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Working visit of the NBM delegation to Brussels to strengthen financial cooperation with the European Union

The Governor of the National Bank of Moldova, Anca Dragu, is leading the NBM delegation on a working visit to Brussels on 4-6 March 2025, with the aim of strengthening cooperation with European institutions and advancing the financial integration of the Republic of Moldova into the European Union. Thus, the citizens and the business environment of the Republic of Moldova will gain access to sound, modern financial services, conducive to economic development.

The visit includes a series of meetings with European officials, the Executive Vice-President of the European Commission, Ms. Roxana Mînzatu and the Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union, Ms. Maria Luís Albuquerque.

During the meeting with Commissioner Albuquerque, the officials discussed topics such as the alignment of Moldova's financial regulations with European standards, the modernization of the payments infrastructure and Moldova's accession to the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), which will provide benefits for all citizens: easier access to faster and more secure payments, lower costs for international transfers and enhanced consumer protection in financial services.

Governor Anca Dragu reaffirmed the NBM’s strong commitment to ensuring financial stability and fostering a secure and competitive banking environment that supports investment and economic growth. She also expressed appreciation for the support provided by the European institutions in the process of harmonizing the financial framework with the EU standards.

"These discussions reflect the NBM's dedication to maintainingfinancial stability, thereby strengthening Moldova's European path and highlighting the NBM’s vital role in preparing the country for EU accession. By adopting EU regulations, Moldova's banking sector will operate in accordance with European standards, leading to improved banking services and more secure transactions", stated Anca Dragu.

During the meeting with the EC Executive Vice-President, Ms. Roxana Mînzatu, who is responsible for rights, social policies, quality and workforce development, discussions focused on the accession agenda, identification of opportunities for accelerated integration and implementation of the reforms of the Growth Plan. Officials also addressed measures to strengthen the NBM's efforts to deepen financial inclusion and expand financial education.

On the same day, the Governor of the NBM held meetings with Mr. John Berrigan, Director General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union (DG FISMA), as well as with Mr. Giorgio Andreoli, Director General of the European Payments Council. The visit also includes meetings at the European Parliament.

The visit of the NBM delegation to Brussels, which also includes First Deputy Governor Petru Rotaru, is part of the central bank’s strategic efforts to strengthen external relations and establish a solid framework for the integration of the Republic of Moldova into the European financial system.

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