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NBM Governor Anca Dragu discussed structural reforms and financial modernisation in the Republic of Moldova with World Bank Vice President Antonella Bassani

The Governor of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM), Ms Anca Dragu, had a bilateral meeting with Antonella Bassani, World Bank Vice President for the Europe and Central Asia region. In the context of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank (WB) Constituency Meeting taking place in Varna, Bulgaria, the Governor highlighted the strengthening of cooperation between the NBM and the WB, the European integration of the financial system in the Republic of Moldova, and the macroeconomic progress achieved by Chisinau.

At the same time, the dialogue also focused on strengthening the strategic partnership between the Republic of Moldova and the World Bank, with a particular emphasis on supporting structural reforms in the financial sector and modernising economic infrastructure. Officials reviewed joint projects focused on the digitalisation of financial services, financial inclusion, sustainable financing, and strengthening the macroprudential regulatory framework.

Ms Anca Dragu noted that the implementation of the economic reform agenda and the optimisation financing channels for the real sector are priority elements for ensuring sustainable economic growth and for mitigating the risks posed by external shocks and regional geopolitical tensions.

“The partnership with the World Bank reinforces our efforts to build a resilient, modern financial system that is fully integrated into the European economic area. Discussions with Vice President Antonella Bassani reaffirm the NBM’s firm commitment to advancing structural reforms. We are focused on transforming the national economy into an attractive and secure environment for long-term investment, capable of bringing tangible benefits to every citizen,” said the Governor.

Moreover, Ms Anca Dragu spoke about recent macroeconomic developments and the monetary policy measures adopted to maintain price stability, highlighting the institution’s determination to closely monitor inflationary risks. The strategic importance of the Economic Growth Plan for Moldova, supported by the European Union, was also addressed, where the World Bank’s expertise and technical assistance play a catalytic role in the efficient management of funds and in avoiding short-term macrofinancial risks..



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