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NBM Governor Anca Dragu at the CEE Forum in Vienna: The Republic of Moldova is making tangible progress towards a modern and competitive economy

The Governor of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM), Ms. Anca Dragu, attended today the Central and Eastern Europe Forum in Vienna, the region's most important event dedicated to financial markets, organised under the auspices of Financial Times.

Ms. Anca Dragu participated as a speaker in the panel dedicated to central banks, alongside governors and deputy governors from Central and Eastern European countries. Discussions focused on crucial issues for the regional economies, such as the evolution of inflation and interest rates, the independence of central banks, financial inclusion, innovations in the banking and financial sector and digital transformation, as well as other relevant topics concerning economic growth, financial stability, and European integration.

The Governor of the NBM outlined the key areas of modernisation and reform of the national financial system, emphasising the institution’s active role in managing inflationary pressures and maintaining macroeconomic stability over recent years.

"The effective measures adopted by the National Bank, alongside the coherent economic policies implemented by the authorities of the Republic of Moldova, have led to visible results. The country's rating evolution confirms the quality of decisions and growing confidence from international partners. In 2025, the Republic of Moldova obtained a new sovereign rating of “BB-/B” from S&P Global Ratings – an improvement that places us ahead of many countries in the Western Balkans. Additionally, developments in financial infrastructure demonstrate the country's progress: the national instant payments system, MIA, launched in spring 2024 and already adopted by over 840,000 users, is already a regional success story. Our accession to SEPA directly connects us to the European financial space, bringing immediate benefits to citizens’ and companies’ budgets. All these achievements show that the Republic of Moldova is making tangible progress towards a modern, secure, and competitive economy," stated Ms. Anca Dragu.

The Governor also emphasised the importance of strengthening the legislative and institutional framework to align the Republic of Moldova with European Union standards and international best practices in governance, supervision and regulation.

The forum, held from 13–14 January 2026, annually brings together central bank governors, finance ministers, other government officials, representatives of international financial institutions, global investors, and leaders from the private sector. The event sets the strategic direction for monetary policies, financing, investments, and regional stability, serving as an important platform for dialogue and coordination among the economies of Central and Eastern Europe.

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