

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name / Surname **KÖVESI LAURA CODRUȚA**

Nationality: Romanian

Date and place of birth 1973; Sfântu Gheorghe, Covasna County

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- July 9th 2018 – present Prosecutor within the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice
- May 16th, 2013 – July 9th 2018 Chief Prosecutor of the National Anticorruption Directorate
- Oct. 3rd, 2012 – May 16th, 2013 Minister-Counselor, High Representative of the Ministry of Justice for the Relation with the European Commission
- Oct. 2nd, 2006 – Oct. 2nd 2012 Prosecutor General of the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice
- Jan. 1st 2006 – Oct. 2nd, 2006 Chief Prosecutor of the Sibiu Territorial Office - Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism
- Dec. 1st, 2004 – Jan. 1st, 2006 Prosecutor within the Sibiu Territorial Office - Directorate for Investigating Organized Crime and Terrorism
- Sep. 1st, 2004 – Dec. 1st, 2004 Chief Prosecutor of the Criminal Investigation and Forensics Section within the Prosecutor's Office attached to the Sibiu Tribunal
- Nov. 1st, 2002 – Sep. 1st, 2004 Chief Prosecutor of the Antidrug and Combating Organized Crime Office within the Prosecutor's Office attached to the Sibiu Tribunal
- Nov. 1st, 2000 – Nov. 1st, 2002 Chief Prosecutor of the Office for Combating Corruption and Organized Crime within the Prosecutor's Office attached to the Sibiu Tribunal
- May 1st, 1999 – Nov. 1st, 2000 Prosecutor within the Prosecutor's Office attached to the Sibiu Tribunal
- Sep. 15th, 1995 – May 1st, 1999 Prosecutor within the Prosecutor's Office attached to the First Instance Court Sibiu

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- The decoration "Order of the Polar Star" by the King of Sweden at 14th June 2016;
- The decoration "Chevalier of the Legion of Honor" offered by the President of France at January 15th 2016;
- Winner of the Romanian Women of Courage Awards designated by the US Embassy in Bucharest in 2014;
- The decoration National Order "Romanian Star" in rank of Knight awarded by the President of Romania on October 2nd, 2012;
- The decoration "Officer of the National Order of Merit" awarded by the President of France on May 18th, 2011;
- "Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding assistance and support on behalf of the law enforcement responsibilities of the United States Secret Service", awarded by the U.S. Secret Service Director – 2011;
- The "Cybercrime Fighter Award", October 2008, awarded by the McAfee Company, U.S.A.
- "Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding assistance and support on behalf of the law enforcement responsibilities of the United States Secret Service", awarded by the U.S. Secret Service Director – 2007.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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| 2012 | Doctor of Law, a title awarded by the Order no. 3818 from April 26 th , 2012, of the Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports, following the presentation of the doctoral thesis entitled "Combating Organized Crime through Criminal Law Provisions" |
| 1996 - 1997 | Advanced studies, specialized in "Judicial Law", the Section "Judicial Sciences" Lucian Blaga University – Faculty of Law, Sibiu |
| 1991 - 1995 | University studies at the Faculty of Law within Babeş Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca |

- CONTINUOUS TRAINING**
- Participating in over 50 national and international seminars on combating organized crime, economic and financial criminality and corruption
 - Organizing various seminars together with judicial and public institutions, organizations and foundations for professional training in areas, such as: fighting corruption and organized crime, investigating tax evasion, smuggling and money laundering, forensics, military justice, public communication, inconsistent jurisprudence, protection of classified data, using undercover investigators and other special means of proving the offences, financial investigations and asset recovery,

investigating intellectual property rights crime and cybercrime.

SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITY

- BOOKS**
- Coauthor of "Pre-trial detention. Evaluating the actual social danger for the public order", Hamangiu Publishing House, Bucharest, 2009
 - Coauthor of the university course book on "Criminal Procedure", Alma Mater Publishing House, Sibiu, 2003
 - Coauthor of the university course book on "Criminal Law. Specialized Section", Alma Mater Publishing House, Sibiu, 2003
 - Coauthor of "Corruption and Organized Crime", Alma Mater Publishing House, Sibiu, 2002

ARTICLES IN SPECIALIZED MAGAZINES

- "Placing bank accounts and accounts assimilated to bank accounts under surveillance", published in the "Dreptul/The Law" magazine, No. 8/2003, p. 152.
- "Access to and surveillance of telecommunication and information systems. Means of evidence", published in the "Dreptul/The Law" magazine, No. 7/2003, p. 143;
- "Non-punishment cases provided by special laws on combating organized crime", published in the "Dreptul/The Law" magazine, No. 5/2003, p. 94;
- "Authorizing the access to telecommunication and information systems", published in the "Dreptul/The Law" magazine, No. 1/2003, p. 182;
- "Authorizing the carrying out of medical investigations", published in the "Dreptul/The Law" magazine, No. 12/2002, p. 153;
- "Procedural provisions stipulated by the Law No. 143/2000 on combating illicit drug trafficking and consumption". Supervised deliveries", published in the "Dreptul/The Law" magazine, No. 11/2002, p. 195;
- "The undercover investigator – a new institution introduced by the Law No. 143/2000 on combating illicit drug trafficking and consumption", published in the "Dreptul/The Law" magazine, No. 9/2002, p. 109;
- "Authorizing the purchase of drugs, essential chemical substances or drug precursors by the undercover investigator and his collaborators", published in the "Dreptul/The Law" magazine, No. 7/2002, p. 24;
- "Is it possible to apply the penalty provided by Art. 290 of the Criminal Code for the crimes provided by Art. 40 of the Law No. 82/1991?", published in the "Dreptul/The Law" magazine, No. 8/2001, p. 133;
- "Corruption crimes. New incrimination possibilities", coauthor, published in the "Pro Lege" magazine, No. 4/2000, p. 17;

- "The right to defense - a fundamental right regulated by the international and Romanian legislation", published in the "Pro Lege" magazine, No. 3/2000, p. 5;
- "Extending the drug trafficking incrimination", coauthor, published in the "Dreptul/The Law" magazine, No. 12/2000, p. 3;
- "A new provision regarding corruption crimes", coauthor, published in the "Dreptul/The Law" magazine, No. 10/2000, p. 3;
- "Cassation and transfer. Retrial limits. Exceeding the cassation directions", coauthor, published in the "Dreptul/The Law" magazine, No. 6/2000, p. 127, and in the "Pro Lege" magazine, No. 1/2000, p. 128;
- "The situation of the criminal proceedings in case of death of the injured party who lodged the complaint", published in the "Dreptul/The Law" magazine, No. 5/1997, p. 82;
- "Judicial expenses. Note to the Criminal Decision No. 2/1996 of the Sibiu Tribunal", published in the "Dreptul/The Law" magazine, No. 6/1996, p. 104;
- "Criminal investigations carried out by an incompetent authority", coauthor, published in the "Pro Lege" magazine, No. 4/1996, p. 226;
- "Judicial expenses triggered by the educative measures", published in the "Pro Lege" magazine, No. 3/1996, p. 48;

PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

Mother tongue(s) Romanian

Other language(s) English C1 according to CEFR framework
French A1 according to CEFR framework

ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

- Managerial and organizational skills tested while carrying out management and coordinating positions within an institution of more than 3,000 employees;
- Ability to coordinate activities, projects and budgets of significant size;
- Ability to draft and implement national strategies;
- Ability for team work;
- Strong communication abilities;
- High capacity of elaborating synthesis and analytical documents.

COMPUTER SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

Sound computer knowledge in using Windows OS and Microsoft Office

To Whom It May Concern,

European Commission
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1049 Bruxelles/Brussel
Belgium

Subject: ***Candidature for the Publication of a vacancy for the European Chief Prosecutor — Luxembourg***

Madam, Sir,

I am writing to you, as a response to the announcement concerning the opening of the procedure for the office of European Chief Prosecutor – Luxembourg, published in the Official Journal of the European Union in 19.11.2018.

I intend to apply for this position, as I consider that my skills and achievements meet the requirements set for this position. At the same time, I believe that my managerial experience can be an asset for the rapid operationalization of the European Public Prosecutor's Office and I want to contribute with my professional experience to establishing an efficient, proactive institution.

I am currently an active member of the public prosecution service in Romania as a prosecutor in the Prosecutor's Office attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice. I also have the qualifications required for appointment to the highest prosecutorial offices.

I have significant expertise in the management of large prosecution offices, with nationwide jurisdiction, both in regard of taking strategic decisions and coordinating complex investigations, as well as developing new managerial tools and drafting internal regulations. I also have a significant experience at international level, and I have an intimate knowledge of the functioning of European institutions.

I have been a prosecutor for over 23 years. In the last 11 years, I have held the highest positions in the Romanian public prosecution service. I have been the General Prosecutor of Romania for 6 years, and then I was the Chief Prosecutor of the National Anticorruption Directorate (DNA) - a specialized structure with exclusive competence to investigate cases of high-level corruption and crimes against the EU budget - for 5 years.

Thus, in the last 11 years, I have coordinated the reform of the prosecution service after Romania's accession to the EU, I have actively participated in the harmonization of the criminal legislation with the European law and I have contributed decisively to the achievement of credible results in the fight against corruption and fraud.

As the General Prosecutor of Romania in 2006 - 2012, I have coordinated the activity of all the Romanian public prosecution service, i.e. more than 230 prosecutor's offices with more than 2,500 prosecutors and approximately 1,500 specialized and administrative staff. I have occupied this position for the maximum period provided by law, namely two mandates of 3 years each.

The measures implemented as General Prosecutor have led to an increase in the efficiency and promptness of the criminal investigations, especially in areas such as corruption, white-collar fraud and asset recovery, thus ensuring an increased public trust in the institution.

To this end, I have adopted evaluation criteria for the activity of the prosecutor's offices and strategies to combat the criminal phenomenon adapted to the regional specificity. The investigation methods were standardized by developing best practice guidelines, the decisions taken by prosecutors across the country, especially in priority areas, were monitored in order to identify the issues that generated non-unitary practice and a standardized mandatory procedure for identifying the goods to be seized was adopted and implemented.

As a result of these managerial measures, the number of indictments increased significantly during my mandate as General Prosecutor. The number of defendants sent to trial and convicted for offences such as corruption, tax evasion, organized crime and smuggling has been the highest in the last 20 years of activity of the Public Ministry. The statistics on the actual results accomplished in my capacity as a General Prosecutor can be found in the Activity Report, which I attach as Annex no. 1.

As a General Prosecutor, I had an important role in the area of international cooperation, being the representative of the Public Ministry in its relations with all the other authorities and public institutions. I am also a founding member of the European General Prosecutors' Network.

The Progress Reports on Romania under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism (CVM), drawn up by the European Commission, have repeatedly noted the effectiveness of the measures I have taken as General Prosecutor, in particular regarding the fight against corruption and the area of asset recovery, as follows:

"Efforts by the General Prosecutor to enhance the fight against corruption by local prosecution offices are beginning to deliver results... Efforts by the General Prosecutor to strengthen the fight against corruption by county prosecution offices are beginning to deliver results in terms of more indictments with a greater focus on public officials and more complex investigations" - Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Progress in Romania under the Co-operation and Verification Mechanism Brussels, 20.7.2010¹.

"Efforts are being made by the General Prosecutor to address the last point, but they are hindered by resourcing and in particular by the legal framework." - Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Progress in Romania under the Co-operation and Verification Mechanism Brussels, 20.7.2011².

"Steps taken by the General Prosecutor led to a significant increase in the amount of frozen assets in 2011. A guidance note has been disseminated to prosecution offices to encourage the pursuit of money laundering as a stand-alone offence within existing legislation" - Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Progress in Romania under the Co-operation and Verification Mechanism Brussels, Brussels, 8.2.2012³.

"The General Prosecutor actively lodged appeals with the High Court of Cassation and Justice (HCCJ) challenging conflicting jurisprudence which have contributed to more uniform jurisprudence. The number of appeals in the interest of the law peaked in 2007 and the lower number in 2008 may indicate a certain success in unification" - Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Progress in Romania under the Co-operation and Verification Mechanism Brussels, Brussels, 22.7.2009⁴.

"The General Prosecutor adopted a set of measures to increase the effectiveness of local prosecutors' offices in corruption cases. These measures included an analysis of relevant indictments issued between 2007 and 2008, a manual of best practice applicable to corruption investigations and local strategies for combating

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2010/EN/1-2010-401-EN-F1-1.Pdf>

² <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2011/EN/1-2011-460-EN-F1-1.Pdf>

³ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2012/EN/1-2012-56-EN-F1-1.Pdf>

⁴ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2009/EN/1-2009-401-EN-F1-1.Pdf>

corruption drafted by all 41 regional prosecution offices." - Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on Progress in Romania under the Co-operation and Verification Mechanism Brussels, Brussels, 12.2.2009⁵.

In addition, the positive results achieved in this capacity have been recognized at national and international level through numerous decorations and distinctions, among which:

- The decoration National Order "Romanian Star" in rank of Knight awarded by the President of Romania on October 2nd, 2012;
- The decoration "Officer of the National Order of Merit" awarded by the President of France on May 18th, 2011;
- *Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding assistance and support on behalf of the law enforcement responsibilities of the United States Secret Service*", awarded by the U.S. Secret Service Director on 2011;
- The "Cybercrime Fighter Award", awarded by the McAfee Company, U.S.A, on October 2008;
- *Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding assistance and support on behalf of the law enforcement responsibilities of the United States Secret Service*", awarded by the U.S. Secret Service Director on 2007.

Between 2013 and 2018, I have been the Chief Prosecutor of the National Anticorruption Directorate (DNA). DNA is a specialized prosecution structure in the fight against high-level corruption with exclusive jurisdiction in Romania for investigating crimes against the EU budget.

During this period, the DNA has achieved the best results since its inception. The number of successful investigations has increased each year, as well as the complexity of the cases and the value of the assets recovered.

During my term in office, DNA has indicted around 1,000 defendants in each year, among them numerous high level officials (14 acting and former Ministers, 39 Deputies, 4 Senators, 1 member of the European Parliament, 8 State Secretary, 237 Mayors and 31 Presidents of County Council). In the same period, the courts have ruled final conviction decisions against almost 900 defendants⁶ each year.

DNA has also indicted 990 individuals and 96 legal entities for frauds concerning European funds, of which 512 individuals and 40 legal entities have already been convicted by courts (with most of the other cases pending trial).

The conviction rate in the DNA cases has been constantly over 90%, which proves the objective and efficient character of the investigations conducted by DNA.

During the same period, DNA has ordered seizing measures for assets with a total value of over 2 billion Euros. The statistics on the actual results accomplished in my capacity as a Chief Prosecutor can be found in the Activity Reports, which I attach as Annex no. 2 and Annex no. 3.

The results achieved by the National Anticorruption Directorate were praised by the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism, as well as by other international assessments and I mention just one part of those appraisals:

"The track record of the institutions involved in fighting high-level corruption remains strong, with regular indictments and conclusion of cases concerning senior politicians and civil servants. The National Anti-Corruption Directorate (DNA) reported an increased number of signals from the public: this seems to reflect a public

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52009DC0070&from=RO>

⁶ Among them 5 Ministers, 17 Deputies, 4 Senators, 1 member of the European Parliament and 3 State Secretary, 84 Mayors and 11 Presidents of County Council

confidence in the institution, which is also highlighted by the opinion polls.(...) The results obtained by the main judicial and integrity institutions in combating high-level corruption are still impressive." - The Report of the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the progress made by Romania under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism, Brussels, 27.01.2016⁷.

"The National Anti-Corruption Directorate (DNA) and the High Court of Cassation and Justice (HCCJ) have established an impressive track record in terms of solving high and medium level corruption cases. Maintaining the effort of the judicial institutions addressing high-level corruption remains the most important sign of consolidating the fight against corruption". - The Report from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council on the progress in Romania under the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism, Brussels, 25.01.2017⁸.

"At the same time, the criminal justice bodies - especially the National Anti-Corruption Directorate, part of the Public Ministry - demonstrate an unprecedented determination to combat corruption-related offences affecting the public institutions." GRECO Report - „The Fourth Round of Assessment. The Prevention of Corruption with regards to the members of Parliament, judges and prosecutors”.⁹

The Anticorruption Report of the European Union, published in 2014, presents DNA as one of the five examples of best practices at the level of the European Union¹⁰. This report mentioning that "DNA has built a notable track record of non-partisan investigations and prosecutions into allegations of corruption at the highest levels of politics, the judiciary and other sectors such as tax administration, customs, energy, transport, construction, healthcare, etc.”.

As a recognition for my activity, I received some professional awards like:

- The decoration "Order of the Polar Star" by the King of Sweden on June 14th, 2016;
- The decoration "Chevalier of the Legion of Honor" offered by the President of France at January 15th, 2016;
- Winner of the Romanian "Women of Courage" Awards designated by the US Embassy in Bucharest on 2014;
- The nominalization as "The European of the year 2016" by the Reader's Digest magazine for the courageous and sustained fight against high-level corruption;
- The award „The Golden Needle" provided by the Hans Seidel Foundation Romania for the outstanding results of the anti-corruption fight on 2017.

I would also like to emphasize my experience in working in a complex multicultural environment. In this respect, it is relevant to note that I have participated as an expert in several missions¹¹ for the European Commission, along teams of experts from different countries, of different specializations.

⁷ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/1/2016/RO/1-2016-41-F1-1.PDF>

⁸ https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/com-2017-44_en_1.pdf

⁹ [https://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/greco/evaluations/round4/Eval%20IV/GrecoEval4\(2015\)4_Romania_RO.pdf](https://www.coe.int/t/dghl/monitoring/greco/evaluations/round4/Eval%20IV/GrecoEval4(2015)4_Romania_RO.pdf)

¹⁰ https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/e-library/documents/policies/organized-crime-and-human-trafficking/corruption/docs/acr_2014_en.pdf

¹¹ Taixex - Peer review for Montenegro on the capacity and functioning of the new Special Prosecutor's Office for the fight against corruption, organized crime, war crime and money laundering in October 2015, JHA IND/EXP 60281. As an independent expert, I prepared the report regarding the efficiency of the fight against corruption carried out by the judicial authorities of Montenegro, especially in terms of analysis of the legal framework regarding the functioning and the administrative capacity of the Special State Prosecutor's Office;

Taixex – Peer review on the National Anti-Corruption Centre and the National Integrity Commission in Moldova in December 2015, JHA IND/EXP 60949. As an independent expert, I prepared the report on the outcome of the mission to the Republic of Moldova in the area of combating corruption and verifications and monitoring the conflict of interest, cases of incompatibility and unjustified incomes for National Integrity Commission and National Anti-Corruption Centre.

It is also worth mentioning that, between October 2012 and May 2013, I was Minister-Counselor to the Permanent Representation of Romania to the European Union, which gave me an excellent knowledge of the EU institutional and legal framework. From this position, I attended the criminal law working groups of the Council of the European Union and the European Commission¹².

In my entire professional activity, I have always acted as an independent prosecutor with high ethical standards. I also declare my commitment to act independently in the public interest, pursuant to Article 6 of the EPPO regulation and I do not have any interests that might be considered prejudicial to my independence.

I have a thorough knowledge of Romanian, as well as English¹³, and I also speak French¹⁴.

I have all the necessary security clearance certificates and I meet the conditions to receive the security clearance certificate at the level of EU according with my national security authority.

Considering all of the above, I think I meet all the eligibility criteria and I have the necessary professional experience and background to take up the position of the European Chief Prosecutor, as detailed in the attached resume. I would be honored to contribute to the operationalization of an important stakeholder institution for European citizens, in order to make sure it becomes both efficient and credible.

Respectfully,

Laura Codruța Kovesi

¹² the legislative initiatives of the Commission aimed at protecting the financial interests of the European Union by criminal law provisions; the legislative initiatives of the Commission concerning the confiscation and freezing of the proceeds of crime in the EU; European Union participation in the anti-corruption group of states; Prevention of the use of financial systems for money laundering and terrorist financing. I also participated in CATS Judicial Cooperation Working Groups (Committee Art.36) and GENVAL (General Assessments).

¹³ C1 according to CEFR framework

¹⁴ A1 according to CEFR framework