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The NBM Governor, Ms Anca Dragu, participates in the international conference “Tech Talks 2026”

The Governor of the National Bank of Moldova, Ms Anca Dragu, is taking part in the “Tech Talks 2026” conference, a major event dedicated to international dialogue on technology, its social and economic impact, and the role of innovation in enhancing competitiveness. The event is organised by the Politehnica University Timișoara.

This year’s edition, entitled “Irreplaceable. The future needs humans”, explores the decisive role of the human factor in a world increasingly shaped by the rapid development of artificial intelligence and predictive algorithms.

The conference brings together voices shaping the global technology and societal agenda, a highlight of the event is the public dialogue between Mr Mario Draghi, former Prime Minister of Italy, former President of the European Central Bank, and author of the report on the future of European competitiveness commissioned by the European Commission, and Mr Richard Quest, the British journalist renowned for his analyses of global economic trends and interviews with world leaders in technology and other key sectors.

During the conference, Ms Anca Dragu exchanged views with Mr Mario Draghi on new technologies, competitiveness, and the importance of using these tools in the process of integrating into the European financial market.

In the discussions, Ms Dragu emphasised the transformative impact of new AI-based technologies on the economy and the financial system.

The Governor also highlighted the importance of retaining the human element in decision-making: “Technology must be used responsibly, within clear rules, with data protection, rigorous risk management, and preservation of human judgement in the decision-making process.”

The Governor of the National Bank noted that the institution is developing an internal governance framework for artificial intelligence, as well as an AI-based internal assistant for rapid access to institutional information, data analysis, and processing initiatives integrated within the SupTech domain and digital infrastructures.

“Tech Talks 2026” forms part of a series of initiatives promoting dialogue between institutions, academia, and the technology sector, providing an important platform for exchanging ideas, best practices, and solutions relevant to digital transformation and competitiveness enhancement.

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