective whistleblowing management system. Thus, the Agency created a dedicated platform through which whistleblowers can submit their reports, either nominally or anonymously.</p> <p>Both private and public sectors are covered by the abovementioned law.</p> <p>The new law also provides several whistleblower protection measures: 1. Prohibition of retaliation;</p>

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