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Global Money Week 2026: nearly 2,000 participants in the NBM's financial education activities

The National Bank of Moldova (NBM) carried out an extensive programme of activities over the past week as part of the international Global Money Week (GMW) initiative, bringing together nearly 2,000 children, young people and adults from across the country.

As the national coordinator of the Global Money Week initiative in the Republic of Moldova, the NBM organised a series of events dedicated to developing financial skills and deepening understanding of the role of financial institutions in the economy.

The official opening of Global Money Week in the Republic of Moldova was marked by a public lecture delivered by the Governor of the NBM, Ms Anca Dragu, addressed to students. During the session, young people were encouraged to adopt responsible financial decisions and to make the most of opportunities offered by education and personal development. "You are the generation of a country that is strengthening its economic credibility and building its future within the European space," stated Ms Anca Dragu.

The event agenda also included the organisation of the meeting "FinanciarELE – Women's Leadership Community", moderated by the NBM Governor, alongside special guests Ms Natalia Gașițoi, Rector of Alecu Russo Bălți State University, Ms Iana Stanțieru, President of the "Women of Moldova" Alliance, and Ms Irina Chițu, a financial education expert from Romania. Participants examined gender stereotypes, with a focus on developing leadership and mentoring skills, as well as creating more inclusive professional environments.

Throughout the week, the NBM held training workshops for pupils and students, focusing on topics such as the role of the central bank, the process of formulating monetary policy decisions, digitalisation in the financial system, and basic rules for making secure online payments.

A particularly engaging moment was the simulation of a monetary policy meeting, organised with the participation of pupils from the "Aristotel" Lyceum and led by the NBM Governor, Ms Anca Dragu. During the event, pupils had the opportunity to understand decision-making mechanisms at central bank level and to experience, in a practical setting, the role of the factors involved in setting monetary policy.

The NBM also organised a training session for students of the Faculty of Journalism and Communication Sciences of Moldova State University, in cooperation with the Economic Press Club. The activity aimed to develop skills in analysing and interpreting data available on the NBM website, as well as understanding the structure and drafting of an economic news article.

Global Money Week activities concluded with guided tours organised at the NBM headquarters, where children and young people from across the country had the opportunity to discover, in an interactive manner, the work of the central bank. Visitors learned about the security features of Moldovan leu banknotes, their production process, and the role of the NBM in maintaining financial stability. At the same time, a highlight of the visits was the display of a 12-kilogram gold bar, valued at over 32 million lei.

The events were organised as part of the programme "International Financial Education Week – Global

Money Week 2026", an annual campaign carried out under the auspices of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), in which 176 countries participate, including the Republic of Moldova.

"The National Bank of Moldova stands alongside all citizens to help them better understand the economic environment, make informed decisions, and build a secure financial future. We will continue to develop financial education initiatives in order to build a more responsible society, better prepared for future economic challenges," stated the NBM Governor, Ms Anca Dragu, at the conclusion of Global Money Week 2026.

The 14th edition of the initiative, organised between 16–22 March 2026, aimed to encourage young people to develop the knowledge, attitudes and behaviours necessary to make responsible and well-informed financial decisions.

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