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Anca Dragu at Moldova Business Week 2025: Moldova has all the attributes to be Europe's “wonder child”

The Governor of the National Bank of Moldova, Anca Dragu, participated today in Moldova Business Week 2025 - 10 years of promoting economic opportunities in the Republic of Moldova, an event that brought together government leaders, representatives of the financial sector – including the Bucharest Stock Exchange, institutional investors, legal and consulting professionals, as well as business leaders from Moldova and abroad.

During the panel discussion “Capital Markets: Trends and Opportunities,” Ms. Anca Dragu emphasised the strategic importance of the event, stating that the development of the capital market demonstrates Moldova's economic maturity. Ms. Dragu referred to the Republic of Moldova as Europe’s “wonder child” and encouraged investors to take advantage of current opportunities, warning that “those who do not invest in Moldova today will regret it in five years.”

The Governor of the National Bank also mentioned the progress made by the NBM in supporting the development of the capital market, including the launch of the Single Central Depository and the expansion of payment systems such as joining SEPA and MIA Instant Payments.

"In just a few weeks, the Republic of Moldova will connect to SEPA (Single Euro Payments Area), which will facilitate faster and more accessible transactions for citizens and businesses. Integration into SEPA consolidates the effort to modernise and align the payment system with European standards, a process that began with the launch of MIA Instant Payments," said Ms. Anca Dragu.

The Governor of the NBM concluded that all these achievements send a clear message: “Moldova is not a financial periphery, Moldova is an integral part of financial Europe.” She stressed that this paradigm shift will bring concrete results in the next five years, strengthening Moldova's position in the European economy and directly improving people's quality of life.

During the same panel, the establishment of a modern national stock exchange was announced, a true catalyst for economic development that will provide access to resources for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and innovative companies. The exchange will complement the country's solid banking sector, which benefits from a majority European shareholder base, thus reflecting “real and tangible” European integration.

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