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The Moldovan Leu celebrates its 33rd anniversary: NBM invites pupils and students on a new journey along "The Road of Money"



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The National Bank of Moldova (NBM) and licensed banks invite pupils and students to discover how money enters the economy and how it can be managed responsibly. The eighth edition of the financial education event "The Road of Money" will take place on 27 November 2026, to mark the anniversary of the Moldovan Leu (29 November 1993).

The programme offers a learning experience that combines the history of the national currency with practical activities, accessible explanations and direct dialogue with banking experts. Participants will follow a route from the central bank to one of the commercial banks, to understand the role of each institution and the link between the functioning of the financial system and the choices we make every day.

"Through financial education, the National Bank helps citizens to better understand the financial services they use and to protect their money. A better-informed public is less vulnerable to fraud and risks, uses financial services more responsibly and, through its own choices, contributes to a more robust financial system. Financial education empowers young people to make informed decisions about things that can influence their lives. It is an investment in their freedom to build their own future," emphasises the NBM Governor, Ms Anca Dragu.

The tour will begin at the National Bank, where participants will learn about the history of the national currency and the central bank's role in issuing it. They will learn to identify the security features of banknotes and will visit the NBM's exhibition hall. The collection of commemorative and jubilee coins will

reveal another dimension of money: that of historical testimonies, dedicated to prominent personalities, events and values of the national heritage.

The programme will continue at licensed banks, where participants will gain a closer insight into how a bank operates and the role of financial services in the economy. Guided by mentors, they will learn through games and simulations of financial scenarios, and will be encouraged to analyse options, ask questions and understand the consequences of their own choices. The activities will be tailored to the participants' ages and will help them develop useful money management skills.

The activities will start at 9.00 am, and the entire route will take approximately two hours to complete.

Groups of up to 35 people, consisting of pupils aged 10 or over and university students, may attend the event, subject to availability. To register, groups' accompanying adults are invited to send their applications to edufin@bnm.md [2] by 22 November 2026, stating the name of the educational institution, the number of participants and a contact telephone number.

Now in its 8th edition, "The Road of Money" initiative brings together the central bank, licensed banks and educational institutions to make financial education more accessible and better tailored to young people's needs. The event encourages them to turn their curiosity into knowledge and skills that will help them manage their own income and achieve their plans for the future.

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