Efficient resources' management for roads' maintenance, preparations for winter season in Moldova discussed at Road Fund Council's meeting



Improving the efficiency of financial resources allocated to road infrastructure, improving the condition of national roads and preparing them for the 2026–2027 winter season have been the main topics discussed at a meeting of the Road Fund Council, chaired by Prime Minister Vasile Tofan.

The PM stressed the need for greater transparency in managing public funds and identifying solutions to reduce roads' maintenance costs. Vasile Tofan noted that, although budget allocations for national and local road infrastructure had increased by 29 per cent, the additional funding must be accompanied by greater efficiency in the use of resources.

"We cannot increase funding indefinitely. Through privatization, we can raise the efficiency of using these funds by 25–30 per cent in the future," said the prime minister, referring to the experience of privatizing the road maintenance company from Balti, where the maintenance costs per kilometer of road are approximately 30 per cent lower.

At the same time, the PM called for the identification of long-term solutions to halt the deterioration of roads' infrastructure, including carrying out preventive maintenance works and extending the service life of roads. In the context, Infrastructure and Regional Development Minister Vladimir Bolea said that a performance-based roads' maintenance programme had been developed, which would help protect investments made in roads' infrastructure.

According to the report presented by the National Roads' Administration, during the first nine months of 2026, more than 1.41 billion lei was used from the Road Fund, representing approximately 77 per cent of the approved budget. Around 997 million lei was used for the maintenance of national public roads, while more than 207 million lei was allocated to the reconstruction, rehabilitation and capital repair of roads and bridges.

As for preparations for the cold season, 477 road vehicles and pieces of equipment will be mobilized for snow removal and de-icing operations, with their readiness level exceeding 85 per cent. The authorities have stocks of more than 20,000 tons of road salt and 5,300 tons of anti-skid material, while an additional 21,000 tons of road salt have been contracted.

To ensure prompt interventions, snow-clearing equipment is fitted with GPS systems, while traffic conditions on national roads are monitored in real time through 50 video cameras. The operational service of the National Roads' Administration operates around the clock, in coordination with other emergency services. The PM welcomed the measures taken to prepare road infrastructure in advance for the winter season.

The participants in the meeting also reviewed a proposal to amend the Programme for the Allocation of Road Fund Resources for National Public Roads for 2026, in the context of increasing allocations by 300 million lei to 2.12 billion lei. Under the proposal, more than 1.44 billion lei will be allocated to the maintenance of national public roads, including approximately 303 million lei for winter maintenance.

