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High-level meetings in Vienna: NBM Governor Anca Dragu holds talks with Austrian Central Bank Governor Martin Kocher

Today, 25 June 2026, the Governor of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM), Ms Anca Dragu, held a bilateral meeting in Vienna with Mr Martin Georg Kocher, Governor of the Austrian Central Bank (Oesterreichische Nationalbank – OeNB), who is also a member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank.

The discussions focused on strengthening cooperation between the two central banks, the Republic of Moldova's European integration path, macroeconomic stability, the development of modern payment infrastructure, and the enhancement of collaboration within international platforms.

Ms Anca Dragu presented the progress achieved by the NBM in aligning the national regulatory and financial supervision framework with European Union standards, including in the areas of banking, payment systems and institutional capacity building. Particular emphasis was placed on the Republic of Moldova's integration into the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), a decision taken in Brussels on 6 March 2025, and on the development of the MIA national instant payment system, created by the NBM - projects that are contributing to the modernisation of the financial infrastructure and to the Republic of Moldova's integration into the European payments area.

"For the National Bank of Moldova, European integration represents a tangible process of institutional transformation: clearer rules, stronger supervision, modern financial infrastructures and a financial sector capable of supporting confidence, stability and economic development. Dialogue with central banks across the European Union forms an integral part of this process, and the exchange of experience helps us build stronger institutions that are better aligned with European standards. Through our mandate, we will continue to contribute to the modernisation of the financial sector for the benefit of the citizens and the economy of the Republic of Moldova," emphasised Ms Anca Dragu.

The NBM Governor also expressed her appreciation for the support provided by the Austrian Central Bank to the "Joint Vienna Institute" (JVI), an important regional training centre based in Vienna. Supported by several international organisations (including the International Monetary Fund), the Austrian authorities and bilateral donors, the Institute makes a significant contribution to strengthening the institutional capacities of central banks (including the NBM) and public authorities across the region.

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