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NBM Governor Anca Dragu highlights the stability, innovation, and European integration of the Republic of Moldova at the Bucharest Leaders' Summit

The Governor of the National Bank of Moldova, Anca Dragu, participated today in the Bucharest Leaders' Summit: The Path to 5.0. From Vision To Reality, a leading forum organised by the MediaUno Press Group, the MediaUno Association, the Department for Sustainable Development, and the National Institute of Statistics.

During the roundtable discussion on "Risks, opportunities, and anchors for the development of the financial and banking system in the new global context," Ms. Anca Dragu delivered a strong message about the direction in which the Republic of Moldova is heading: stability, innovation, and European integration.

Governor Anca Dragu pointed out that in the new global context, which acts as a catalyst for transformation, the NBM plays three fundamental roles: pillar of financial stability; driver of responsible innovation; and facilitator of European integration.

Today, the Moldovan banking sector is well capitalised and resilient, prepared to withstand potential external shocks. The Republic of Moldova is also making remarkable progress in modern banking services. The MIA instant payment system, created by the NBM, is already used by over 600,000 people, processing over 1 million transactions per month with a cumulative value of over 4.8 billion MDL. "For the first time, the usage rate of digital payments has exceeded the volume of cash withdrawals from ATMs, a clear sign of changing financial behaviour and economic modernisation," said Ms. Anca Dragu.

At the same time, the NBM Governor emphasised that the Republic of Moldova has recently become a member of the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), and seven out of the ten local commercial banks have already been approved for technical interconnection.

Ms. Anca Dragu also highlighted the leadership role of the NBM in negotiations for the Republic of Moldova's European integration. The NBM plays a key role in three main chapters: free movement of capital, financial services, and economic and monetary policy.

In conclusion, the head of the central bank mentioned that the Republic of Moldova has all the attributes to become the prodigy of Europe—an ambitious country that is developing rapidly and seriously building a central bank that is European in thought, action, and vision.

The roundtable attended by Ms. Anca Dragu is part of a series of events organised between 21 May and 16 June 2025, under the auspices of the 29th edition of the national project "Together We Protect Romania," which brought together over 400 leaders, experts, and officials to discuss the sustainable economic future of the region.



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