

National Integrity Agency (A.N.I.)
*Preventing and combating corruption through
administrative mechanisms*



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About the National Integrity Agency (Ro)

- ▶ ANI was established 15 years ago, in 2007, as **an autonomous administrative authority, under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism (EC)**
- ▶ Institution in Romania with **exclusive competence**:
 - ▶ in managing the system of asset and interests disclosures
 - ▶ identifying, preventing and combating integrity incidents:
- ▶ **ANI's main objective**: to ensure integrity in the exercise of public offices and dignities, by evaluating:
 - ▶ assets disclosures
 - ▶ Data and information about changes in properties, incompatibilities and conflicts of interest

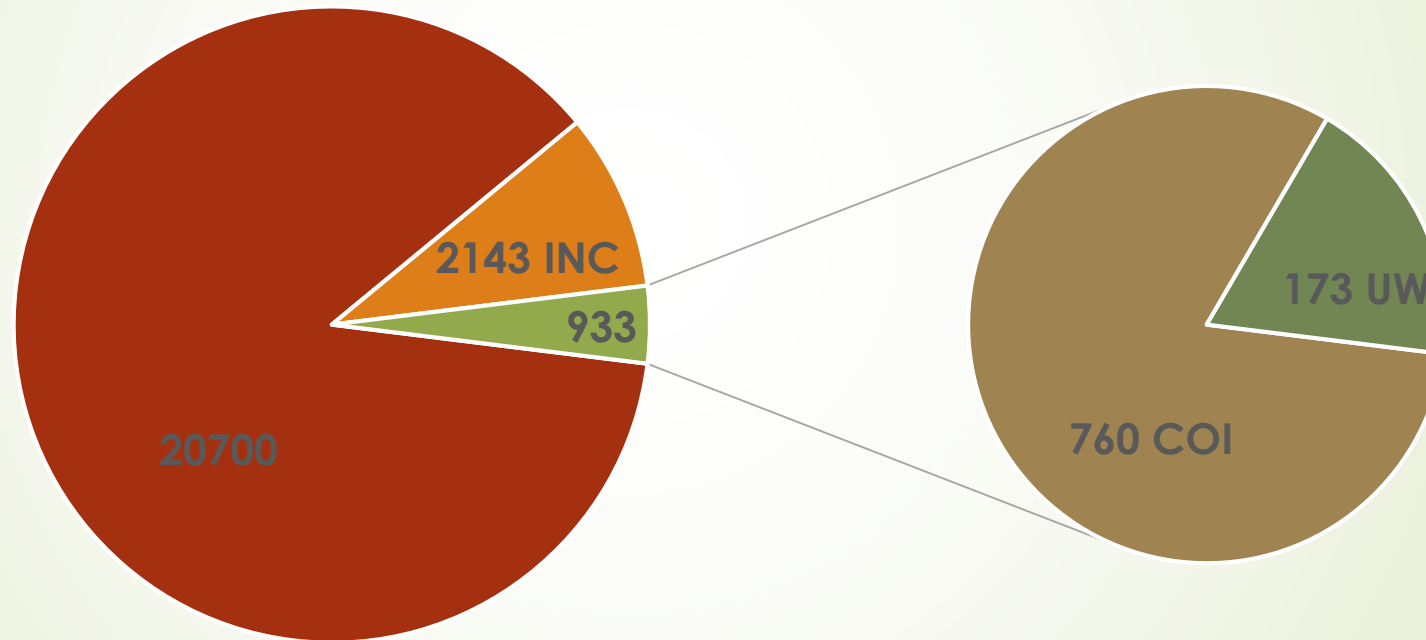
Types of integrity incidents




- **Unjustified wealth**, defined as the difference of more than 10 000 EUR (or its equivalent in Romanian lei), between the wealth obtained during the exercise of public positions and the expenditures from the same period;
- **Conflict of interests**, which appears when the person exercising a public dignity or office has a personal interest of a patrimonial nature, which could influence the objective fulfillment of their attributions;
- **Incompatibilities**, which are defined as simultaneously holding two or more public positions or holding a public and a private office – out of which one excludes the other;

Cases ascertained by ANI

Total files vs ascertained cases



■ Total files ■ Incompatibilities ■ COI ■ Unjustified wealth

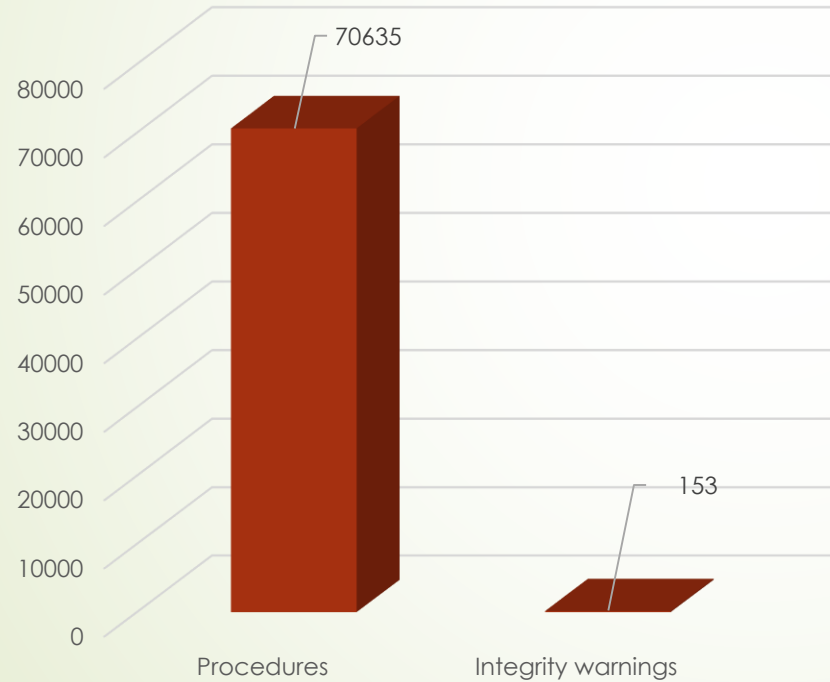


PREVENT System – or how to diminish COI in public procurement

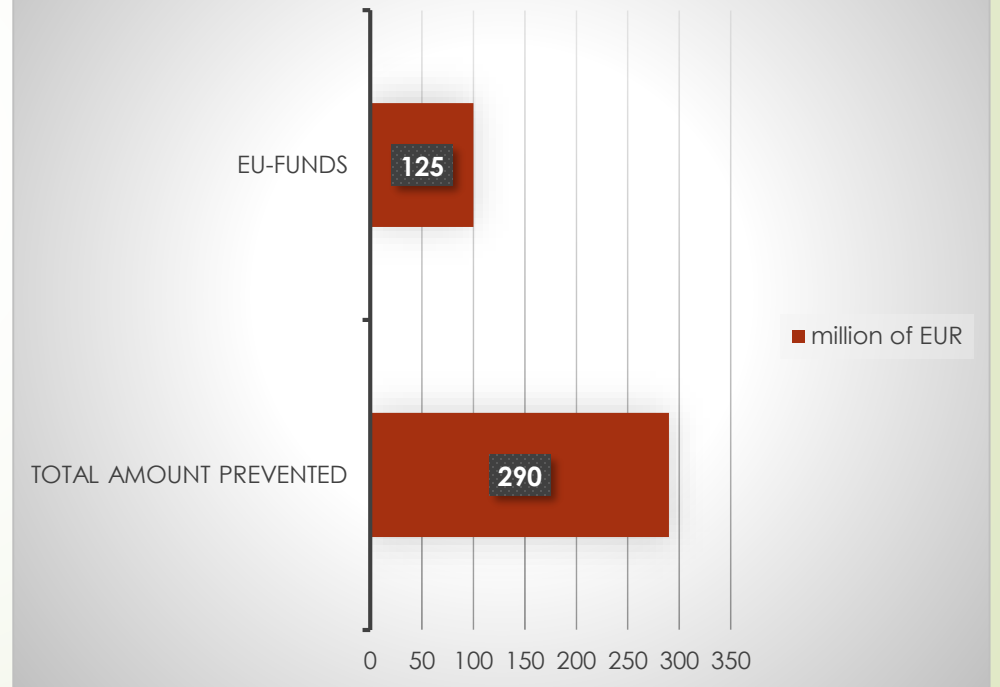
- **PREVENT is an IT system** designed to prevent potential cases of conflict of interest which occur in public procurement procedures
- PREVENT performs **ex-ante verifications of public procurement procedures**, to detect family ties and close links between bidders and the management of contracting authorities
- If a potential COI is spotted, PREVENT issues an **Integrity Warning** and the head of the Contracting Authority **MUST** undertake all the necessary measures to remove the potential conflict of interest, by replacing assessment committee members or, in extreme cases, excluding the bidder.

PREVENT Data

Analyzed procedures vs integrity warnings




Saved funds through PREVENT



Reducing paper work through e-DAI platform


- In May 2021, ANI launched an **online platform e-DAI dedicated to the deponents**
- **By now (June 1st) :**
 - **No. of users registered as deponents: 329.000 persons**
 - **No. of institutions with at least one account created: 7.500 institutions**
 - **No. of AID submitted: 370.000**
- We expect that the **full transition to an electronic disclosure system will be completed by the end of 2022**





D 2019/1937 – Whistleblowers' protection

- ▶ The legislative piece to transpose in the Romanian legislation the Whistleblower Protection Directive (2019/1937) is under the Parliamentary procedures.
- ▶ The National Integrity Agency is designated as a competent authority – in charge of:
 - ▶ External reporting channel
 - ▶ Collecting statistics related to the whistleblowing cases
 - ▶ Providing support to whistleblowers, but also to organizations to build their internal reporting channels



Upcoming reform on the integrity legislation

- **Reform** assumed through the Romanian Recovery and Resilience Plan;
- Project implemented together with the **Ministry of Justice & Transparency International Romania**;
- Project financed through European funds (POCA), entitled **NIAct**, which has started this year in February;
- Estimated timeframe: February 2022 – August 2023;
- Project's objective evaluate and update the Romanian legislation on the integrity framework.
- **Ultimate goal:** to address European Commission's Rule of Law Report with regard to the “continued challenges to the legal framework for integrity and the need for stability, clarity and a robust framework”.



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