

# Moldovan PM has discussions with President of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development



The projects implemented in Moldova with the support of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), as well as this year's priorities in the field of infrastructure have been discussed by Prime Minister Alexandru Munteanu and EBRD President Odile Renaud-Basso.

The Prime Minister underlined the importance of EBRD's support for the projects that underpin the transformations launched in Moldova, the implementation of the European agenda and the attraction of foreign investment into the national economy. The PM also spoke about priority projects in the energy sector and in railway and road infrastructure, which will improve domestic connectivity and links with Romania and the European Union.

Over the past four years, Moldova has made significant progress in strengthening energy independence by diversifying energy sources and interconnecting networks with the European Union, including through the Vulcanesti-Chisinau power line. Construction works are in the final stage and the first operational tests are planned for February-March 2026. At the same time, Moldova will build two other strategic power lines: the Straseni-Gutinas Line and the Balti-Suceava Line.

Another major project is the construction of a 25-km segment of electrified railway between Iasi and Ungheni, with European gauge, which will allow modern trains to run between Moldova and Romania and will open significant economic opportunities for businesspeople of Moldova. Another project is the construction of the A1 Motorway—the first motorway in our country—an extension of Romania's A8 Motorway that will directly interconnect Romania-Chisinau-Odesa.

It is also planned to complete the construction of the Falciu railway bridge and reopen the Cahul-Galati line, meant for both freight traffic and passenger transport. At the same time, major projects, such as European Village and European Courtyard, will continue, aimed at modernizing settlements and improving people's living standards.

The sides reviewed new opportunities for cooperation in light of the established priorities, including in the energy sector, stressing that 67 projects were currently

active, with a cumulative value of 1.1 million euros in various sectors, and that about 24 per cent of the EBRD project portfolio is directed towards supporting enterprises.

The EBRD is the largest institutional investor in Moldova, having so far contributed almost 2.9 billion euros to 193 projects in Moldova, of which 64 per cent of the portfolio is meant for infrastructure.

