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Governor Anca Dragu in Brussels: Innovation and international cooperation, key factors for the resilience of financial infrastructure

The Governor of the National Bank of Moldova, Anca Dragu, participated in the international conference 2025: end of an era? And now?, a high-level event organised by the National Bank of Belgium, held from 12-13 February 2026 in Brussels.

The conference brought together governors and officials from the central banks of countries within the IMF's OEDNE Constituency, and discussions focused on current issues related to monetary policy in the present geopolitical context, financial stability in the European and global space, as well as the impact of new technologies on the financial sector.

The NBM Governor moderated the panel "Innovation in a new (cold) war economy" during the conference, facilitating a practical dialogue on topics such as innovation, cybersecurity, and the resilience of financial infrastructures. The panel featured Andriy Pyshnyy, Governor of the National Bank of Ukraine, and Jo De Boeck, Executive Vice President and Corporate Chief Strategy Officer at IMEC (Interuniversity Microelectronics Centre) – an international research and innovation centre in advanced technologies.

During the discussions, Ms. Anca Dragu emphasised that, in a context marked by rapid technological transformations and emerging risks, central banks must combine vigilance with the capacity to adopt innovations in order to strengthen the resilience of financial infrastructures and ensure the safe functioning of critical systems.

"The National Bank of Moldova has integrated advanced technologies into its operational processes, enhancing institutional resilience and the security of systems. A proactive approach, tailored to changes, is necessary to support the efficient functioning of financial infrastructures, and the exchange of ideas in such platforms contributes to a better understanding of common challenges," stated the NBM Governor.

In this context, Ms. Anca Dragu referenced the MIA Instant Payment System, created by the National Bank of Moldova, as a relevant regional example of using digital technologies to modernise payment services and improve user experience. Currently, one in every two bank account holders in Moldova uses this system for payments, reflecting the widespread adoption of digital solutions in daily life.

Moreover, as the panel moderator, the NBM Governor emphasised the importance of international cooperation among central banks: "International cooperation allows central banks to learn from each other and adopt best practices arising from diverse experiences. This knowledge exchange plays a crucial role in strengthening institutional capacity and adapting financial infrastructures to new technological challenges."

The Brussels event is part of a series of international conferences organised alternately by the National Bank of Belgium and De Nederlandsche Bank, initiated in 2014, which has become a high-level dialogue platform for the central bank governors of the IMF's OEDNE Constituency. This includes the Netherlands, Belgium, Romania, Moldova, Israel, Armenia, Georgia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Luxembourg, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine, and Andorra.

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