

**BULLETIN**

**ROMANIANS EXTRADITED**

On **8 and 9 May, 2006**, workers of the International Police Co-operation Centre will carry out the extradition of 9 Romanian citizens, convicted for different crimes committed in the territory of our country; and will bring them in Romania, at the International Airport “Henri Coanda”.

At the same time, another Romanian citizen (convicted for crimes committed in the Czech Republic), will be transferred in view of carrying on his prison sentence in our country.

Thus, **on Monday, 8 May**, will be extradited:

- **from Rome, 14.25 hrs:**
  - **GOLIȚĂ NELU**, aged 24, from T. Vladimirescu, Brăila County, against whom Braila Court disposed the execution of a 2-year and 4-month prison sentence, on charge of breaking and entering, and grand larceny;
  - **COTOI FLORIN FĂNEL**, aged 23, from Craiova, Dolj County, against whom Dolj Court disposed the execution of a 5-year prison sentence, on charge of robbery;
- **from Milan, 14.55 hrs:**
  - **STOIAN ION VIOREL**, aged 37, from Giurgiu, Giurgiu County, against whom Giurgiu Court disposed the execution of a 3-year prison sentence, on charge of proxenetism;
  - **IGNAT PETRONEL**, aged 29, from Iași, Iași County, against whom Iași Court disposed the execution of a 3-year prison sentence, on charge of serious bodily harm;
  - **GHEORGHE NICOLAE**, aged 39, from Scheiu de Sus, Dambovița County, against whom Dambovița Court disposed the execution of a 3-year and 6-month prison sentence, on charge of grand larceny;
- **from Madrid, 17.45 hrs:**
  - **VARGA MARIUS**, aged 28, from Agnita, Sibiu County, against whom Agnita Court disposed the execution of a 3-year and 2-month prison sentence, on charge of aiding and abetting in grand larceny;
  - **VĂLEAN VALENTIN**, aged 26, from Tîrlișua, Bistrița-Năsăud County, against whom Beclean Court disposed the execution of a 2-year prison sentence, on charge of serious bodily harm;
  - **SESERMAN CRISTINEL**, aged 28, from Todirești, Suceava County, against whom Suceava Court disposed the execution of a 7-year and 6-month prison sentence, on charge of murder attempt;

On the same day, **8 May 2006, 14:35 hrs**, will be transferred from Prague **NICOLA LAURENȚIU FLORIN**, aged 32, from Celatu, Dolj County, in view of carrying on his 5-year prison sentence, imposed by the Czech judiciary, on charge of forgery.

On **9 May 2006, 00.15 hrs**, will also be extradited, from **Brussels**, **BURA NICOLAE**, aged 50, from Vama, Satu-Mare County, against whom Negrești-Oaș Court disposed the execution of a 2-year prison sentence, on charge of swindle.

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**“Strengthening Law Enforcement Capacities for Fighting Human Trafficking in South Eastern Europe” –  
project developed by U.N.D.P. and M.A.I.**

Today, 6 May 2006, 11.30, at Hotel Parc Bucharest, has taken place a press conference on the occasion of the Regional Concluding Seminar within the “**Strengthening Law Enforcement Capacities for Fighting Human Trafficking in South Eastern Europe**” project, jointly implemented, over the last 12 months, by the International

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This project is a follow-up activity of regional trainings implemented by ICMPD and UNDP in 2002 and 2003. At that time, two complementary regional training packages, each comprising a manual and a curriculum for police, at both general and specialized level, were elaborated and endorsed as SEE regional training standards. In December 2003, 15 SEE countries/territories adopted a “Comprehensive Anti-Trafficking Training Strategy for Law Enforcement in SEE countries”, and committed to institutionalize anti-trafficking training for police on the basis of these training standards. They furthermore requested ICMPD and UNDP to continue providing support and, as a consequence, this project aims at strengthening the national training systems and the police intervention capacities for an effective fight against human trafficking, by updating the existing manuals, helping the national teams to develop trainings in line with modern training delivery skills, as well as to create sustained Anti-Trafficking Training Strategies (country-specific based).

The first stage of this project concluded with the regional training seminar in Austria, in June 2005. Modern training delivery techniques were introduced and national teams were given opportunity to review and validate a draft-training module for police officers to be tested during the pilot phase, and to initiate the designing of comprehensive training plans.

The second stage consisted of national pilot training sessions conducted by all participating countries/territories. This stage was also concluded, as all the countries have already implemented at least one pilot training project.

The third and last stage is represented by this Regional Concluding Seminar, 4-6 May 2006, in Bucharest. This seminar is aimed at an effective expertise exchange on the fight against human trafficking within the framework of the pilot training programme developed at national level; finalizing and validating the training material; exchange of expertise and best practices on institutionalizing the anti-trafficking training for police officers in order to counter human trafficking and to identify the gaps and shortcomings existing in the law enforcement cooperation at regional level.

The seminar was attended by representatives of the SEE beneficiary countries, the same national teams that participated in the validation seminar of June 2005, each team composed of one police investigator, one representative of a police training institute, one prosecutor and one NGO representative. The participants also had the opportunity to share experiences of multi-disciplinary trainer teams and good practices related to the institutionalization of the anti-trafficking training based on the updated manual and curricula. Equally, modalities for strengthened law enforcement cooperation and effective follow-up measures were discussed.

**May the 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Bucharest**

## **BULLETIN**

### **ROMANIA – FOUNDER MEMBER OF THE POLICE CO-OPERATION CONVENTION IN SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE**

The Minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga, has signed today, on behalf of Romania, the Police Co-operation Convention in South Eastern Europe, within the framework of a conference held today in Vienna, under the aegis of the Austrian Presidency of the E.U. Council of Ministers. This Convention will allow the signatory states – namely, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro – to co-operate more tightly and more effectively in view of countering trans-border crime and terrorism.

The Police Co-operation Convention in South Eastern Europe was signed upon the initiative of the Federal Minister of Internal Affairs of Germany, who financed the accomplishment of this project as well.

The strengthening of the police co-operation comes with the application of the principle which says that the European Union has to export security to the neighbouring countries in order not to import insecurity from these spaces; this principle has been underlined by the European officials during the Conference in Vienna, aimed at establishing new ways in commonly fighting organised crime, corruption and terrorism.

*“The ensuring of the internal security of each country is not any more a national issue, but an international one”*, appreciated in his turn the Minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga.

Romania's participation in this Convention is very important considering the fact that our country has been hosting, even since the setting up of it, the Regional Centre for Police Co-operation SECI, which has already proved to be very efficient, following various co-ordinated operations in the European zone.

The strengthening of the police co-operation with the states in the area is one of the requirements that the European Commission set for Romania, which has to assume its role as a coordinator of the efforts made for countering trans-border crime in the region, considering that our country will be the only *member of the Convention* with a status of a *EU Member State* as well.

The means made available for the police forces of the signatory states, in view of enhancing co-operation, include the mutual information exchange accomplished by communicating all the events which are relevant to the national polices, statistical data exchange in the criminal field, development of common prevention programmes, of some common investigation and tracing operations, development of the structures with responsibilities in the risk analysis domain, etc. All these aspects of the police co-operation become compulsory for the signatory states.

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Bucharest

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### The UN Office on drugs and crimes will grant technical assistance to Romania

The UN Office on Drugs and Crimes (UNDOC) will start a programme of technical assistance for Romania this year, in view of countering corruption, organised crime, as well as for identifying some solutions to the shortcomings of the legal system.

The Minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga, and the Executive Director of the UNDOC, Antonio Maria Costa, during a meeting in Vienna, agreed to start this programme, meant to give more consistency to the reforms already carried out in our country in the above-mentioned fields. "*We wish to develop all the institutions which make a contribution in fighting corruption, and the institutions involved in countering drugs trafficking and consumption as well*", Vasile Blaga said.

The Minister of Administration and Interior showed that Romania is highly concerned with the fact that the pole of the organised crime in the Eastern Europe moved to Odessa (Ukraine), less than 200 km from the Romanian border. This fact, says Vasile Blaga, requires Romanian authorities to pay more attention to those crimes relating to drugs trafficking, human trafficking etc.

The Executive Director of UNDOC, Antonio Maria Costa, also showed that the important progress achieved by Romania are well-known, and the assistance programme referred to is going to contribute to the removing of the European countries' latest concerns regarding our country.

Set up in 1997 as the UN Office on drugs and crimes, UNDOC is the global leader in fighting trans-border crimes and corruption.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga, is currently participating, in Vienna, in the Ministerial Conference "**The Role of the Internal Security in the Relationships between the European Union and its Neighbours**", organised under the aegis of the Austrian Presidency of the E.U. Council of Ministers.

The Conference works are attended by the internal affairs ministers from the E.U. Member States, candidate and accessing countries, as well as the countries from the Western Balkans, the states included in the Neighbouring Policy, the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

Today, 5 May, Minister Vasile Blaga will take part in the Conference of signing the **Convention of Police Co-operation for the South-Eastern Europe**, a new legal instrument in the trans-national police co-operation field, which regulates the legal aspects relating to the operational activity, that is the creation of an information exchange system, the development of some common investigation and tracing operations, and the development of the structures with responsibilities in the risk analysis domain.

The other signatory states of this Convention are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro.

May the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006  
Bucharest

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**The Director of the European Agency FRONTEX congratulated M.A.I.'s leadership on the Romanian border police officers' professionalism**

ILKKA LAITINEN – the Executive Director of the European Agency FRONTEX (The European Agency for the EU External Borders) – sent the leadership of the Ministry of Administration and Interior a letter to express his appreciation for the progress achieved by our country in the security border field.

This letter is a result of the visit that FRONTEX Agency's Director made in Romania in April 2006, when he, accompanied by the General Inspector of the Border Police, questor-in-chief Nelu Pop, went to the Eastern border of the country; at that time the two officials were presented the measures that the Romanian Border Police adopted for strengthening border security and control, as well as for aligning the specific activities with the E.U. standards.

In his letter, ILKKA LAITINEN underlined the fact that he was “*impressed with the attitude and high professionalism of the presentations and the activities carried out at the border level*”, appreciating that these achievements represent “*a consistent basis for the future co-operation*”.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

*By art.2 of the European Council Regulation, there were established the rules by which the European Agency FRONTEX runs, being specified the following aims:*

- *ensuring the operational co-ordination between the Member States on outer border management;*
- *granting assistance to the Member States in border police training, by setting common standards;*
- *carrying out the risk analysis;*
- *watching the development of the research relevant for the outer border control and surveillance;*
- *granting assistance to the Member States at the outer borders, and providing necessary support for developing common operations;*

*FRONTEX Agency gets involved in the border securing process by providing co-ordination of the Member States' actions taken for implementing the communitarian measures on outer border management.*

*FRONTEX operations are based on the risk analysis for countering illegal migration, which draws Member States' trust, support and active participation, and the FRONTEX principle of coordinating the common actions will outline the national border security systems.*

*An important purpose of the Agency for 2006 is represented by the co-operation with the border police units of the non-EU and non-Schengen states; Romania's co-operation was appreciated, as our country expressed its openness and availability to co-operate in the fields of the future EU outer border security and countering trans-border crimes.*

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**The Minister of Administration and Interior is participating in an important conference organised by the Presidency of the E.U. Council of Ministers**

The Minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga, is participating, on 4-5 May 2006, in Vienna, in the Ministerial Conference “**The Role of the Internal Security in the Relationships between the European Union and its Neighbours**”, organised under the aegis of the Austrian Presidency of the E.U. Council of Ministers.

The Conference works will be attended by the ministers of internal affairs from the E.U. Member States, candidate and accessing countries, as well as the countries from the Western Balkans, the states included in the Neighbouring Policy, the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

In his address, as well as during the bi-lateral dialogues that are to take place within the framework of this conference, Minister Vasile Blaga will take the opportunity to present before his counterpart officials from the E.U. Member States the progress achieved by Romania in the internal affairs field.

It is essential to emphasise the important success that Romania has recorded so far in this domain and to underline the commitment of the Romanian authorities to continue the reforms started, in the context of which the European Commission is going to adopt the resolution regarding the date of Romania's EU accession in only a few weeks' time.

Also in Vienna, on 5 May, Minister Vasile Blaga will take part in the Conference of signing the **Convention of Police Co-operation for the South-Eastern Europe**, a new legal instrument in the traditional police co-operation field, which regulates the legal aspects relating to the operational activity, that is the creation of an information exchange system, the development of some common investigation and tracing operations, and the development of the structures with responsibilities in the risk analysis domain.

The other signatory states of this Convention are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Moldova, Serbia and Montenegro.

**May the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006  
Bucharest**

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### **Accountant-in-chief with the C.B.P.I. Tulcea – investigated by the G.A.D. officers for corruption-related criminal activity**

**Officers with the General Anti-Corruption Directorate (M.A.I.) – Anti-Corruption Bureau Tulcea (A.B.Tulcea)**, based on the information gathered during January 2006 and on the follow-up verifications, found that sub-commissioner **D. Adrian - accountant-in-chief with the County Naval Border Police Inspectorate Tulcea - committed a number of corruption-related crimes**, as they are referred to in Law No. 78/2000.

Thus, the officer, abusing his position, forged the unit payroll for May 2005, namely he falsified the amount of his salary, making it higher by 3,780 RON compared to the real one, kept the money for himself, used it for his personal needs, and put it back later.

At the same time, the investigations led to the fact that the sub-commissioner had been using sums of money from the unit's funds on a regular basis, forging payment dispositions which he consequently destroyed, these financial operations not being recorded in the pay desk reports.

After the preliminary documents had been drawn up, the Prosecutor's Office near Tulcea Law-Court disposed the starting of the criminal investigations on charge of abuse of position, official documents forgery, making use of forged documents, and embezzlement – all considered corruption-related crimes, as provided in art. 17, Law No. 78/2000.

His file has been forwarded to the Prosecutor's Office near Tulcea Law-Court, and the investigations are currently being carried out, the offender not being taken in custody.