



NATIONAL INTEGRITY COUNCIL

Strategic Document
on the Activity of the
National Integrity Council
(C.N.I.)

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I. PREMISES

The activity and the attributions of the National Integrity Council (CNI) are regulated by Law no. 144/2007 on the establishment, organization and functioning of the National Integrity Agency (ANI), republished, as subsequently amended, hereinafter referred to as the Law.

The Agency, by its legal attributions, represents a key factor within the national system for prevention and control of corruption, being in the central place on the preventive constituent. Within the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism (CVM), ANI is the object of assessment by the European Commission experts (EC) within the second conditionality.

Under these conditions, the **CNI's role, representative body being under parliamentary control, as warrantor of the independence and, at the same time, of supervisor of ANI's activity, is a particularly important one**, the Council being able to make recommendations on the Agency's strategy and activity for wealth evaluation, of conflicts of interests and incompatibilities.

Also, CNI presents on annual basis, to the Senate, an activity report of the Agency, having attributions concerning the proposal of appointment and dismissal of ANI's president and vice-president, as well as to ascertain the suspension of Agency's president and vice-president.

National Integrity Council had no strategic document so far that includes a unified vision of establishing the priorities and the directions of action on a limit period.

In the light of the criticisms contained within the European Commission reports concerning the progresses registered by Romania within the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism related to the activity of the National Integrity Council, the formulation of a strategic document that defines the fundamental purpose of this representative body and that outlines its strategic objectives, are imposed as being necessary and urgent.

2. VISION, MISSION AND VALUES OF NATIONAL INTEGRITY COUNCIL

VISION

National Integrity Council wishes, within the limit of legal attributions, to provide independent functioning also outside any influence of the National Integrity Agency.

MISSION

The mission of the National Integrity Council is to act as an interface of the National Integrity Agency against any external pressure which might be exercised by public or private entities, with the observance, at the same time of the operational independence of this autonomous administrative authority.

VALUES

Each objective covered in this document is subsumed to the following values, as fundamental principles compliance of which is essential for the accomplishment of the mission of the National Integrity Council:

- Lawfulness
- Transparency
- Efficiency and Efficacy
- Respecting human rights



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3. OBJECTIVES

Objective no. 1: Efficiency of communication and strengthening the trust relationship between CNI and ANI

Direction 1: outlining some procedures of communication and consolidation of trust between CNI and ANI

For a good cooperation between CNI and ANI, building a mutual trust relationship between CNI and ANI is required.

As a result, at the CNI meetings, the ANI president and vice-president may also participate upon the invitation of the Council's president, in order to present the last results of the Agency's activity or to demonstrate to the members of the Council issues of common interest.

Additionally, in the context of MCV, in order to achieve the objectives specific to this mechanism, the CNI's president may be mandated by the Council to bring to the attention of ANI president or vice-president general issues in order to remediate some possible deficiencies found by EC experts.

Periodicity: *whenever necessary.*

Direction 2: Supporting ANI in making some steps in order to obtain the resources necessary for the proper performance of activity.

Objective no. 2: Achieving an efficient monitoring on ANI activity

Direction 1: quarterly issuance by ANI of some activity reports, according to the provisions of art. 38 paragraph 2 let. e) of Law

By submitting the quarterly activity reports by the Agency's president, according to the legal provisions invoked, the Council is able to assess upon the efficiency of ANI activity, thus being able to make general recommendations to increase the Agency's efficiency and efficacy.

Obviously, these recommendations shall not have a punctual character, but they shall have as purpose to guide the Agency's activity, as well as to improve the strategy or the activity plan of the Agency, approved and presented to its President, according to art. 28 paragraph 1 let. h) of Law.

Periodicity: *on quarterly basis.*

Direction 2: monitoring the way and degree of implementation by ANI of the recommendations made by CNI

Following ANI's quarterly reports, CNI shall review the way and degree of implementation of the recommendations addressed to ANI. To this end, the Council shall include, by courtesy of the President, within the Agency's annual activity report, which is submitted to the Senate, an analysis on how the Agency fulfilled the recommendations made by CNI.

Periodicity: *on annual basis.*

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Direction 3: adopting some independent external audit reports

In pursuance with the provisions of art. 26 paragraph 3 of Law, the Senate may order the performance of an annual report of independent external audit. The conclusions of the commission designated according to art. 26 paragraph 2 of Law shall be submitted to the Commission, who, by courtesy of the president, shall adopt them and file, immediately, to the Senate.

Periodicity: *on annual basis or whenever necessary, upon the Senate's request.*

Objective no. 3: Efficiency of the CNI's activity

Direction 1: transparency and efficiency of Council's activity

CNI, by courtesy of the Council Secretariat, shall publish on the Agency's website, besides the decisions and recommendations adopted, also the minutes of the CNI meetings, as well as their conclusions.

Also, CNI annual reports shall be published which are submitted to the Senate, as well as the own analysis on the efficiency of implementing by the Agency of the recommendations made by the Council.

Periodicity: *whenever necessary, following the CNI meetings*