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Governor Anca Dragu at the “Black Sea and Balkans Security Forum”: At the National Bank of Moldova, innovation has become a key element in strengthening resilience and trust

The Governor of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM), Ms Anca Dragu, participated in the high-level international conference “Black Sea and Balkans Security Forum,” held in Bucharest from 12–13 May 2026.

The event, dedicated to the main trends in defence, security, and international relations in the Black Sea and Balkans region, brings together experts and decision-makers to analyse and debate current regional and global developments.

Ms Anca Dragu took part as a speaker in the panel discussing public and private investment in a diffuse security environment (Investments in the Blur Security Environment: Challenges and Opportunities).

In her address, the NBM Governor outlined the role of the institution as a pillar of financial stability in the context of European integration, highlighting efforts to strengthen the resilience of the banking system against hybrid and cyber threats. In this context, Ms Dragu emphasised the NBM’s commitment to transposing European regulations on crypto-asset markets (MiCA) and digital operational resilience (DORA) as strategic priorities for modernising and securing the national financial system.

“At the National Bank of Moldova, innovation has become a key element in strengthening resilience and trust. We have advanced in modernising payment infrastructure and promoting digital transformation, with a clear objective: building an inclusive, interoperable financial system aligned with European standards. At the same time, we continue to reinforce our supervisory capacity over financial institutions, including in combating money laundering and terrorist financing, actively collaborating with our Western partners,” the central bank governor highlighted during the discussion.

Ms Anca Dragu also noted that the Republic of Moldova’s European path has accelerated the country’s integration into the European financial infrastructure and its inclusion in SEPA, progress further reflected in Moody’s recent upgrade of the country’s rating from B3 to B2, underscoring economic and institutional strengthening as well as advances in implementing European reforms.

“Strengthening the Republic of Moldova’s international reputation fosters investment and stimulates economic growth. For emerging economies, this transformation represents a genuine opportunity: to accelerate modernisation, build stronger institutions, and consolidate our position within a resilient regional and European framework,” the Governor of the National Bank stated.

The “Black Sea and Balkans Security Forum,” now in its tenth edition, remains one of the most relevant regional platforms for dialogue, bringing together experts, policymakers, and academics to examine the most pressing issues of the moment, from energy security and the strategic role of the Black Sea to European and Euro-Atlantic security architecture.

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