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Praise in Washington for Moldova: a reliable partner on the path to reform and European integration

The delegation of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM), led by Governor Anca Dragu, had a meeting with Antonella Bassani, Vice President of the World Bank for Europe and Central Asia, and Alfonso Garcia Mora, Vice President of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) for Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

The discussions focused on the economic and financial outlook of the Republic of Moldova, the results of the FSAP (Financial Sector Assessment Program) exercise, joint technical assistance projects, and the country's progress in the areas of sustainable finance, digitalisation, and financial inclusion. Additionally, the Moldova Growth Plan for 2025–2027, supported by the European Union, was addressed. This plan will mobilize major investments in reforms, infrastructure, and competitiveness.

Ms. Anca Dragu mentioned that the Republic of Moldova has taken important steps in strengthening financial stability and reducing inflation, which remains on a downward trajectory, while also highlighting the alignment of the regulatory framework with European standards and the active role of the NBM in modernising the payment infrastructure, developing sustainable finance, and increasing financial inclusion.

The Governor of the NBM highlighted the accession to the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA), the completion of the FSAP exercise, and the implementation of the Roadmap for Sustainable Financing of the Republic of Moldova 2024–2028 as milestones confirming the maturity and credibility of the Moldovan financial sector.

The Governor also appreciated the World Bank's support for the development of the National Financial Inclusion Strategy, which will play a key role in reducing economic inequalities and ensuring access to financial services for all citizens of the Republic of Moldova.

"Structural reforms and joint projects with the World Bank and IFC are important for the development of a modern and transparent financial system. We are strengthening partnerships that bring real benefits to the economy, businesses, and citizens," said NBM Governor Anca Dragu.

The series of bilateral meetings of the NBM delegation is taking place within the framework of the Annual Meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund, which are being held between October 13 to 18, 2025, in Washington.

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