

Report: judicial reform process is very slow

Implementation measures of the Justice Sector Reform Strategy is very slow. This is one of the conclusions of monitoring report of the implementation of that strategy, developed by the Promo-LEX Association for Effective and Responsible Governance (AGER).

“Of the total of 101 remained actions for the period of 2012 and first quarter of 2013, only 44 were completed , which is 43%. Thus, we can affirm that the implementation of the Action Plan on Justice Sector Reform Strategy is proceeding very slowly. With regard to the actions that were to be implemented in the second quarter of 2013, the situation is even worse. Of 31 actions were carried out only 6, or 19%, “explained Oleseu Stamate, director of the AGER.

According to Pavel Postica, program director at Promo-LEX, a positive trend has been recorded on the monitoring component of hearings and the quality of the judiciary. “If we talk about certain trends, compared with the first report with positive title, we can say that if in the first quarter of the total monitored only 77 meetings were held in the meeting rooms, then in the second quarter this figure increased almost three times. So, we recorded an increase of about 12% in terms of the audio recording of court proceedings. If in the first quarter there were only 145, or a little under 50%, at this time, the figure increased to 179 from 300 monitored cases, “said Postica.

The main recommendations included in the report refer to the need of strengthening the institution of the Working Group, supplementing the regulation on the functioning of the working groups with provisions that would require the secretariat of these groups to publish minutes of meetings, agendas, and

other products including correspondence on website of the Ministry of Justice, within a reasonable time of their conduct.

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