

October the 28th, 2005
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BULLETIN

**CORRUPTION, TERRORISM AND ORGANISED CRIME – ON THE PRIORITY
AGENDA OF THE SOUTH-EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.**

The minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga, has signed today, along with representatives of the counterpart ministries of other 13 European countries the Common Declaration of the states participating in the Brdo Process, following the 5th Ministerial Regional Conference regarding the Illegal Migration, Organised Crime, Corruption and Terrorism.

The home affairs ministers and the heads of the delegations from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary, Macedonia, Romania, Slovenia, Austria, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey have agreed, on the occasion of the reunion held today in Brdo (Slovenia), on including themes like organised crime, corruption and terrorism in the Brdo Process – a regional cooperation process launched in 2001, which so far has focused on aspects regarding migration. “These crimes are related to one another, they function together, so they have to be dealt with together”, appreciated in the opening of this conference the federal home affairs minister of Austria, Liese Prokop, who underlined the common interest of the states of the region in countering these phenomena.

The key element which allowed the cooperation within the framework of Brdo Process to include these domains as well – domains of increasing importance nowadays – is the fact that the countries in the South-East Europe have enhanced their ability to align with the European acquis and to apply the common standards of the European policy regarding the internal security, according to the Hague Programme.

The heads of the delegations present at the Conference from Brdo have agreed on the fact that the application of the common standards and policies implies the legal harmonisation in domains such as visas policy and the people readmission, police and judicial cooperation, effective border management, in compliance with the international norms and best practices.

During the conference, the Romanian minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga, underscored the high interest of the Romanian authorities in countering corruption and organised crime and presented the progresses recorded by Romania in these domains, as well as in accomplishing the undertakings assumed with a view of our country’s accession to the European Union.

Vasile Blaga emphasised the measures taken by Romania in view of controlling the illegal migration phenomenon, trafficking in human beings and drugs – domains in which the positive evolution of our countries was pointed out in the Monitoring Report publicised by the European Commission at the beginning of this week.

Vasile Blaga also presented the stage of the reform regarding the border management domain, showing that Romania is going to have, in the years to come, one of the most modern systems of border securing in Europe, in the context of our future responsibility to manage a quarter of the future outer E.U. border, beginning with the 1st of January 2007.

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On the 26th of October 2005, within the framework of the press conference that has taken place at the headquarters of the Ministry of Administration and Interior, questor Mihai Stoica - the general director of the International Police Cooperation Centre presented an analysis regarding the activity of this institution.

On this occasion, there has been underlined the big number of the applications for assistance received by the International Police Cooperation Centre, precisely 3,752 applications through the Interpol National Bureau and 3,597 applications through the National Focal Point.

Out of the latter applications, 1,079 were received from the 26 internal affairs attaches and from their deputies, accredited to different states such as Bulgaria, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Austria, Czech Republic, Great Britain, Turkey, Ukraine and Republic of Moldova.

In all these situations, the International Police Cooperation Centre collaborated with the counterpart units from the partner states, which led to operational solutions to these cases.

Thus, over the past nine months, 248 persons were localised and arrested abroad, with a view to their extradition in Romania, 179 persons having already been extradited in Romania so far.

At the same time, 22 persons placed under international warrant were identified and arrested in Romania, with a view to their extradition to other states, and other 65 persons were transferred to continue the execution of their punishment.

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Today, the 26th of October, Vasile Blaga, the minister of Administration and Interior, has participated in the 50th anniversary of the National Day of Austria, upon the invitation of the Austrian chancellor Wolfgang Schüssel.

On this occasion, the minister of Administration and Interior - Vasile Blaga also met with his Austrian counterpart official, the federal minister of home affairs - Liese Prokop.

Beginning with the 1st of January 2006 Austrian is going to hold the presidency of the European Union.

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THE BORDER SECURING UNDERTAKINGS ARE FULFILED ON SCHEDULE AND THEY WILL KEEP UP THE SAME RHYTHM, SAYS THE MINISTER OF ADMINISTRATION AND INTERIOR, VASILE BLAGA.

According to the statements of the minister of Administration and Interior, the 2005 Schengen Action Plan implementing is achieved in compliance with the calendar set by the European Commission, no delay being recorded in the put in practice of the assumed undertakings. The calendar is also strictly followed in what concerns the Borders Integrated Safety System: the agreed number of vacancies were filled in, the endowment schedule for control points and at the green and blue border was respected and the EADS contract negotiation is in the final phase.

Thus, there are no delays in relation with the set calendar and the steps will further be taken in the same rhythm, says minister Vasile Blaga, who also states that the European Commission's concern

for the reform in the field of borders securing is grounded given the length and complexity of Romania's future external border and the high costs to be incurred for achieving a high level of control.

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The minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile BLAGA, and the minister of Home Affairs and Sport of the German Land Renania-Palatinat, Karl Peter BRUCH, have signed today the application programme regarding the cooperation between the two institutions for 2006, on the occasion of an official visit of the Romanian minister. This cooperation, which stated in 1999, materialised in the support that the German authorities from the Renania-Palatinat Land granted in the domain of home affairs, especially in the police, firemen and emergency situations issues.

One of the most important aspects of the relation between the authorities of the Renania-Palatinat Land and the Romanian ones is related to the cooperation between the Police School from Hann and the Romanian counterpart institutions, namely the Police Schools from Campina, Cluj-Napoca and Slatina. This cooperation will go on in 2006, according to the programme signed today, as the results of the activities accomplished so far were appreciated as very positive ones.

In the context of the same cooperation programme, the Romanian policemen had the opportunity to participate in different expertise exchange sessions in Germany, in important domains of the police activity.

During 2006, the Romanian Ministry of Administration and Interior and the Ministry of Home Affairs and Sport of the German Renania-Palatinat Land want the cooperation regarding the countering of criminal phenomenon to continue, and they both want to develop the cooperation relation within the framework of the European Union seminars in the domains of protection against fires and catastrophes, as well as in the rescue services field.

Minister Vasile Blaga has visited the Police School from Hann and the Firemen Unit from Koblenz, and has appreciated that the two institutions represent a model considering their effective organisation, and that they can be a good example for the way in which the Romanian counterpart institution must be running, as soon as possible.

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COOPERATION BETWEEN ROMANIA AND GERMANY IN THE DOMAIN OF POLICE ACTIVITY AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

In the period 24-25 of October 2005, Mr. Vasile BLAGA, the minister of Administration and Interior, will lead the delegation of the Ministry of Administration and Interior which is going to pay, according to the annual bilateral contacts calendar, an official visit to the Renania-Palatinat Land, in the Federal Republic of Germany, upon the invitation of Mr. Karl Peter BRUCH, minister of Home Affairs and Sport of this Land.

The programme of this visit includes a meeting and official talks between the two ministers, as well as the signing of the *Application Plan regarding the cooperation between the Ministry of*

Administration and Interior of Romania and the Ministry of Home Affairs and Sport of the Renania-Palatinat Land for 2006.

On the agenda of the official talks between the two ministers there will be a series of issues of present interest, focused on the current stage and the perspectives of the specific relationship and cooperation, as well as on valorising the legal framework in practice, diversifying the training methods in the police and emergency situations domain, continuing the collaboration established between the Police Agents' School "Vasile Lascar" from Campina, the "Nicolae Golescu" Training Centre for Police Agents from Slatina and the Agents' School "Septimiu Muresan" from Cluj-Napoca, with the Police School of the Renania-Palatinat Land from Hann

As far as the document that is going to be signed is concerned, the two officials have in view the alternative development, in Romania and F.R. Germany, of some new cooperation activities in these very complex but present domains, between the counterpart structures that manage the issues related to the police activity and the emergency situations.

The visit of the delegation of the Ministry of Administration and Interior in the German Land Renania-Palatinat reconfirms the highly favourable atmosphere of the bilateral political dialogue and the cooperation established with the partners from the Federal Republic of Germany, with a view to enhance and valorise the various opportunities offered by the "strategic twinning" in the home affairs domain, focused mainly on the strengthening of the capacity of accelerating the preparations in view of Romania's accession to the European Union.

By its consistency and objectives, this new activity at the level of our country's relation with the traditional partners from the Federal Republic of Germany confirms once again the mutual interest of the parties in increasingly developing the relationships between Romania and Germany in the domain of internal affairs, in the broader context of the Romania's preparing to integrate to the European Union.