



NEWS REPORT

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Title: National bodies in charge of protection of children, equal opportunities and protection of persons with disabilities are restructured and merged under the authority of the Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Protection
Country: Romania
Context
Issue at stake: The Romanian Government adopted an Emergency Ordinance merging various bodies under the Ministry of Labour as measure of financial austerity
Ground of discrimination: Disability, age
Source: Emergency Ordinance 68 of 30 June 2010
Field: All fields

Content

Political development: In response to commitments announced to reducing budgetary expenses, the Government issued an Emergency Ordinance¹ by which it is restructuring several bodies which were previously under the supervision of the Ministry of Labour, namely the National Agency for Equal Opportunities between Women and Men, the National Agency for the Protection of Family and the Rights of the Children, National Authority for the Protection of Persons with Disabilities, the Labour Inspectorate and the National Institute for Preventing and Combating Social Exclusion of Persons with Disabilities. Also restructured are the National Pensions Agency and the National Agency for Employment as well as the National Agency for Social Benefits.

¹ Emergency ordinances (delegated/secondary legislation) can be adopted under a constitutional procedure that allows the Parliament to delegate limited legislative powers to the Government during the parliamentary vacation according to Article 114 and Article 107 (1) and (3) of the Constitution. The ordinances (statutory orders) must be submitted to the Parliament for approval, though in between their adoption by the Government and the moment of their adoption (or rejection, or amendment) by the Parliament, they are binding and have legal effect.



The Emergency Ordinance 68/2010 provides for two modalities of restructuring: either dissolution of the institution due to reduction of personnel and absorption with the Ministry of Labour undertaking the responsibilities of the disappearing authorities, or a reduction of personnel.

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