



Ethics in Public Administration

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Conference organizers

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Identification of best practices and proposals to improve the system of ethics in public administration

Conference theme

The impact of public administration in day to day life of citizens and communities is increasingly greater in terms of both public affairs and budgetary management. The power spending community resources and influence the lives of others means at the same time a great responsibility – the responsibility to act morally (with integrity) and to ensure effective spending of resources. This means, including not to corrupt and not to let yourself be corrupted, but it also means openness to dialogue, to an internal climate of trust and cooperation, to internal procedures to ensure ethics counseling. Taking this into account, in the last 20 years, the public sector has developed legal rules or internal policies, procedures and organizational tools to ensure an organizational integrity and a responsible leadership. Public organizations have adopted and applied ethics codes, procedures regarding conflicts of interests, whistleblowing, gifts declaring and other measures to prevent corruption.

The conference aims at challenging representatives of the public sector in Romania and in other European countries to discuss the experience and good practices on ethics systems, ethics problems and solutions/ working tool developed to tackle those challenges.

Conference Agenda (draft)
Minerva Hotel
Simultaneous translation will be provided (ENGL-RO)

Friday, 27 March 2015	
09.00 – 09:30	Registration
Opening session	
09.30 – 09.40	Georgiana Iorgulescu , Executive Director Center for Legal Resources
09.40 – 09.50	József BIRTALAN , President, National Agency of Civil Servants
09.50 – 10.00	Q&A
Plenary Session	
10.00 – 11.00	Robert Alan Doig , University of Birmingham – Ethics systems in public administration in European Union member states
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee break
11.15 – 11.35	Alina Georgevici , National Agency of Civil Servants – The activity of ethics counselors in Romania – project results and proposals to improve the legal framework in Romania
11.35 – 11.55	Other countries (tbc.)
11.55 – 12.15	Other countries (tbc.)
12.15 – 12.35	Other countries (tbc.)

12.35 – 13.00	Questions & debate
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break
Workshop: Exchange of good practices between ethics counselors in Romania Moderator: Radu Nicolae, Programme Director, Center for Legal Resources	
14.00 – 14.10	Ethics counselors
14.10 – 14.20	Ethics counselor
14.20 – 14.30	Ethics counselors
14.30 – 14.40	Cristian Ducu
14.40 - 14.50	Alina Grigore, Head of Anti-corruption Unit, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration
14.50 – 15.00	Ministry of Justice
15.00 – 15.15	Others (tbc.)
15.15 – 15.30	Others (tbc.)
15.30 – 16.00	Debates & conclusions