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The Governor of the National Bank of Moldova, Anca Dragu, in dialogue with professors from institutions with an economic focus on joining the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA)

The Governor of the National Bank of Moldova, Anca Dragu, met with professors from educational institutions with an economic focus to discuss the Republic of Moldova's accession to the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), the system dedicated to cross-border euro bank transfers and the advantages of accession for citizens and the economy.

"Today, we are discussing a payment system that will change the country's economic future," stated Anca Dragu. " The integration of the Republic of Moldova into a unified euro payments system will bring significant economic benefits at all levels, facilitating financial transactions between Moldova and other European countries. Joining SEPA will facilitate the reduction of costs for cross-border payments, will enhance access to modern financial instruments and will be an important boost for the development of the national economy", noted the NBM Governor.

Anca Dragu also emphasized the role of educators in shaping a clear and in-depth vision among students on the implications of our country's accession to SEPA and the importance of the daily commitment teachers make in passing on economic knowledge to future specialists.

The event had an interactive format, with substantive discussions and exchanges of ideas on the opportunities brought by the Republic of Moldova's accession to SEPA, the actions undertaken and the next steps. In this context, the discussions highlighted the responsibility of educators in the field of economics to provide students with a more comprehensive understanding of international economic and financial processes.

Representatives of the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova and the State University of Moldova had the opportunity to address messages and questions to the participants, mentioning the importance of an educational curriculum adapted to international economic realities and the current needs of financial markets.

Thus, the Vice-Rector of the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, Victoria Cociug, stated: "It is time to rethink the role of schools and universities in shaping responsible citizens. The curriculum must be adapted to the new economic realities: digitalization, financial innovation, sustainability. Financial education should be introduced not just as an optional subject, but as an integral part of the education of young people and adults. We propose an integrated approach - in partnership with the NBM, financial institutions, the public sector and the academic environment - to develop real, useful and applicable skills."

Additionally, the Dean of the Faculty of Economic Sciences of the State University of Moldova, Maria Hămuraru, pointed out: "The modernization of the curriculum by integrating current topics, such as modern payment systems infrastructure, digital banking and SEPA regulations, reflects our commitment to providing students with relevant training adapted to the requirements of the labour market. Through these initiatives, we aim not only to improve the quality of professional training, but also to strengthen financial literacy among young people - a crucial factor for the sustainable development of the national economy."

In conclusion, the Governor of the National Bank, Anca Dragu, emphasized the importance of collaboration between financial authorities and economic educational institutions in preparing new generations of professionals who will contribute to strengthening a more efficient economic system, better connected to the global market.

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