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# NBM Governor Anca Dragu at the Entrepreneurship Academy: Moldova Among Top Countries in Global Gender Equality Ranking

The Governor of the National Bank of Moldova (NBM), Anca Dragu, participated as a special guest at the event "Entrepreneurship Academy - Women of Moldova 2025", organised by the Women's Alliance of Moldova. During the motivational session, the Governor delivered an inspiring speech on gender equality and the role of women in the economic and social transformation of the Republic of Moldova.

"Gender equality is not just a democratic ideal, but a practical necessity for the sustainable development of our society", emphasised Ms. Anca Dragu.

The NBM Governor referred to the latest data from the Global Gender Gap Index, according to which the Republic of Moldova ranks 7th out of 148 countries, a significant rise compared to 13th place in 2024 and 19th in 2023. This ranking places Moldova among the world's top countries in promoting gender equality, alongside Germany, Sweden, and Norway. "We are taking firm steps towards a world in which women and men, girls and boys have equal opportunities to assert themselves in public and professional life," stated the NBM Governor.

At the same time, Anca Dragu drew attention to the fact that, despite the progress made, gender gaps persist across all four dimensions analysed by the index: economy, education, health, and politics.

The Governor emphasised the active contribution of the National Bank of Moldova to supporting female leadership, mentioning the project "FinanciarELE - the Women's leadership community", which provides support to women throughout their professional journey. "Central banks not only shape the architecture of the financial system, but also have a responsibility to promote equitable policies. At the NBM, 64% of employees are women, and 53% of management positions are held by women. These figures place the NBM among the financial institutions with the best gender representation in Europe, according to OMFIF assessments. Our performance reflects our institutional commitment and a paradigm shift in which professional excellence, competence and gender balance are pillars of sustainable development," added Anca Dragu.

The NBM Governor expressed her ongoing support for initiatives that promote women's potential across all sectors and encouraged women to take on decision-making roles, start businesses and contribute to shaping a modern and inclusive Moldova.

The event brought together women entrepreneurs and leaders from across the country in a setting dedicated to personal and professional development, connecting between generations, and supporting for women's initiatives.

The Entrepreneurship Academy 2025 included practical workshops, mentoring sessions, and pitching (presentation of business ideas), contributing to the consolidation of a network of women active in the economy, society, and public administration.

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