

GRECO evaluation report on Romania

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In a report published in January 2017, the Council of Europe anti-corruption body (GRECO) stresses that there is in Romania an unprecedented determination in combating corruption-related crimes affecting public institutions. However it calls on its authorities to step up its efforts to prevent it by developing integrity rules for parliamentarians, and increasing the effectiveness of existing measures for judges and prosecutors. The report calls for the adoption of a code of conduct, rules on gifts and other benefits and on relations with third parties, including lobbyists. Other areas for improvement include the way occasional conflicts of interest are to be handled and ensuring the effectiveness of incompatibilities. GRECO also urges Romania to review its system of immunities and to make parliamentarians aware of their obligations.

On the positive side, Romania's system for the declaration of income, assets and interests – which applies to many categories of officials including parliamentarians, judges and prosecutors, and is supervised by the National Integrity Agency – is exemplary in several aspects, although its working methods may need to be revised.

The implementation of the 13 recommendations addressed to Romania in this report will be assessed by GRECO in the second half of 2017 through its compliance procedure.