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Governor Anca Dragu presented in Bucharest the progress made by the Republic of Moldova in the process of European financial integration

Today, 13 November 2026, the Governor of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM) Ms Anca Dragu delivered a speech as a special guest at the conference "Business Strategies and Growth Solutions in a Complex Economic, Political and Social Climate", hosted by the National Bank of Romania (NBR).

During the debate on the role of the financial sector in supporting economic growth, the NBM Governor outlined developments in the Republic of Moldova that are relevant to investors and to businesses operating on both sides of the Prut River.

"As the Republic of Moldova prepares for accession to the European Union, one of the priorities is to increase the economy's capacity to attract capital and channel it into long-term investment. The stability of the banking sector is highlighted in the European Commission's Annual Report on the Republic of Moldova for 2026. At the National Bank of Moldova, we are continuing to align banking regulation and supervision with European standards, so that investors can assess their risks and plan their projects within a predictable framework. At the same time, the development of the capital market, to which cooperation with Romania also contributes, can broaden the financing options for businesses in the Republic of Moldova and connect them to a wider investor base," said Governor Anca Dragu.

One example of the effects of financial integration on economic activity is the Republic of Moldova's connection to the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA). In the first year, approximately 1.2 million transactions were processed, at an average cost of around EUR 1 per transfer. As a result, lower fees on cross-border payments in euros generated estimated savings of EUR 16.4 million for citizens and businesses.

At the same time, Governor Anca Dragu invited investors from Romania to consider the Republic of Moldova as a destination for new projects and business expansion. In this context, the NBM Governor recalled that, in April 2026, the international agency Moody's upgraded the Republic of Moldova's sovereign rating from B3 to B2, with a stable outlook. This is the highest rating awarded to the country by Moody's in the last 25 years.

The conference brought together representatives from the banking sector, the capital markets, the leasing and insurance industries, as well as analysts and academics. Discussions focused on the economic outlook for 2027, the role of banks in supporting investment, and the diversification of funding sources for businesses. The event, hosted by the NBR, is part of the series of thematic conferences under the banner of the "Bucharest Leaders' Summit: Empowering the Future", organised by the MediaUno Press Group, the MediaUno Association, the Department for Sustainable Development and the National Institute of Statistics.

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