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## NBM kicked off International Financial Education Week with an innovative initiative to bring the world of finance closer to young people

Global Money Week kicked off with a unique initiative at the National Bank of Moldova. NBM Governor Anca Dragu welcomed students from Aristotle Republican Theoretical Lyceum, who were eager to learn about the decision-making process behind monetary policy.

The students prepared information on the situation in the external environment, the country's economic activity, the evolution of inflation and its forecast, based on data from the previous month, and presented it in an interactive exercise to simulate the monetary policy meeting.

The young people assumed roles such as First Deputy Governor, Deputy Governors, Secretary to the Executive Board, and representatives from departments of the central bank with high responsibility, actively participating in debates and formulating monetary policy recommendations.

The event featured a question-and-answer session, where students had the opportunity to ask the Governor and the NBM team questions on various economics and financial matters.

“Financial education is very important for the younger generation. We need to equip our children with the necessary behavioural skills, attitudes, and financial knowledge that will enable them to lead a prosperous and wealthy life. That's why today, we in the industry must do our best to provide them with all educational opportunities”, emphasised Anca Dragu during the exercise, which was held for the first time at the Central Bank.

For their part, the students were enthusiastic about such an educational experience, noting its role in deepening their comprehension of monetary policy mechanisms and challenges, while also emphasising the importance of financial education from an early age.

“Involving young people in the decision-making process not only gives them a real perspective on the importance of monetary policy, but also inspire them to become responsible and well-informed citizens capable of contributing to the sustainable development of the economy”, remarked the NBM Governor.

The event is part of a series of activities organised by the National Bank to mark Global Money Week, which runs from 18 to 24 March.

Workshops were also held at the National Museum of History of Moldova, organised in collaboration with the Independent Analytical Centre “Expert-Grup” as part of the national campaign “Financial Education for All”, alongside visits to the exhibition hall of the NBM.

Throughout the week, a series of interactive events on financial topics focussed on children and young people will be organised both at the National Bank of Moldova and the National History Museum of Moldova, encompassing activities such as solving the puzzle of the four coins bearing the coat of arms of the Republic of Moldova and the numismatic exhibition “Old coins...New coins...”.









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