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NBM Governor at the EU-Western Balkans Summit: "Moldova is consolidating its European direction through determination and credibility"

Today, 4 December 2025, the Governor of the National Bank of Moldova, Ms. Anca Dragu, participated in the EU-Western Balkans Summit 2025: EU Enlargement Matters: Europe's New Geopolitical, Security, and Economic Frontier, held in Brussels.

During the event, the Governor of the NBM gave a comprehensive presentation in the session dedicated to investment and economic growth, entitled "Unlocking investment: a boost for growth and strengthening resilience," where she highlighted the Republic of Moldova's progress in enhancing financial stability, accelerating European integration, and modernising digital infrastructure.

"In a Europe where peace, security, and economic resilience are increasingly interconnected, the Republic of Moldova is strengthening its European path through determination, responsibility, and credibility. Moldova is acting consistently to ensure a stable environment for its citizens. Investments flow to economies that offer predictability, and we are determined to provide that foundation," stated Ms. Anca Dragu.

The Governor of the NBM noted that European integration is the main catalyst for economic growth, and the central bank plays a leading role in coordinating the negotiation chapters on free movement of capital, financial services, and economic and monetary policy.

Ms. Anca Dragu emphasised that the EU-supported Growth Plan for Moldova has the potential to accelerate economic development in the coming years, and that continuing reforms will enable the creation of thousands of new jobs.

"The results we are seeing today clearly show that the Republic of Moldova is on a solid and consistent path. Inflation is gradually returning to the target range due to effective measures taken by the NBM and a mix of public policies, while the banking sector remains robust, with capital adequacy above 25%, 2.5 times higher than prudential requirements. At the same time, the evolution of the country's rating confirms the quality of policies, economic prospects, and the growing confidence of international partners. The new sovereign rating of "BB-/B" assigned by S&P Global Ratings shows a three-notch improvement, positioning Moldova ahead of some Western Balkan countries. In addition, the widely adopted MIA national instant payment system has established itself as a regional success story, and SEPA membership has connected the country to the European financial area. All these developments show that the Republic of Moldova is taking concrete steps towards a modern, secure, and competitive economy," underlined Ms. Anca Dragu.

The event brought together European leaders, representatives of international institutions, investors, decision-makers, and experts in the field of European integration to discuss the prospects for EU enlargement, stimulating investment, and strengthening economic resilience in the region.

The summit marks an important moment in the current European geopolitical context, addressing the role of EU enlargement, economic opportunities, and security challenges in the region. The 2025 edition takes place in a symbolic year, as Moldova and Ukraine mark their first year of EU accession negotiations.

The meeting is organised annually by Friends of Europe - a leading European think tank based in Brussels, specialising in European politics, security, and economic development. The independent organisation

facilitates dialogue between EU institutions, governments, academia, the private sector, and civil society.

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