

# PM Dorin Recean discusses with guesthouse, restaurant owners of central Moldova district



Prime Minister Dorin Recean in Butuceni met guesthouse and restaurant owners in the region, members of the National Association for Inbound and Domestic Tourism of Moldova (ANTRIM).

"Rural tourism revitalizes and develops villages, boosting our economy. We will continue to make the sector even more attractive, providing governmental support for the modernization of guesthouses, restaurants and tourist infrastructure, as well as for the digitalization of tourism businesses," said the prime minister.

PM Dorin Recean noted that, in addition to subsidies provided to industry operators, the government continuously invested in the development of roads', water, and sewage infrastructure, which is essential for the accessibility of tourist attractions. At the same time, the prime minister urged entrepreneurs to make the most of local products, noting that tourist destinations in Orhei and the local gastronomy were becoming increasingly popular among foreign tourists.

They also discussed the provisions of the new draft law that will support the development of domestic tourism. This week, the document will be examined by the Parliament.

Among the innovations that will facilitate the activity of entrepreneurs in the tourism sector, there are the inclusion of new concepts ("vacation voucher," "tourist route," "tour-operating agency"), the development of the regulation on the mechanism for non-reimbursable financing of projects by non-commercial organizations in the field of tourism and the establishment of the status and activity of the National Tourism Office.

Also, the list of activities for tourism agencies will be expanded for the development of inbound and domestic tourism; various procedures will be simplified and optimized, and tourist destinations can be established at the proposal of individuals and legal entities. A Unified Register of Economic Agents in the Tourism Sector of Moldova will be created, in order to provide complete information about the tourism market structure, tourism agencies and their type of activity.

The rural tourism sector is of strategic importance for the Orhei district, home to some of the country's most popular tourist attractions - the Orheiul Vechi (Old Orhei) cultural-natural reserve, Curchi Monastery, Orhei National Park and the Trebujeni and Tiganești reserves, among others.

