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# Strategic partnership for modernising the financial sector: meeting between the NBM Governor and the World Bank Leadership

The delegation of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM), led by Governor Anca Dragu, participated in an official meeting with Ms Antonella Bassani, Vice-President of the World Bank for Europe and Central Asia.

The discussions focused on the macroeconomic outlook of the Republic of Moldova, the results of the FSAP (Financial Sector Assessment Program) exercise, and the technical cooperation between the NBM and the World Bank (WB).

The dialogue highlighted the progress made by the Republic of Moldova in implementing structural reforms, with a particular emphasis on the digitalisation of financial infrastructure, financial inclusion, the transition to a green economy (ESG framework), and strengthening the resilience of the financial sector.

In the continuation of ongoing joint projects, including the development of digital financial services, initiatives on sustainable finance and the green transition, as well as the development of the National Financial Inclusion Strategy (NFIS 2030), the opportunity to further strengthen cooperation with the World Bank was emphasised, including in the implementation of the NFIS 2030.

Governor Anca Dragu stressed that through these joint efforts, the NBM reaffirms its commitment to maintaining a robust banking sector, ready to meet global challenges and support the long-term prosperity of the country.

"The World Bank's experience is fundamental to our ambition of building a modern and resilient financial ecosystem. We are not limited to ensuring stability but focus on democratising access to capital through digitalisation and innovation. Our partnership is transforming Moldova's financial architecture into a more transparent system, capable of providing secure and accessible solutions to every citizen and entrepreneur, thus facilitating our swift integration into the European Single Market," stated the NBM Governor.

The Spring Meetings of the World Bank and IMF provide a framework for strategic dialogue on global economic and financial policies and also offer an opportunity for the authorities of the Republic of Moldova to coordinate their efforts in promoting macroeconomic stability and implementing structural reforms.

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