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RO PRES: NACS organized the meeting of the Group of experts from EPSO

In the context of Romania's Presidency of the Council of the EU, **The National Agency of Civil Servants (NACS)**, an institution subordinated to the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, organized, during **11-12 March 2019**, *The meeting of the Group of experts from the European Personnel Selection Office - EPSO*.

The event was attended by about 60 people - representatives of the Member States, the European Commission and EPSO, along with representatives of the NACS and the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration (MRDPA).

The topics discussed in the meeting were focused on EPSO's staff selection procedures, employment opportunities and work experience within the European Commission, artificial intelligence - a European perspective. At the same time, the recruitment procedures developed by different organizations at EU level were presented.

On this occasion, a representative from NACS described the selection and recruitment procedure in the public office, in Romania. One of the Romanian students who participated in the *Campaign Ambassadors in the European Institutions*, organized by EPSO, talked about the experience gained in this context.

Attending the event, Virgil Alin Chirilă, State Secretary at MRDPA, thanked everyone for the participation and expressed his full support as a coordinator of RO PRES events at ministerial level.

NACS's President, Vasile Felix Cozma, also thanked the participants for their interest in the Bucharest meeting, stating that it was a pleasure to be the host of the event.

"We are glad that we could facilitate the organization of the EPSO meeting, especially since NACS has represented Romania within the network as early as 2013. I would like to thank you for the excellent cooperation so far and to assure you of the confidence in a good follow-up of the activities during the Presidency of Romania", this was the message sent by the president of NACS.

This is the second EPSO event in the context of RO PRES where NACS is involved as an organizer.

The European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO) is the body responsible for selecting the staff who could work for the institutions and agencies of the European Union, including the European Parliament, the European Council, the European Commission, the European Court of Justice, the Court of Auditors, the External Action Service, The Economic and Social Committee, the Committee of the Regions and the European Ombudsman. Each institution is then able to recruit staff from the EPSO selected groups of candidates. On average, EPSO receives about 60,000-70,000 applications per year and approximately 1,500-2,000 candidates are recruited by the EU institutions.

EPSO's role is to serve the EU institutions by providing high-quality and efficient selection procedures, in order to recruit the right person for the right job at the right time.

Since its inception in January 2003, EPSO became a selection center of excellence that is constantly evolving for the EU institutions.

The network of the EPSO Group of Experts is organized around its main areas of interest, including human resource management and organizational development, innovation and service delivery.

Since 2003, Romania participates, through the National Agency of Civil Servants (NACS), within the EPSO network.

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