



Independent Evaluation Commission for assessing the integrity of candidates for the position of member in the self-administration bodies of judges and prosecutors

Comisia independentă de evaluare a integrității candidaților la funcția de membru în organele de autoadministrare ale judecătorilor și procurorilor

***Decision No. 1 of 20 April 2023 on the candidacy of Aurelian BUZDUGAN,  
Candidate to the Superior Council of Prosecutors***

The Independent Evaluation Commission for assessing the integrity of candidates for the position of member in the self-administration bodies of judges and prosecutors (“the Commission”) deliberated in private on 20 April 2023. The members participating were:

1. Herman von HEBEL
2. Victoria HENLEY
3. Nadejda HRIPTIEVSCHI
4. Vitalie MIRON
5. Tatiana RĂDUCANU
6. Nona TSOTSORIA

The Commission delivers the following decision which was adopted on that date:

*The facts*

Aurelian BUZDUGAN, Acting Chief Prosecutor of Anenii Noi District Prosecutor’s Office, was on the list of candidates submitted by the Superior Council of Prosecutors to the Commission on 7 April 2022, as updated on 13 January 2023, for evaluation for the position of member of the Superior Council of Prosecutors. By email dated 18 April 2023 and addressed to the Commission, Aurelian BUZDUGAN withdrew from the competition as candidate for the position of member of the Superior Council of Prosecutors.

*The law*

Art. 13 para. (1) of Law No. 26/2022 “on certain measures relating to the selection of candidates for the position of member in the self-administration bodies of judges and prosecutors” (hereinafter “Law No. 26/2022”) provides that a candidate’s withdrawal from the competition after the institution in charge of organizing the elections or the competition submits the list of candidates to the Commission shall be the equivalent to failing the evaluation by the concerned candidate, irrespective of the reason given by the candidate.

*Decision*

Based on art. 13 para. (1) of Law No. 26/2022, the Commission concludes that the withdrawal of Aurelian BUZDUGAN from the competition is equivalent to failing the evaluation.

*Appeal and publication of the decision*

Art. 14 para. (1) of Law No. 26/2022 provides that the candidate is entitled to appeal a decision of the Commission within 5 days from receiving the decision.

Art. 13 para. (7) of Law No. 26/2022 provides that this decision is sent by email to the candidate

and to the institution responsible for organizing the election or competition, which in the present case is the Superior Council of Prosecutors. If within 48 hours of sending the decision, the candidate does not notify the Commission of his or her refusal to publish the decision, the decision shall be published on the website of the Superior Council of Prosecutors in a depersonalized form, except for the surname and first name of the candidate that remain public. The Commission will also publish the decision on its website if the candidate does not object to publication.

This decision was adopted unanimously by all participating members of the Commission.

Done in English and translated into Romanian.

Signature:



Herman von HEBEL  
Chairman of the Commission