

## Public Ministry financial resources

The budgetary allocations approved for the Public Ministry for 2023 by the State Budget Law No. 368/2022, from the State Budget source, in the amount of 1,671,941 thousand RON, register a decrease of 130,809 thousand RON compared to the amount of 1,802,750 thousand RON foreseen in 2022 (rate of 92.74%) and a decrease of 664,740 thousand RON compared to the budget proposals in the amount of 2,336,681 thousand RON (rate of 71.55%).

Under the title of budget expenditure, the analysis of the budget allocations attributed to the Public Ministry as Main Credit Release Authority for the years 2022-2023 shows the following:

### *Staff expenses*

In the year 2023, the amount of 1,427,289 thousand RON allocated to staff expenses shows a decrease of 169,626 thousand RON compared to the year 2022 (1,596,915 thousand RON), representing 89.37%.

Compared to the final budget approved for 2022 and to the proposals made by the prosecutor's office units, the National Anti-corruption Directorate and the Directorate for Investigating Organised Crime and Terrorism for 2023, in the amount of 1,866,758 thousand RON (including outstanding salary differentials), the budget allocations approved for 2023, in the amount of 1,427,289 thousand RON, do not include the outstanding amounts established by court decisions, as the budget allocated to this expenditure heading for the current year is intended mainly for the payment of current salaries due to the staff of the institution.

### *Goods and services*

Under Title 20 "Goods and services", the budget allocations approved in 2023, amounting to 130,974 thousand RON, show an increase of 10,924 thousand RON compared to the budget allocations approved for the Public Ministry in 2022, amounting to 120,050 thousand RON, i.e. 109%.

From the analysis of the budgetary execution recorded at the end of 2022, it can be noticed that the increased percentage allocated to this type of expenditure in 2023 covers mainly the increase in the amount of the fees due to public defenders for legal aid services during the criminal prosecution phase (increase of 8.51%), expenditure established in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol concluded on 17 June 2022 between the Ministry of Justice, the Public Ministry, the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice and the National Union of Romanian Bar Associations.

Compared to the centralized proposals submitted by the prosecutor's office units, the National Anti-corruption Directorate and the Directorate for Investigating Organised Crime and Terrorism for the year 2023, in the amount of 220,949 thousand RON, the approved budget allocations in the amount of 130,974 thousand RON do not ensure:

- the increase in expenditures related to the consumption of utilities of 45-60%;
- the costs of judicial expertise required for criminal proceedings (financial and accounting expertise, forensic services, translation services, witnesses, administration and preservation of evidence), the consultancy and expertise expenses established under Governmental Ordinance No. 2/2000, the expenses related to ongoing cases handled by prosecutors of the territorial prosecutor's office units, the

National Anti-corruption Directorate and the Directorate for Investigating Organised Crime and Terrorism, and which are foreseen at the time of establishing the draft budget (*15% increase compared to 2022*);

- the settlement of rents for the premises in which the prosecutor's office units operate.

In 2023, compared to 2022, expenditure on renting premises shows an increase of 277.3%, justified by the need to start the procedure for renting new premises for: the Prosecutor's Office attached to the Court of Appeal of Bucharest (office building in view of the relocation from the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice headquarters), the Prosecutor's Office attached to the Court of Appeal of Craiova and the Prosecutor's Office attached to the Court of Appeal of Constanța (buildings/spaces in buildings for carrying out the activity during the investment works at the Prosecutor's Office attached to the District Court of Craiova and the Prosecutor's Office attached to the County Court of Tulcea headquarters), as well as providing funds for the commitment and payment in 2023 of the corresponding rents for the Prosecutor's Office attached to the District Court of Zalău and the Prosecutor's Office attached to the District Court of Huși (rental contracts for these prosecutor's office units will be concluded in 2022).

#### *Non-financial assets*

The budget allocations in the amount of 27,000 thousand RON, provided for in the budget of the Public Ministry for the year 2023, are intended, as a matter of priority, for the completion of investment works started in previous years, for the implementation and completion of capital repair works at the prosecutor's office units under the Public Ministry, as well as for the necessary expenditure to equip the prosecutor's office units, the National Anti-corruption Directorate and the Directorate for Investigating Organised Crime and Terrorism with adequate infrastructure, equipment, specific equipment and software package licenses (*e.g.* for computer searches) required for the normal functioning of these institutions.

Compared to the budget proposals for the year 2023 submitted by the prosecutor's office units, the National Anti-corruption Directorate and the Directorate for Investigating Organised Crime and Terrorism, in the amount of 110,734 thousand RON, the approved budget of the Public Ministry under this expenditure heading did not provide for the difference of 83,734 thousand RON, representing, mainly, the necessary budgetary allocations for:

- settlement of the purchase of a building for Prosecutor's Office attached to the Court of Appeal of Galați + the Prosecutor's Office attached to the County Court of Galati + the Prosecutor's Office attached to the First Instance Court of Galati + the Galati Territorial Bureau of the Directorate for Investigating Organised Crime and Terrorism;
- the provision of premises for the Prosecutor's Office attached to the First Instance Court of Harghita + the Prosecutor's Office attached to the County Court of Miercurea Ciuc + the Harghita Territorial Bureau of the Directorate for Investigating Organised Crime and Terrorism and a plot of land adjacent to the newly acquired premises for the Directorate for Investigating Organised Crime and Terrorism central structure, for the Directorate for Investigating Organised Crime and Terrorism archives and storeroom;
- replacement of approx. 20 automobiles of the prosecutor's office units, in operation since 2007-2008, with a unit value of maximum 18,000 EUR with VAT;

- the purchase of central heating and telephone exchanges for the prosecutor's office units where this equipment is subject to a high degree of wear and tear and the repairs are not justified from the point of view of the efficient use of funds;
- the purchase of IT equipment for the prosecutor's office units where the IT equipment it is no longer operational and is physically and morally worn out.

*Offices.*

The total number of offices is 186, for a total of 246 units (excluding the National Anti-corruption Directorate and the Directorate for Investigating Organised Crime and Terrorism), of which:

Offices in good condition 91

Offices in very good condition 53

Offices with new investment 26

Offices in satisfactory condition 16 (representing 8.60% of the total number of offices).