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First Deputy Governor of the NBM, Petru Rotaru, at the regional conference “PROTECTOR – Safe Business” – aligning the Republic of Moldova with EU security policies is an objective of national importance

The First Deputy Governor of the National Bank of Moldova, Petru Rotaru, participated alongside a team from the NBM in the regional conference “PROTECTOR – Safe Business,” an event hosted on 19 June 2025 by the National Bank of Romania, focused on discussions about strengthening the financial security framework and implementing international restrictive measures.

During his speech, Petru Rotaru emphasised Moldova's strong commitment to aligning with the European Union's security policies to maintain a stable and secure financial system.

In this context, the First Deputy Governor highlighted the role of the NBM within the national mechanism for the application of restrictive measures, in terms of freezing funds and economic resources. Petru Rotaru noted that the central bank supervises compliance with these measures by banks, non-bank payment service providers, electronic money issuers, and other non-bank financial institutions, working closely with the relevant national authorities.

"It is important that banking institutions strictly comply with all legal and procedural obligations related to restrictive measures in order to prevent risks and maintain the stability and reputation of the national financial system. Only through firm commitment and effective enforcement of international sanctions can we ensure a secure, credible, and internationally compliant financial framework, thereby supporting national security and international cooperation," Petru Rotaru pointed out.

The NBM official also stressed that the evolution and increasing complexity of international sanctions regimes require continuous improvement of the supervisory and cooperation mechanism. “The National Bank of Moldova recognises its central role in promoting interinstitutional cooperation efforts, intensifying the exchange of information at the local level and beyond, including the development of supervisory policies and the promotion of continuing education in the financial sector,” stated Petru Rotaru.

The First Deputy Governor of the NBM emphasised that the country's alignment rate with EU restrictive measures has increased significantly—from 64% in 2022 to 89% in 2023 and 91% in 2024, reflecting Moldova's strong commitment to the European integration process.

The Republic of Moldova's progress in strengthening the financial security framework is also confirmed by the new report of the MONEYVAL Committee of the Council of Europe, published on 19 June 2025, which reveals significant improvements in the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing.




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