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Annex 4: Digitisation measures implemented at the level of the Public Ministry in 2025

L POCA/SIPOCA partnerships

Project 18904 SIPOCA 871 "Development of the ECRIS V electronic case management system" code MySMIS 142520 was initiated in 2021, with a project implementation period of 20 months. In this project, the Ministry of Justice is the partnership leader, and the CSM and the PICCJ are partners in the project consortium.

In 2022, the financing contract was extended to 42 months, i.e. until 31 July 2024. Subsequently, by Addendum no. 3 of 9 August 2024 to the financing contract, the project implementation period was extended until 31 December 2024, along with a reduction in the project budget (namely, from RON 134,463,351.15 to RON 53,157,616.07) with corresponding changes in the procurement plan, planned activities, and the schedule of funding requests.

By Addendum no. 4 of 29 November 2024 to the ECRIS V (POCA) project financing contract, its implementation period was extended until 31 March 2026 (inclusive).

At the same time, the ECRIS V development contract continued to be implemented by Connections Consult SA, with the testing phase for Iteration 3, Session II, which is part of activity A3, taking place between October and November 2024 - Development and testing activities, A3b. Iterative Functional Testing Activities (Beneficiary) -, with the documents related to lot no. 3 of deliverables being submitted for approval in December 2024.

During the first quarter of 2025, the documents related to the third lot of deliverables were approved, and the activities related to the development of ECRIS V and the planning of the migration to the beneficiaries' production environments, the establishment of pilot entities for courts and prosecutor's offices, and the development of training materials continued.

In the second quarter of 2025, the following were completed:

- administrative steps to ensure the framework for the provision of services for the development of the ECRIS V system:

- annexes 5 and 6 to the consultancy services contract, aimed at extending its duration;
- additional requirements of the final beneficiaries (change requests/CR) that were not provided for in the specifications - their approach/implications in relation to change management;
- actions within development and testing iteration no. 3, including HUB integration;
- actions aimed at the integration of the ECRIS V system with other IT systems;
- protocols with other institutions aimed at connecting their IT systems to the ECRIS V system.

II. Projects funded under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan

Currently, the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice is implementing, as beneficiary, seven projects funded under the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP), one of which is in partnership with the Ministry of Justice, as follows:

1. Endowment of the structures of the Public Ministry (PICCJ, DIICOT, DNA, territorial prosecutor's offices) with IT equipment, necessary under the conditions of observing the measures for preventing and combating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic & Providing an integrated system for storing and securing access to PICCJ data

The project has an implementation period of 3 years, until 17 January 2026, and a total value of RON 60,095,000.00, of which the eligible amount (NEF from NRRP) is RON 50,500,000.00 and the non-eligible amount (VAT) is RON 9,595,000.00.

In 2024, the public procurement and contracting procedures were completed for equipping the prosecutor's offices with fixed and mobile workstations and Office licences (approximately 3,000 fixed and mobile workstations with Office licences) under Activity no. 1, as well as for the purchase of an integrated system for storing and securing access to PICCJ data under Activity no. 2. The public procurement procedures were carried out and completed, contracts with suppliers were concluded, contracts were executed, and the products were delivered and installed at all the designated territorial units of the Public Ministry, including the PICCJ.

The procurement of A3 and A4 scanners and multifunctional printers for the prosecutor's offices, DIICOT and DNA, as provided for in Activity no. 1, was launched in October 2024, followed by the evaluation of the technical offers received for the four lots of equipment. In the first quarter of 2025, the evaluation of technical bids and financial bids was completed. In the second quarter of 2025, the procurement contracts for the four lots were signed at the PICCJ level with the winning bidders, as follows:

1. *LOT 1 - 63 A3 scanners purchased for DIICOT*: contract no. 1445/E/2024/ LOT1/11.04.2025 concluded with SC MIDA SOFT BUSINESS SRL.
2. *LOT 2 - 49 A4 scanners purchased for DIICOT*: contract no. 1445/E/2024/LOT2/03.04.2025 concluded with SC SOMART IND SRL.
3. *LOT 3 - 372 A3 colour laser multifunction devices for DNA and PICCJ subordinated units*: contract no. 1445/E/2024/LOT3/17.04.2025 concluded with SC MIDA SOFT BUSINESS SRL.
4. *LOT 4 - 623 A4 colour laser multifunction printers for PICCJ subordinated units*: contract no. 1445/E/2024/LOT4/12.05.2025 concluded with SC CHROME COMPUTERS SRL (following the rejection of the appeal lodged with the CNSC [ro. acronym for the National Council for Solving Complaints] by one of the bidders).

During the reporting period, the execution of the contracts concluded for lots 1 and 2 began, with deliveries and installations of equipment to the territorial units being carried out in accordance with the contractual provisions. The activities are currently being implemented.

2. Suitable structured cabling of the headquarters of the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice to ensure the productivity of IT systems

Project activities: **90% implemented**

Activity 1.1 - Procurement of services and equipment necessary for the implementation and operation of the LAN network (data-voice) - completed

Activity 1.2 - Implementation of the contract for the execution of works and supply of equipment - in progress

Activity 1.3 - Training specialised IT staff within the PICCJ for managing the data-voice network - completed

Activity 2 - Conducting an IT audit to verify the investment's compliance with the National Recovery and Resilience Plan - in progress.

On 17 January 2023, the financing contract for the above-mentioned project was signed between the PICCJ as Beneficiary and the Ministry of Justice as Reform and Investment Coordinator through the Reform and Investment Coordination Unit (ro.: MJ-UCRI). The project has an implementation period of 3 years, until 17 January 2026, and a total value of RON 8,449,000.00, of which the eligible amount (NEF from NRRP) is RON 7,100,000.00 and the ineligible amount (VAT) is RON 1,349,000.00. The implementation of the project began shortly after the project team was set up, with the launch of the procurement of design services. The design services were provided between April and October 2024, with the stipulation that, during 2025, the contractor was to provide technical assistance in the execution of the cabling works.

The procurement of works and equipment was launched in December 2024, with a deadline for submitting bids of 17 February 2025. Two bids were submitted by economic operators during the procedure.

3. Improving the communications infrastructure of the Public Ministry (PICCJ, DNA and DIICOT)

Project activities: **100% implemented**

Activity 1 - Substantial modernisation of communications networks

Activity 1.1 - Procurement of IT router equipment and software licenses necessary for their operation - completed in 2023

Activity 1.2 - Implementation of the contract for the supply of IT router equipment and related licenses - completed in 2024

Activity 2 - Conducting an IT audit to verify the investment's compliance with the National Recovery and Resilience Plan - completed in 2025.

During 2023, the procurement procedure for IT equipment such as routers, interconnection switches, including related connectivity, a centralised management console for routers and training for users of the Public Ministry's integrated communications system was carried out and completed.

Between January and March 2024, the supplier Vodafone Romania delivered equipment to the beneficiary units and conducted a training session for IT specialists.

Between April and June 2024, with the support of STS [ro. acronym for the Special Telecommunications Service], the equipment delivered was configured and installed in all 249 beneficiary prosecutor's offices. This stage was completed with a quantitative and qualitative acceptance report and a commissioning report for each beneficiary prosecutor's office, as well as a final acceptance report issued by the PICCJ.

Between July and September 2024, the contract was paid for and the findings report and progress report were drawn up. The handover process was also completed for all beneficiary units of the project.

Between October and December 2024, the transfer activities were completed, reporting activities were carried out and the budget proposal for 2025 was drawn up.

Between January and March 2025, steps were taken to carry out the IT audit required to close the project.

During the reporting period, the interim progress report was submitted and a request was sent to the Ministry of Justice to increase the project budget in order to carry out the IT audit.

4. VoIP telephone system implemented at the national level for the PICCJ and its subordinate prosecutor's offices

The overall objective of the project is to increase the resilience of the judicial system by modernising IT infrastructure at central and local level, including by providing the technical infrastructure for remote working, digitising documents (including archives), improving communications, ensuring accessibility of services for people with disabilities, etc.

The specific objective is to improve the IT and voice communications infrastructure of the Public Ministry, resulting in a comprehensive digital VoIP telephone system implemented for 4,200 users at the PICCJ and subordinate prosecutor's offices. Financing contract no. 4/88583/2022 was signed on 27 April 2023 and updated by Notifications nos. 1-4, approved by the Ministry of Justice - Reform and Investment Coordination Unit.

Following the signing of procurement contract no. 1948/E/05.06.2024, MMS 2024136/05.06.2024, by 6 December, the Contractor delivered the equipment and licences to the PICCJ and to all 235 territorial units in the country and organised training in accordance with the provisions of the contract and the specifications. In order to ensure the quality acceptance and installation of the equipment, given the difficulties encountered in migrating the voice and fax telephone lines, the period for installation, commissioning and acceptance of the equipment was extended until 28 February 2025 by signing Addendum no. 1 of 09.12.2024.

During the first quarter of 2025 was completed the quality acceptance, installation and commissioning

of all equipment purchased under lot 1 - Integrated digital VoIP telephone system for 4,200 users at the PICCJ and subordinate prosecutor's offices: equipment, licences and services within the deadline provided for in Addendum no. 2 to Contract no. 1948/E/05.06.2024, i.e. by 17 March 2025. The final acceptance report for the PICCJ and the 235 territorial units was signed on 12 March 2025, and the invoice for a total amount of RON 12,610,668,00, of which RON 10,597,200.00 NRRP and RON 2,013,468 VAT, was paid in April 2025.

In the second quarter of 2025, the order for the distribution of equipment and licences to the territorial prosecutor's offices was drawn up and approved, and the handover reports with the 235 prosecutor's offices concerned and the subsequent accounting documents (accounting notes, inventory lists) were drawn up and signed. The situation regarding the need for equipment and licences was also periodically updated, with a redistribution order and handover reports between the prosecutor's offices that handed over and received the redistributed equipment drawn up in the third quarter.

The project budget is RON 12,727,050,00 (including VAT), and the eligible amount of non-reimbursable external funding is RON 10,695,000.00. The implementation period is 36 months, between 27 April 2023 and 27 April 2026.

5. Technological extension and security management of the electronic messaging system within the Internet network

The overall objectives are to increase the resilience of the judicial system by modernising the IT infrastructure at central and local level, including by providing the technical infrastructure for remote working, digitising documents (including archives), improving communications, ensuring the accessibility of services for people with disabilities, etc. and improving cybersecurity capabilities by providing equipment and training.

The approved budget for the project is RON 6,247,500,00 (including VAT), and the eligible amount of non-reimbursable external funding is RON 5,250,000.00, with an implementation period of 36 months, between 19 June 2023 and 19 June 2026.

The specific objective is to optimise secure access to electronic messaging services and facilitate communication between users in the Public Ministry via the internet, and the result is an Active Directory implemented at national level and an electronic messaging solution migrated to the Exchange platform, updated and secured for 4,200 users in the PICCJ and subordinate prosecutor's offices.

Financing contract no. 6/90470/2022 was signed on 19 June 2023 and updated by Notifications nos. 1-4, approved by the Ministry of Justice - Reform and Investment Coordination Unit during 2023 and 2024. In 2025, in accordance with Instruction no. 7, the Ministry of Justice initiated the signing of Addendum no. 1/31 March 2025, which reduced the project budget by the amount representing savings recorded at the time of contracting, amounting to RON 511,045.50, of which RON 429,045.00 NRRP funds and RON 81,595.50 VAT.

Following the public procurement procedure for the contracting of the "Solution for Technological Improvement (Upgrade) and Security of Electronic Messaging and Balancing of User Traffic/Access to the Email Service" between September and December 2024, on 21 January 2025, Contract no. 13174/E/2025 was signed for the purchase of 200 Microsoft Exchange CAL licences, installation and configuration services for the national Active Directory 90 servers and 90 Microsoft Windows Server licences, used to install and configure the RODC (Read Only Domain Controller) service and to license modules related to email flow on existing equipment for securing electronic messaging. During the execution of the contract, it was identified that the Windows Server CAL licences which come pre-installed on the 90 servers needed to be updated to the 2022 version. To this end, a request to increase the project budget was sent to the Ministry of Justice on 21 March 2025.

During the reporting period, following the approval of the Justification Note justifying the increase in the project budget to RON 7,751,938.46 (including VAT) / RON 6,514,234.00 (excluding VAT) instead of RON 5,736,454.50 (including VAT)/ RON 4,820,550.00 (excluding VAT) to cover the funds needed for the open tender purchase of 3,500 CAL Windows Server licences for upgrade to the 2022 version and 700 new CAL

Windows Server 2022 licences and to increase the amount allocated to IT audit services to RON 40,000.00 excluding VAT, Addendum no. 2 to Contract no. 6/90470/2022 was signed on 26 June 2025, while the documents for the public procurement of licences were prepared in July 2025.

Consequently, the approved budget for the project is RON 7,751,938.46 (including VAT), and the eligible amount from non-reimbursable external financing is RON 6,514,234.00, with the implementation period remaining unchanged.

Furnishing and equipping of new data rooms for the ICT infrastructure of the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice

The financing contract for the above-mentioned project was signed on 8 September 2023 and registered under no. 1/59207/2023/08.09.2023. This project is financed through the National Recovery and Resilience Plan, Component 7 "Digital Transformation", Investment 4 "Digitalisation of the judicial system".

The project aims to create new data rooms for the operational ICT infrastructure at the PICCJ headquarters by setting up physical hardware resources in a dedicated common space, with appropriate equipment in accordance with the requirements in force regarding technical data rooms and their integrated management, allowing the IT systems to operate without interruption 24/7/365. The activities have an implementation period of 31 months, until 8 April 2026, and amount to a total value of RON 19,475,292.56, benefiting from non-reimbursable external funds amounting to RON 16,374,069.00 (according to Addendum no. 1/03.03.2025). In March 2024, the procurement procedure for the information and publicity activity - Advertising package (temporary billboard, permanent information board) was completed.

In the third quarter of 2024, the necessary documents were drawn up for the public procurement through an open tender procedure for the "Works for furnishing and equipping of new data rooms for the ICT infrastructure of the PICCJ" (construction, works, decommissioning, electrical installations, air conditioning systems, fire extinguishing and Inergen gas detection systems, defuming, security system, access control system, burglary detection).

In the fourth quarter of 2024, on 18 October 2024, the announcement for the procurement of works within the project was published in the SICAP [ro. acronym for the Public Procurement Management Information System], with the deadline for submitting bids extended until 10 December 2024, no bids being submitted on the grounds that the budget was too small.

On 19 December 2024, a request was sent to the representatives of the Ministry of Justice for support in supplementing the budget for the procurement of works with the amount of RON 1,500,000.00 excluding VAT.

In March 2025, Addendum no. 1/03.03.2025 to Financing Agreement no. 1/59207/2023/08.09.2023 was signed, supplementing the project budget by RON 1,785,000.00.

On 3 March 2025, Notification no. 3 was approved, updating Annex 1 - Financing Application -, as follows: the procurement procedure for the works within the project was updated, the current procurement procedure being the simplified procedure.

On 6 March 2025, the Technical and Economic Committee for the Information Society (ro.: CTE) announced that it was maintaining its previous opinion on the specifications for "Works for furnishing and equipping of new data rooms for the ICT infrastructure of the PICCJ" and thus the procurement of works was resumed in SEAP [ro. acronym for the Electronic Public Procurement System].

During the reporting period, the bids for the procurement of works were evaluated and the winning bidder was selected, with the works contract being signed in July 2025.

At the same time, the specifications for the procurement of equipment were initiated.

6. Supporting the operationalisation of the ECRIS V electronic case management system

In December 2024, the Ministry of Justice (project leader) and the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice (project partner) signed the financing contract for the project "Supporting

the operationalisation of the ECRIS V electronic case management system", financed under Component 7 "Digital Transformation", Investment 4 "Digitalisation of the judicial system" of the NRRP.

The total value of the project is RON 479,358,000.00, of which the value of non-reimbursable external financing is RON 76,595,000.00, and the implementation period is 13 December 2024 - 31 March 2026.

The objective of the project is to create the technical conditions necessary for the operationalisation of the ECRIS V case management system by providing the specific IT and data communications infrastructure. The implementation of the project, in relation to its outcome, aims to equip the two nodes of the data centre (main and secondary, BCDR-enabled) intended for institutions in the judicial system with the IT&C infrastructure necessary for the operationalisation of the ECRIS V system and also implemented within the NRRP.

In the first quarter of 2025, the Ministry of Justice launched procurement no. 1 - Framework agreement for the supply of products, with a deadline of 7 April 2025 for the opening of bids. Three IT specialists from PICCJ/DNA/DIICOT are part of the evaluation committee.

The PICCJ has initiated steps to carry out procurement no. 2 - Customised software development services, by drawing up its own negotiation procedure without publication, in accordance with Article 104(1)(b) of Law no. 98/2016. At the same time, procurement no. 3 has been initiated for information and advertising materials (temporary billboard and permanent information board).

In the second quarter of 2025, the bids received for procurement no. 1 - Framework agreement for the supply of products were evaluated, with the contract being signed in July 2025.

Also, during the reporting period, the specifications for procurement no. 2 - Customised software development services were drawn up.

III. Other funding

1. In May 2025, the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice started to implement two (of the five) components of the Public Security and Safety Programme ("Justice"), financed through **the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme:**

1) Programme component no. 1 - Strengthening the institutional capacity in the area of fighting organised crime, especially crimes facilitated by the Internet and environmental crimes (FOEC)

Programme component no. 1 is implemented at the level of the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice, as Component Operator, including the Directorate for Investigating Organised Crime and Terrorism, in partnership with the National Institute of Magistracy [ro.: INM] and Swiss partners, over a period of 36 months (May 2025-April 2028), with a financial allocation of CHF 2,600,000.00.

Project activities: **20% implemented**

Activity 1 - Development of networks of trainers and training packages on priority areas of intervention – in progress

Activity 2 - Development of an eLearning Management System (LMS) and online content for the INM - in progress

Activity 3 - Delivery of trainings and development of investigative tools on the 5 priority areas - in progress

Activity 4 - Delivery of trainings on international judicial cooperation and exchange of experience and good practices programs focused on the 5 priority areas - planned for 2026-2028

Activity 5 - Carrying out a technical upgrade to support the capacity of the PICCJ to process electronic evidence and perform digital forensic analyses in criminal investigations - planned for 2026.

2) Programme component no. 3 - Strengthening institutional capacity in the field of financial investigations and recovery of claims arising from crimes (FIARS)

Programme component no. 3 is implemented at the level of the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High

Court of Cassation and Justice, as Component Operator, in partnership with the National Institute of Magistracy, the National Agency for the Administration of Seized Assets and the Basel Institute on Governance in Switzerland, over a period of 36 months (May 2025 - April 2028), with a financial allocation of CHF 3,400,000.00.

Project activities: **35% implemented**

Activity 1 - Conducting specialised training sessions and a training of trainers programme on asset recovery and financial investigations carried out together with the Basel Institute's ICAR centre - in progress

Activity 2 - Organisation of professional training courses at SANS Institute and CECCAR - in progress

Activity 3 - Carrying out three international missions for the exchange of good practices and cooperation - planned for 2026/2027

Activity 4 - Organising a two-day roundtable with the participation of investigative journalists - planned for 2027/2028

Activity 5 - Acquisition of technology to support digital investigations - currently **in progress**.

2. In December 2025, the PICCJ signed a grant agreement with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST) to finance the project *Strengthening the capacity of justice professionals to combat cross-border crime through cooperation and technology (JITForce)*.

The project is to be implemented in partnership with the Spanish Public Prosecutor's Office and the Portuguese Public Ministry.

The objective is to develop the digital capacity of justice professionals in the application and use of the joint investigation team collaboration platform established by Regulation (EU) 2023/969. The project activities will improve the knowledge and skills of European prosecutors in using joint investigation teams as an effective and reliable tool for judicial cooperation. The project will run for 20 months and has a total budget of EUR 182,712.00, of which the EU contribution is EUR 162,641.00.