

## **Paris meeting of the preparatory committee of the Pompidou Group**

Wednesday, March 21, 2007, the Preparatory Committee of the Pompidou Group met in Paris.

The Bucharest-based conference of September 2007 was an item of the agenda. The conference should tackle prison alternative for drug-addicted people. Romanian was represented by Mr. Ioan Hurdubaie expert within the Directorate for International Relations and European Affairs.

The detailed programme of the meeting, the topic and authors of the presentations were some of the issued discussed as well as the appointment of a preparatory committee made up of representatives of Croatia, Island, Norway and Romania.

### **Background information:**

Formed 1971 and incorporated into the Council of Europe in 1980, the Pompidou Group is an inter-governmental organization made up of 36 member states (among which Romania joined the group by the Law no. 64 of 23<sup>rd</sup> of March 2005). The Group has a multidisciplinary approach together with all the sectors involved in drug abuse reduction (health, social work, education, justice, legal framework, sports and youth).

The president of the National Anti-drug Agency, chief quaestor professor Pavel Abraham is Permanent Correspondent to the Pompidou Group.