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Republic of Moldova in regional economic dialogue: NBM Governor Anca Dragu at the "Economic Trends 2025" event

The Governor of the National Bank of Moldova, Anca Dragu, participated today in the international conference "Economic Trends 2025", organized by the European Patronage of Businesswomen (PEFA) at the NBR Arenas in Bucharest. The event brought together officials from central financial institutions and representatives of the economic sectors of Romania and the Republic of Moldova, in a framework aimed at facilitating the exchange of ideas and identifying solutions to economic challenges.

At the official opening of the event, the Governor of the National Bank of Moldova emphasized that the country is undergoing a phase of profound transformation, reaffirming its commitment to European integration and economic modernization. 'Moldova has been repositioned on the world map, alongside the great European family,' stated Ms. Anca Dragu, highlighting the Moldovan authorities' dedication to reforms and modernization.

The Governor also spoke about the inflation trajectory, notingthat forecasts indicate a gradual return to the target range by the end of the year, which will help maintain macroeconomic stability and confidence in monetary policies.

A key point in the NBM Governor's speech was the recent integration of the Republic of Moldova into the European SEPA payments area - a major achievement for the national economy, facilitating fast, low-cost transfers between Moldova and Europe. Additionally, the success of the national instant payment system, MIA, launched a year ago, reflects the dynamic progress of financial services digitization in the Republic of Moldova. Today, one in three banked individuals in Moldova makes payments through MIA. "The National Bank of Moldova continues to encourage the use of digital payments, and MIA is an important step towards a modern, efficient and accessible financial system for all. The rapid adoption of this system by citizens and businesses reflects a clear desire formodernization and alignment with European standards", emphasized Anca Dragu.

At the same time, the Governor of the NBM advocated forgender equality in the economy, encouraging women’s participation in management positions and reducing the wage gap. In the context of the conference organized by PEFA, Ms Dragu emphasized that equal opportunities are essential for sustainable economic development. In this spirit, the NBM has recently launched the "FinanciarELE – Women’s Leadership Community" project, which supports the development of women's financial and leadership skills through education, mentorship and professional guidance. "Equality is not just an ideal, but a prerequisite for a functional, innovative and sustainable economy", concluded the Governor.

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