

EUROPEAN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION NETWORK - EUPAN WORKING LEVEL MEETING

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Between April 8th and 9th, 2019, the meeting of the Expert Working Group within the European Public Administration Network (EUPAN) was held in Focșani, at the headquarter of the Vrancea County Council, organized by the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration (MDRAP), in collaboration with the Vrancea County Council.

In the context of Romania's Presidency of the Council of the European Union, MDRAP (through the Directorate-General for Public Administration, the National Agency of Civil Servants (NACS) and the National Institute of Administration (INA)) is managing the activities of EUPAN - European Public Administration Network. In this context, the event in Focșani brought together about 60 professionals from the European public administration field, together with the organizers' representatives.

During the meeting, the new EUPAN Strategy Paper was presented and topics of interest were addressed, such as:

- the necessary skills for e-governance;
- ethics as an integral part of the organizational culture;
- the challenges of the electronic services in the public administration;
- the impact of strategic planning documents on the central public administration.

The representatives of Romania shared good practices in the field of ethics and integrity, and Finland, the country that will take over the rotating presidency of the Council of the European Union, from July 2019, presented the priorities of its own Presidency within EUPAN.

The State Secretary of MDRAP, Virgil-Alin Chirilă, coordinator at ministerial level of the events of the Romanian Presidency at the Council of the European Union, stressed that Romania strongly supports the consolidation of the European project in order to meet the expectations of the European citizens in a cohesive, unitary and unbiased manner:

"Romania has a successful Presidency at the Council of the European Union, as proven both by the large number of closed cases and by the assessments received from the officials of the European institutions as well as by the participants - from all the Member States - to the events organized in our country, by the ministry I represent and the other institutions involved in this far-reaching project. Given the current challenges the European Union faces, the Presidency of Romania of the Council of the European Union continues to guarantee European convergence and cohesion aiming to a sustainable and equitable development for all citizens and Member States. Romania believes in solidarity and in a truly united Europe. All the institutional efforts that have been made in the course of the Romanian Presidency at the Council of the European Union have been and remain oriented towards this common goal." added State Secretary Alin Chirilă.

EUPAN meetings take place during each Presidency, both at expert and managerial level. The main mission of the participants is to ensure the implementation of the objectives and activities established by the EUPAN Strategy Paper and the Working Programme. The next meeting of the EUPAN Network will take place between June 3-4, 2019, in Bucharest.

Additional Information:

EUPAN is an informal network of public administration professionals from the European Union Member States, the European Commission and the observer states, which has a significant impact on the public administration's initiatives in each country. The network is organized around fields of major interest, such as human resource management and organizational development, innovation and delivery of public services, but it is also open to other public administration issues such as public administration reform, open government etc.

At the same time, EUPAN is a forum that allows the exchange of information, experiences and good practices, enabling a country based comparison of the reforms and measures used to modernize public administration in the Member States. In this way, the countries can promote similar strategies and measures that allow a unitary and coherent development and evolution across Europe, in response to common challenges in the field.