

# **The current dynamics of the negotiation process on the Transnistrian settlement was discussed at a meeting between Deputy Prime Minister Oleg Serebrian and Ambassador-at-Large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Paun Rohovei**



On January 29, 2024, at the initiative of Chisinau, a working meeting was held between Deputy Prime Minister for Reintegration Oleg Serebrian and Ambassador-at-Large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Paun Rohovei, accompanied by Ambassador of Ukraine to the Republic of Moldova H.E. Marko Shevchenko.

The officials discussed the current dynamics of the negotiation process on the Transnistrian settlement, the actions of the Moldovan authorities on the economic and social reintegration of the Transnistrian region, as well as some current topics on the bilateral agenda of the Intergovernmental Moldovan-Ukrainian Joint Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation.

Ukraine's firm support for achieving the main goal of the final settlement of the Transnistrian conflict by exclusively peaceful means while respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country was confirmed.

In this context, Kyiv's position was again outlined regarding the impossibility to sit down at the negotiating table on issues of the Transnistrian settlement in the presence of the Russian Federation, which continues to wage a brutal aggressive war against the people and territorial integrity of Ukraine.

It was mentioned that the opening of negotiations on accession to the European Union for the Republic of Moldova and Ukraine offers multiple opportunities, including in the territorial and sectoral reintegration policies of both countries.

During the discussions, aspects of regional security were also touched upon, and it was noted that any attempts to artificially create provocations in the eastern regions of the

country will receive an appropriate response in order to avoid outbreaks of tension and maintain an atmosphere of security and predictability.

