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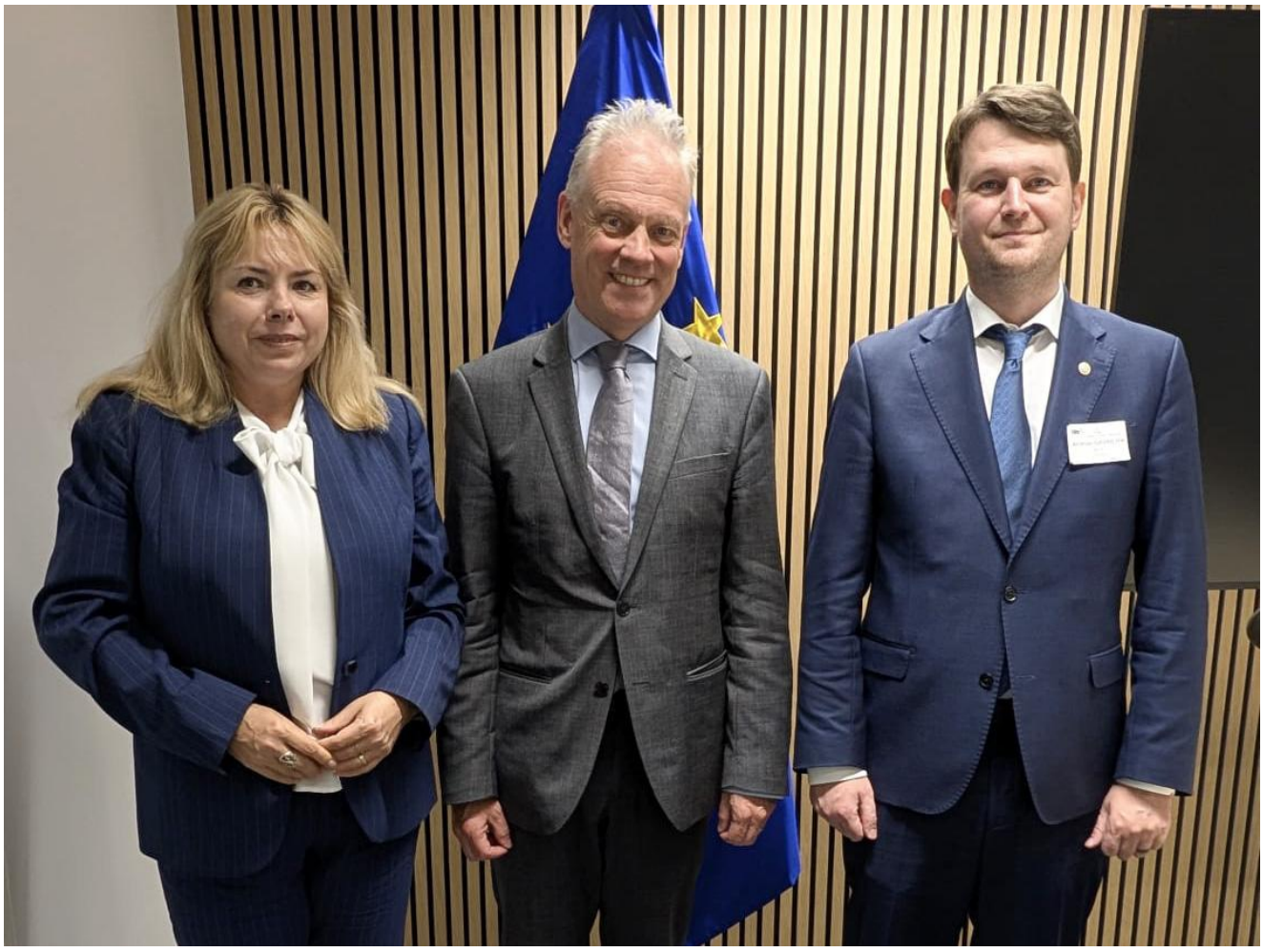
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NBM Governor Anca Dragu in Dialogue with Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Enlargement and the Eastern Neighbourhood (DG ENEST)



The Governor of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM), Ms Anca Dragu, held a bilateral meeting in Brussels with Mr Gert Jan Koopman, Director-General of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Enlargement and the Eastern Neighbourhood (DG ENEST).

The discussions focused on strengthening cooperation in the Republic of Moldova's European integration process, with particular emphasis on the role and involvement of the NBM in this journey. The agenda included topics such as aligning the regulatory framework with European Union standards, opportunities for technical assistance offered by DG ENEST, and reinforcing the independence of the central bank.

"Dialogue with the European Union supports our efforts to modernise the financial sector and advance along the path of European integration. Transposing the EU acquis into national legislation and implementing reforms are strategic priorities for the NBM. These reforms directly contribute to developing

a sustainable, more competitive, and resilient economy, ultimately improving the quality of life for citizens," emphasised Governor Dragu.

During the meeting, Ms Anca Dragu acknowledged the fruitful cooperation with the European Commission in the accession process and participation in the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), highlighting the immediate, direct, and tangible economic impact of SEPA payments for citizens, businesses, and the national economy.

Ms Dragu also stressed the importance of intensifying collaboration with EU institutions in the Republic of Moldova's European integration process, as well as the opportunities for technical assistance provided by the EU. Additionally, discussions addressed the assessment of the equivalence of the Republic of Moldova's prudential banking framework with that of the European Union, in accordance with the methodology of the European Banking Authority (EBA).

The meeting took place in the context of a delegation from Chișinău participating in the EU's Annual Economic and Financial Dialogue with regional partners (EU accession candidate countries), organised in Brussels by the EU Economic and Financial Affairs Council.

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