

Moldovan PM meets United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

18 January 2025, Chişinău - Moldova's role in the management of the regional challenges and the government's effort in providing the long-term protection to people who fled the war from Ukraine have been discussed at a meeting of Prime Minister Dorin Recean with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi and Resident Coordinator of United Nations Organization in Moldova Yasim Oruc.

The PM appreciated the support of the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), provided to consolidate the capacities of preparation for emergency situations, mobilization of the international assistance and backing of Ukrainian refugees, through ensuring the access to vital services.

„Together, we managed to create the mechanisms necessary for the protection and social and economic inclusion of the refugees. We are grateful to UNHCR and, at the same time, we are proud of Moldova's people for their active involvement to provide aid. We will continue taking care of those over 135,000 Ukrainians who chose to remain in our country and provide them with the comfort needed,” PM Dorin Recean said.

The discussions also highlighted the way the refugees' integration was aligned with the European Moldova Strategy 2030. According to the officials, the refugees contribute with entrepreneurial abilities and help solve the deficit of labour force in critical sectors, consolidating the inclusive development of Moldova and the goals of integration into the European Union.

The High Commissioner appreciated the way the Moldovan authorities coped with the regional energy crisis and the efforts made to support the residents with high risk of vulnerability, including the refugees present all over Moldova.

The sides also discussed Moldova's role in Ukraine's recovery, as the country is placed strategically as a centre for international donors and private investors, which makes it a fit destination for the coordination of the relations of supply and mobilizing the efforts of the private sector.