

Model Operational Instruction Related to the Romanian Government Ethics Officers

This Operating Instruction provides operational guidance related to implementing legislation related to public officials' ethics – and in particular Law 7/2004 (the Code of Conduct Law), Law 541/2007 (the Whistleblower's Law) and Order 4500/2008 (the Ethics Reporting Order).

The present Operating Instruction establishes an Ethics Counsellor in each Romanian Agency who is able to save the Agency money and decrease risks by providing competent advice. The Operating Instruction arises as a result of training of future Ethics Counsellors conducted in the autumn 2008. The trainers, and their NACS counterparts, decided that the three Romanian laws cited above would not be successfully implemented without rule-making initiative from individual Agencies. The present Instruction provides – in the author's opinion – the minimum provisions required to implement the goals enshrined in the three pieces of ethics-related legislation.

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