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Integrity Watch - BridgeGAP Romania

Data dictionary

> **A reference for the three datasets displayed or derived by the platform: meetings, people coverage, topic frequencies and thematic screening.**

In this document

- for each dataset: a dataset-level overview and a variable-level table;
- separate Executive and Legislative indicators;
- definitions of verification signals and derived outputs;
- short rules for counting, reuse and verification.

Note: this document is informational and methodological. For the legal interpretation of a specific situation, consult the current legislation and, where appropriate, a qualified professional.

1. How to use this dictionary

Each dataset has two tables that should be read together: the first describes purpose, coverage, period and unit of observation, while the second explains variables, data types and limitations. For navigation and detailed legal context, consult the separate Platform User Guide.

2. Dataset 1 - Meetings: dataset-level overview

Metadata element	Value / description
Dataset title	Meetings disclosed in RUTI and presented through Integrity Watch - BridgeGAP Romania.
Primary source	The Single Register for Transparency of Interests (RUTI). Each meeting link supports verification against the official source.
Description	Publicly disclosed meeting records relevant to decision-making, including date, decision-maker, institution, position, participants, title, agenda and links to RUTI.
Related legislation	Government General Secretariat Order No. 1,056/2022; Article 47^11 of the Administrative Code, introduced by Law No. 49/2025; the Guide approved by Order No. 459/687/2026; and Law No. 197/2025 for Parliament. Official links appear in section 5.
Period covered	13 October 2025 - 8 July 2026. Only meetings from 28 May 2026 are eligible for Legislative coverage indicators; the available displayed interval is used for the Executive.
Geographical scope	National — Romania.
Unit of observation	One row associated with a disclosed meeting. A raw row must not automatically be assumed to be a unique meeting.
Institutional coverage	Public records associated with the Executive, Legislature and other authorities appearing in the documented version.
Update frequency	Dependent on the platform refresh cycle and information published in RUTI. For current use, check the displayed last-update date.
Data access / download	The data can be consulted and exported through the Integrity Watch – BridgeGAP Romania platform interface [S2]; each record retains a link to the official RUTI source [S1].
Format and language	Structured records displayed through a web interface; free-text fields are mainly in Romanian.
Documented version	8 July 2026. The dataset contains 716 rows and 10 variables; 609 distinct meeting_id values and 557 distinct source links.
Identifier / key	meeting_id is a technical identifier and intalnire_href is the source link. Neither is sufficient on its own for deduplication; date, decision-maker, title, participants and agenda should also be checked.
Notes / limitations	Documented missing values: institutia - 88 rows; functie and functie_href - 21; participanti - 2. All other variables contain values in every documented row. The documented version contains 68 additional exact rows beyond the first occurrence, grouped into 40 groups; 69 repeated meeting values; and 52 source links associated with more than one identifier. Includes names of people in an official context. Reuse should preserve the transparency purpose, accuracy and context and comply with the GDPR and Law No. 190/2018. The dataset describes what was published and collected; it does not establish exhaustive coverage, the legality of a meeting, influence exercised or the outcome of a discussion.

3. Dataset 1 - Meetings: variable-level dictionary

Variable name	Data type	Variable description	Notes / limitations	Source
meeting_id	Numeric (integer)	Technical identifier associated with a displayed record.	Format: Integer. Example: 1234. Complete in the documented version. Values may repeat; it is not a unique key and has no independent legal meaning.	Technical field in the platform dataset; verify against the linked RUTI record [S1].
data_intalnire	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	Calendar date disclosed for the meeting.	Format: ISO 8601 date: YYYY-MM-DD. Example: 2026-05-26. Complete. It is neither the publication date nor the update date and does not demonstrate compliance with a legal deadline.	RUTI meeting record [S1].
intalnire	Text	Short title under which the meeting is presented.	Format: String / free text. 3-261 characters in the documented version. Complete. It may be general, repeated or inconsistently drafted; it should not be treated as a standardized topic classification.	RUTI meeting record [S1].
intalnire_href	Text (URL)	Address of the official RUTI record page.	Format: URL string. Format: https://fo-ruti.gov.ro/... Complete. Primary verification reference. A link may occur in multiple rows and should not be used alone for deduplication.	Official RUTI record URL [S1].
decident	Text	Name of the public office-holder associated with the meeting.	Format: String; personal name. Complete. The appearance of the name does not demonstrate that the person adopted a position, exercised influence or determined the meeting outcome.	RUTI meeting record [S1].
institutia	Text	Authority or institution associated with the decision-maker's position at the record date.	Format: String / institutional name. Optional; 88 missing values. Spelling variants may split the same institution across categories.	RUTI meeting record [S1].
functie	Text	Public role in which the person is associated with the meeting.	Format: String. Example: Minister, State Secretary, Deputy, Senator. Optional; 21 missing values. Equivalent roles may differ by letter case, grammatical gender or extended wording.	RUTI meeting record [S1].
functie_href	Text (URL)	Address of the institutional or position profile in RUTI.	Format: URL string. Format: https://fo-ruti.gov.ro/... Optional; 21 missing values. A missing link does not mean that the position does not exist.	RUTI position profile [S1].
participanti	Text	People or entities named as attending the meeting.	Format: String containing a name list, usually comma-separated. Optional; 2 missing values. Automated splitting may be ambiguous, and the same person or entity may appear elsewhere in the source.	RUTI meeting record [S1].
agenda	Text	Description of the meeting's purpose, subject or topics.	Format: Free text / long text. 8-12,067 characters in the documented version. Complete. It should not automatically be	RUTI meeting record [S1].

Variable name	Data type	Variable description	Notes / limitations	Source
			treated as minutes, a transcript, a joint position, a conclusion or evidence of an outcome.	

4. Dataset 2 - People coverage: dataset-level overview

Metadata element	Value / description
Dataset title	People coverage - Executive and Legislature.
Description	Comparison of people included in the analysis with identified public RUTI profiles and published eligible meetings.
Purpose	To identify coverage and cases requiring manual verification without automatically producing legal conclusions.
Unit of observation	One person within an analysis branch. Multiple positions associated with the same person may be aggregated.
Branches	Executive and Legislature, displayed and analysed separately.
Period covered	Executive: 13 October 2025 - 8 July 2026, the available interval. Legislature: 28 May 2026 - 8 July 2026 for eligibility indicators.
Profile reference date	12 August 2026.
Sources	Platform coverage lists, the public RUTI profile register and the meetings dataset.
Matching method	Normalisation of diacritics, name order and technical marks, followed by manual control for low scores or ambiguous results.
Documented volume	333 people in the Executive analysis and 464 parliamentarians; the public-register snapshot contains 586 profiles and 561 distinct normalised names.
Update frequency	When the coverage lists, public profile register or collected meetings are updated.
Identifier / key	The combination analysis_branch + reference_name; it is not a legal identifier and may require normalisation.
Personal data	Includes names and public roles. Reuse should preserve purpose, accuracy and context.
Main limitations	A missing profile or the absence of eligible meetings may reflect no applicable duty, statutory exceptions, no relevant meeting, name differences or coverage limitations.

5. Dataset 2 - People coverage: variable-level dictionary

Variable name	Data type	Variable description	Notes / limitations	Source
analysis_branch	Categorical text	Analysis branch: Executive or Legislature.	Controls the applicable period and counting rules.	Platform classification.
reference_name	Text	Name of the person included in coverage analysis.	Spelling or name changes may exist; it is not a legal key.	Platform coverage list.

Variable name	Data type	Variable description	Notes / limitations	Source
reference_role	Text	Relevant position or positions for an Executive person.	May be blank for the Legislature; several roles may be concatenated.	Platform coverage list.
reference_institution	Text	Institution or institutions associated with an Executive person.	May be blank for the Legislature and may reflect several positions.	Platform coverage list.
chamber	Categorical text	Parliamentary chamber: Senate or Chamber of Deputies.	Applies only to the Legislature.	Platform coverage list.
constituency	Text	The parliamentarian's constituency.	Applies only to the Legislature and describes the documented snapshot.	Platform coverage list.
party	Categorical text	Party or affiliation recorded for a parliamentarian.	Applies only to the Legislature and may change over time.	Platform coverage list.
ruti_profile_name	Text	Name of the public RUTI profile matched to the person.	Blank when no sufficiently reliable match was found.	Public RUTI register.
ruti_status	Categorical text	Profile status: Active, Ended or Not found.	Snapshot status only; it is not a compliance assessment.	Public RUTI register and derived result.
platform_name	Text	Name variant identified in the meetings dataset.	Blank when the person was not matched to a decision-maker in meeting data.	Meetings dataset and derived match.
eligible_meeting_count	Numeric (integer)	Number of eligible distinct source links associated with the person.	Executive and Legislature use different time windows; raw rows are not counted.	Derived from the meetings dataset.
first_meeting_date	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	Date of the person's first eligible meeting.	Blank when the eligible meeting count is zero.	Derived from the meetings dataset.
last_meeting_date	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	Date of the person's last eligible meeting.	Blank when the eligible meeting count is zero.	Derived from the meetings dataset.
match_control	Categorical text	Indicates whether the name match is accepted or requires manual review.	Low-score or ambiguous matches should be checked against sources.	Derived from name normalisation.

6. Dataset 3 - Topic frequencies: dataset-level overview

Metadata element	Value / description
Dataset title	Topic frequencies.
Description	Terms extracted from meeting titles and agendas, aggregated for the overall view, Executive and Legislature.
Purpose	To guide exploration towards topics occurring frequently in published text.
Unit of observation	One normalised term within an analysis scope.
Period covered	13 October 2025 - 8 July 2026 for the available distinct meetings.
Source	Meeting title and agenda in the meetings dataset.
Method	Text is lower-cased, diacritics are normalised for counting, and function words, terms shorter than four characters and numbers are excluded.

Metadata element	Value / description
Meaning of frequency	Number of occurrences of a term, not the number of meetings in which the term appears
Legal time window	Topic analysis is descriptive and uses available records; legal eligibility is checked separately in the coverage page.
Update frequency	When the meetings dataset or tokenisation and stopword rules are updated.
Main limitations	Inflected forms, translations, synonyms and proper names may artificially split or dominate topics; frequency does not measure importance or influence.

7. Dataset 3 - Topic frequencies: variable-level dictionary

Variable name	Data type	Variable description	Notes / limitations	Source
analysis_scope	Categorical text	Aggregation scope: Overall, Executive or Legislature.	Does not replace filtering by the legal time window.	Derived classification.
term	Text	Normalised term extracted from title or agenda.	Not a controlled taxonomy and may imperfectly combine or separate linguistic forms.	Derived from the meetings dataset.
frequency	Numeric (integer)	Number of occurrences of the term in analysed text.	Not a meeting count and does not measure topic importance.	Derived calculation.
rank	Numeric (integer)	Term position in descending frequency order for the selected scope.	Ties may be ordered technically.	Derived calculation.

10. Short rules for use

- Retain original values and document any normalisation of institutions, positions or names separately.
- Do not automatically remove a row merely because meeting_id or intalnire_href repeats; check all relevant variables.
- Keep the Executive and Legislature separate and apply the correct time window to each analysis.
- Keep in mind that term frequency does not measure importance or influence.
- Use the RUTI page as the primary source and record the access data.
- State coverage limits, missing values and cleaning rules in any aggregated analysis.

11. Sources and legal context

[S1] Single Register for Transparency of Interests (RUTI). *official source of the records*

[S2] Integrity Watch – BridgeGAP Romania. *data consultation and export interface*

[J1] Government General Secretariat Order No. 1,056/2022. *minimum RUTI rules*

[J2] Law No. 49/2025. *Article 47^11 of the Administrative Code*

[J3] Guide of 26 May 2026, approved by Order No. 459/687/2026. *use of RUTI, exceptions and data protection*

[J4] Law No. 197/2025. *RUTI in Parliament*

[J5] Law No. 52/2003, republished. *decisional transparency*

[J6] Law No. 544/2001. *access to public information and exceptions*

[J7] Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR). *personal-data protection*

[J7a] Law No. 190/2018. *national measures implementing the GDPR*