

Romanian TV airs taped evidence against the DNA anti-corruption unit



Romanians tuned in to Antena 3's Sinteza Zilei television show last night to hear taped evidence about the country's anti-corruption unit, the DNA. The broadcast has caused shock waves regarding the DNA's methods and activity.

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EU Today (12.02.2018) – <http://bit.ly/2ElgEan> – Tapes were broadcast that revealed how two Romanian prosecutors created false evidence and how they instructed witnesses to produce falsified evidence. The tapes also included the prosecutors stating that these actions had been sanctioned by Laura Kovesi, the head of the DNA. They referred to this sanctioning as a “green light”.

The two prosecutors accused in the evidence revealed last night had been praised in the past by Ms Kovesi for their “performance and activity”.

These television revelations about the DNA come just after concerns were raised in Brussels in a report published 22 January 2018 on the Romanian Justice System. The report analysed why judicial and penal reforms that were required of Romania prior to EU accession have still not been fulfilled. The report, published by EU Today, presented case studies to illustrate the politicised nature of the Romanian justice system, and highlighted the situation in Romanian prisons.

Further concerns have also been raised in Brussels by the organisation Human Rights Without Borders, who hosted an event at the Brussels Press Club on 24 January 2018 where speakers including former senior counter-terrorism chief Daniel Dragomir and analyst David Clark presented concerns over the independence of Romania’s judiciary and interference by the intelligence services in the judicial process.

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