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## ANFP: participation in the International Conference

Thursday, the 20th of March 2014, representatives of the National Agency of Civil Servants (NACS) attended the international conference organized by the National School of Political Studies and Public Administration (SNSPA) and the Organizing Committee of the Faculty of Public Administration: "25 years later: Building an efficient public administration - Best practices and challenges".

The conference was opened to public sector practitioners, researchers, teachers, journalists and students interested in the efficiency and professionalism of the Romanian public administration and it was attended by foreign experts, representatives of prestigious institutions (National School of Public Administration in Poland, Polish Cultural Institute from Bucharest, Embassy of the Republic of Poland and the French Embassy in Bucharest etc.).

The debate started with the idea that, 25 years ago, the fall of communism in Central and Eastern Europe meant not only a change in the economic and political paradigm, but also a revolution in terms of the general concept of the state.

The main topic of conversation concerned the field of public administration, the description of how public administration, i.e. civil service, has evolved through history, measures in order to improve public services. Comparisons were made between positive and negative experiences of the models implemented by the countries participating in the debate, in order to understand these concepts and to face new challenges.

During the event, the speakers gave interesting presentations regarding the regulation on free access to public information, the transparency of decision-making processes and meritocratic recruitment of civil servants, which generated significant changes in understanding and delivering quality public services.

The presence of the National Agency of Civil Servants at this event has strengthened our cooperation with SNSPA, collaboration which aims to contribute to a continuous improvement of public administration system in all its complexity.

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