

**ROMANIA
„MIHAI VITEAZUL”
NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ACADEMY
ETHICS COMMISSION**

**REPORT
on the Ethics Commission's work for 2020**

In 2020, the Ethics Commission of “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy (CEU) has carried out its activity along the following lines:

1. Legal foundations

The Ethics Commission activity is based on the following legal provisions:

- The Law of National Education no. 1/2011, with subsequent amendments and additions;
- Law no. 206/2004 on good conduct in scientific research, technological development and innovation, with subsequent amendments and additions;
- Order no. 3482/2016 on approving the Regulations on the organization and functioning of the National Council for the Attestation of Titles, Diplomas and University Certificates, Annex no. 2 on the Handling of Complaints about non-compliance with the standards of quality or professional ethics, including the existence of plagiarism in a doctoral thesis (repealed on 29 June 2020 by Article 3 of Order No. 4621 of 23/06/2020);
- Regulations on the functioning of the Ethics Commission of “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy;
- Annex no. 3 - Methodology for handling complaints regarding non-compliance with standards of quality or professional ethics, including the existence of plagiarism in a doctoral thesis, approved by OMEC 5229/17.08.2020.

2. Complaints received by the Commission

During 2020, seven notices were received regarding breaches of university ethics or possible deviations from the rules of academic conduct:

- No. 121.318 of 07.05.2020 — it has been established that the act referred to (“a possible conflict of interest”, involving a member of the ANIMV University Community) does not fall within the scope of the Ethics Commission`s activity;
- No. 126.188 of 14.05.2020 — it was established that the act referred to (“investigation of a situation of incompatibility” related to the transfer of a doctoral student from the coordination of a doctoral supervisor to the coordination of another doctoral supervisor) did not fall within the scope of the Ethics Commission`s activity;
- No. 159.388 of 26.06.2020 — was rejected as it did not meet the formal requirements under Article 18 (2) and (3) of the Ethics Commission`s regulations of functioning);

- No. 159.385 of 26.06.2020 — was rejected as it did not meet the formal requirements under Article 18(2) and (3) of the Ethics Commission's regulations of functioning);
- No. 223.953 of 22.09.2020 and No. 223.957 of 22.09.2020 (both complaints had the same subjects: a possible case of plagiarism committed by a doctoral student of ANIMV; the existence of incompatibility within the Commission for public presentation of the Doctoral Thesis; - doubts as to the original and scientific character of the thesis) - have been resolved by applying the sanction laid down in Article 11 of Law no. 206/27.05.2004 (with the subsequent amendments and additions) as well as of the correction of the thesis by the doctoral candidate, before resuming the steps of its public presentation; also, according to the address in file no. AF 325 of 28.09.2020, it was decided that the suspicions regarding the existence of an incompatibility within the Commission for the public presentation of the doctoral thesis and the original and scientific character of the thesis in question were not supported, following the point of view no. 234.297 of 06.10.2020;
- No. 241.273 of 14.10.2020 — was dismissed as "irrelevant", since a sanction had already been imposed for the act complained of (a case of plagiarism committed by one of the students of ANIMV's undergraduate students).

3. Other activities

The Ethics Commission provided feedback to the University Ethics and Management Board (CEMU) following a request to optimize the regular audit process of Ethics Commission by submitting the CEMU procedure to public consultation.

PRESIDENT OF THE ETHICS COMMISSION