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## Bilateral meeting between the Governor of the NBM and the European Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union

The Governor of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM), Ms. Anca Dragu, and the European Commissioner for Financial Services and the Savings and Investments Union, Ms. Maria Luís Albuquerque, held a bilateral meeting. Discussions focused on developments in the Moldovan financial sector, the macroeconomic situation in the Republic of Moldova, and the NBM's involvement in the European integration process through the consolidation of a resilient, secure financial system aligned with European standards.

During the meeting, the NBM Governor highlighted the progress made in central bank governance and transparency, as well as the modernization of the payment infrastructure, emphasizing the accession to SEPA (Single Euro Payments Area), which represents "a symbol of trust, a validation of the reforms achieved, with concrete benefits for citizens and the business environment."

"Our achievements so far encourage us to continue with the same determination: macroeconomic stability, institutional transparency, and structural reforms. Modernizing the payment infrastructure, digitizing financial services, and strengthening governance bring us closer to European standards and best practices. Through cooperation and ongoing dialogue with European institutions, we can build a resilient, competitive economy that is geared towards citizens' expectations," said Ms. Anca Dragu.

Referring to development prospects, the NBM Governor highlighted that the implementation of the Growth Plan agreed with the European Union, worth €1.9 billion for the period 2025-2027, represents a major economic opportunity to enhance the country's competitiveness, to which the NBM is actively contributing.

The discussions also highlighted the progress made in implementing the recommendations of the European Union Enlargement Package and the assessment of the equivalence of Moldova's banking prudential framework with that of the European Union, in accordance with the methodology of the European Banking Authority (EBA).

The meeting took place in the context of the high-level dialogue workshop "Finance and Economic Growth: Lessons for Moldova's European Path," which brought together senior officials from national and European authorities, representatives of international financial institutions, and economic experts in Chişinău.

The event, organized by the NBM, provided a platform for strategic dialogue on financial and economic priorities in Moldova's irreversible path towards European Union accession.

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