

Protocol
7th session of the Moldovan - Polish Commission
on Economic Cooperation

The 7th session of the Moldovan – Polish Commission on Economic Cooperation (hereinafter referred to as the Commission), established under the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the Government of Republic of Poland signed on 7th of September 2006, was held in Chisinau on 26th of June 2025.

The delegation of the Republic of Moldova was headed by Cristina Ceban, State Secretary, Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization.

The delegation of the Republic of Poland was headed by Michał Baranowski, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology.

The lists of the Moldovan and Polish delegations are attached in the Annexes 1 and 2.

The Sides approved the Agenda of the 7th session of the Commission:

- trade and investment cooperation, entrepreneurship development
- cooperation in financial and customs fields
- cooperation in the field of environmental protection, green technologies and energy security
- development cooperation
- cooperation in forestry
- cooperation in the field of regional policy and urban development
- cooperation in the field of agriculture
- cooperation in the field of infrastructure
- cooperation in the field of labour migrations
- cooperation in the field of cybersecurity and telecommunications
- cooperation in metrology
- cooperation in the field of education and research
- cooperation in the field of standardization
- cooperation in the field of tourism
- cooperation in the field of statistics

The Commission expressed its appreciation for the Polish support for the Republic of Moldova, especially in the context of Moldova's European Union accession process. It is important to mention, that during the 10th session of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Republic of Moldova and the Republic of Poland, held on 13 May 2025, members of the Assembly approved a joint declaration targeting the European path and assistance in implementing development reforms in the Republic of Moldova.

1. Trade and investment cooperation, entrepreneurship development

According to the data of the National Bureau of Statistics of Moldova the Republic of Poland remains one of the main trade partners of the Republic of Moldova for many years.

In 2024, the Republic of Moldova, exported goods to the Republic of Poland in the amount of USD 153,4 million, which is 14,9% more than in 2023, and imported goods in the amount of USD 355,5 million, which is 12,2% more compared to 2023.

Significant shares in the structure of exports to the Republic of Poland in 2024 were recorded for the following goods: fruit and vegetable juices, wires, cables and other insulated electrical conductors, apricots, cherries, peaches, grapes, wines, sunflower seeds, chairs, men's or boy's suits, tubes, pipes and hollow profiles.

In the structure of imports from the Republic of Poland in 2024, significant shares were accounted for by the following groups of goods: cheese and cottage cheese, refrigerators, freezers, cigarettes, machinery and equipment, electrical equipment and their parts, pork, harvesting machines and equipment, medicaments, organic surface-active agents, chocolate, and other food preparations containing cocoa.

According to the Statistics Poland data for 2024, Polish exports to Moldova reached the value of EUR 394.8 million (+8.9%), and imports from Moldova to Poland EUR 173.5 million (+4.4%). Polish exports to Moldova in 2024 were dominated by machinery and equipment (refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, RTV equipment, water heaters) - 25.13% of Polish exports to Moldova, non-rail vehicles (7.48%), plastics (7%), meat and edible offal (4.5%) and dairy products (4.28%). Imports from Moldova to Poland in 2024 were dominated by processed vegetables and fruits (28.2% of Polish imports from Moldova), edible fruits and nuts (17.23%), cast iron and steel (12.76%), electrical machinery and equipment (11.68%) and agri-food products (apple juice, wine), 6.33% of Polish imports from Moldova.

According to the Public Services Agency of the Republic of Moldova, at the end of 2024, there were 86 companies with Polish capital registered in Moldova, with investments in social capital totaling MDL 230.3 million. By the value of invested capital, Poland ranked 12th among the main investors in the Republic of Moldova.

The Commission expressed its satisfaction with the investment plans of Polish companies in the Republic of Moldova, including those relating to the wine market.

The Commission noted that involvement in the Reform and Growth Facility for Moldova is an opportunity to further strengthen Moldovan – Polish cooperation.

At the same time, the Polish Side drew attention to the difficult situation of the Polish investor involved in sugar production. Due to frequent droughts and reduced beet yields, sugar production costs in Moldova are increasing. In this context, it is necessary to support sugar beet producers and protect the sugar market from cheap sugar imported from outside the EU. The continuation of this situation seriously threatens the profitability of domestic production and risks the extinction of unprofitable production.

The Polish Side also drew attention to the need to improve the business climate and create fair conditions for competition without preferential treatment of certain entities.

The Commission assessed that the trade and investment potential of both countries is greater and recommended taking active measures to create favourable conditions for trade and investment in both markets. These measures include organizing trade missions, business forums, fairs, exhibitions, and workshops to support bilateral cooperation between Moldovan and Polish entrepreneurs, as well as facilitating the exchange of experience and information on trade, investment conditions, entrepreneurship, and support programs for foreign investors.

The Commission noted that Polish Investment and Trade Agency is undertaking a number of activities aimed at developing Moldovan – Polish economic cooperation and strengthening business and investment ties between companies from both countries. In particular, based on the cooperation agreement signed with Invest Moldova, economic missions and business forums are being organized, including as part of the meetings of the Moldovan – Polish Economic Cooperation Commission (June 26, 2025), as well as participation in major conferences and exhibitions such as Moldova Business Week and the Moldova Digital Summit.

Ongoing cooperation with the business community helps to identify problems and barriers to accessing the Moldovan market and supports the implementation of effective tools for promoting exports, investments, and development projects in Moldova.

The Polish Side has emphasized the importance of cooperation in organizing training sessions related to attracting investment and enhancing the investment appeal of Moldovan regions. This includes developing professional investment offers by local government units, providing services to foreign investors, promoting investments, and facilitating the exchange of knowledge and experience in these areas.

The development of business cooperation between the two countries has been supported since 2018 by the Moldovan – Polish Development and Entrepreneurship Center located in Chisinau, which serves to increase economic exchange, implements development aid projects and brings together Polish communities. The Center provides expert services to Polish companies and business organizations interested in contacts with Moldovan partners.

Both Sides emphasized the need to further strengthen cooperation in the field of supporting small and medium-sized enterprises and innovation, by organising next workshops, seminars, study tours and other initiatives aimed at connecting entrepreneurs from both countries, including Moldovan – Polish trade missions and business meetings.

The Polish Agency for Enterprise Development has expressed its willingness to exchange experience with business environment institutions from the Republic of Moldova, especially in the area of start-up development, internationalisation of companies and competence improvement.

2. Cooperation in financial and customs fields

The Sides agreed to enhance the cooperation in the development of customs in areas covered by the EU-Moldova Association Agreement, especially those related to trade facilitation, anti-fraud activity and the exchange of experience.

The Moldovan Side expressed its interest in intensifying the collaboration with the Polish Side in the organization of study visits and trainings in the following areas:

- Customs control of postal and express items (e-commerce)
- The activity of canine teams
- Application of international restrictive measures on companies and goods: identification methods, measures applied, collaboration with other institutions.

3. Cooperation in the field of environmental protection, green technologies and energy security

The Moldovan Side encourages cooperation between JSC "Energocom" and Polish Economic Entities and Institutions regarding access to alternative gas sources, and works on electricity sector development, recognizing Poland's role in diversifying energy sources in the region and its experience in integrating into European electricity and natural gas markets.

The Sides are supporting the idea of deeper collaboration between Polish traders and Polish Power Exchange with JSC "Energocom" directed to procure gas from alternative sources, either through spot purchases or long-term contracts. The Republic of Poland has secured its energy independence through access to alternative natural gas sources, including the Świnoujście LNG terminal (importing gas from the U.S., Qatar, and Norway) and the Baltic Pipe pipeline, which transports gas from Norway via Denmark. Additionally, Poland has an extensive network of interconnections with Germany, Lithuania, Slovakia, Czechia and Ukraine, facilitating flexible gas flows.

The Sides support multilateral cooperation by electricity market entities within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding on the intention to cooperate with and integrate Ukraine's and Moldova's electricity markets into the Single European Electricity Market signed on 28 November 2024. Additionally, Poland's advancements in connecting large-scale renewable energy and energy storage projects, could be an area of mutual cooperation with Moldovan Side.

The Polish Side is interested in participation in the cooperation aiming at increasing energy system resilience. This is particularly relevant given the Republic of Poland's position as a regional leader in energy security strategies, demonstrated by being among the first countries in the region to completely phase out Russian gas, implementing effective policies for supplier diversification and reducing energy vulnerabilities, along with significant gas storage capacities that ensure supply stability.

The Moldovan Side, in cooperation with the Polish Side, could adopt models for managing its domestic balancing market, which is currently not fully operational. Concerning balancing markets and energy storage solutions, Polish companies' investments in gas-fired power plants and battery storage for energy system stabilization offer valuable experience for potential collaboration.

The Moldovan Side (JSC "Energocom") could explore direct participation on the Polish Power Exchange (TGE) platform (via its Romanian subsidiary, Energocom Gas & Power SRL) or indirectly through Polish traders, leveraging Poland's integration into European energy and gas markets. In this context, participation of Polish companies in European gas markets could facilitate JSC "Energocom" access to European markets. The companies could facilitate access to broader European markets for JSC "Energocom".

The Sides will collaborate on technological solutions and cybersecurity protection, leveraging Poland's experience in market digitalization and securing energy infrastructure, as Moldova works to modernize its energy market. This collaboration is built on Poland's successful implementation of advanced digitalization and cybersecurity systems within its own energy sector.

The Polish Side will present green technologies covered by the program of the Ministry of Climate and Environment of the Republic of Poland "GreenEvo - Green Technology

Accelerator" in the areas of: waste management, water and sewage management, passive houses, renewable energy sources, energy saving and air and environmental protection program and reviewing and expanding the cooperation through:

- Identifying pilot projects in Moldova (2025–2027) in the fields of waste management, passive houses, water treatment, air pollution reduction, and circular economy.
- Organizing a joint forum or technical mission in Chişinău with Polish technology providers to facilitate B2G/B2B partnerships.

The Sides will collaborate in the creation of a Moldovan-Polish Green Innovation Working Group to coordinate transfer and adaptation of green technologies.

The Moldovan Side encourages joint renewable energy, energy efficiency, and local development projects in public lighting modernization, photovoltaic installations on public buildings and waste-to-energy initiatives.

The Sides will identify 3 - 5 priority local development projects in Moldova where the participation of Polish companies can be facilitated through investment or tied aid credit mechanisms, for the years 2025–2026.

The Moldovan Side will explore the implementation of financial support mechanisms for energy efficiency, drawing inspiration from Poland's diverse funding programs, including grants and subsidized loans for renewable energy and building energy efficiency. In this context, Moldova may consider establishing a system that includes Energy Service Companies (ESCOs). The Polish model offers a valuable framework that Moldova can adapt to foster public-private partnerships and advance long-term energy efficiency goals. To facilitate this process, the Moldovan Side proposes organizing study visits to Poland to learn best practices in implementing energy efficiency projects, monitoring energy consumption, and deploying the ESCO mechanism.

The Polish Side will explore the opportunity for energy market entities to participate in the new round of RES tenders during the period 2025-2026, including for generation projects in combination with battery storage, component to increase grid stability and reduce imbalances and also thus contributing to the expansion and diversification of Republic of Moldova energy infrastructure by implementing cutting-edge and sustainable technologies.

The Moldovan Side encourages Polish companies to participate in the modernization of existing power and thermal power plants, develop new cogeneration plants and expresses interest in Polish experience in managing the energy efficiency of buildings. There is also a particular interest in accessing European funds, through Moldovan-Polish partnerships, for the implementation of large-scale projects in the fields of cogeneration and renewable energy.

The National Center for Sustainable Energy (PI NCSE) will cooperate in several sectors:

1. Establishing cooperation between PI NCSE and The Polish National Energy Conservation Agency (KAPE) through signing a MoU on improvement of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Sources promotion;
2. Presentation of the Polish green technologies covered by the program of the Ministry of Climate and Environment of the Republic of Poland "GreenEvo - Green Technology Accelerator" in the areas of: waste management, water and sewage management, passive construction, renewable energy sources, energy saving and air and environmental protection program and reviewing and expanding the cooperation through: encouraging

joint Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, and Local Development projects in: public lighting modernization; photovoltaic installations on public buildings; waste-to-energy initiatives; waste management; passive houses ; water treatment; circular economy.

The Sides agreed to cooperate on:

- waste management, especially on separate collection systems, automated sorting facilities and waste-to-energy centres. Also, an important aspect is administrative capacity building in the development and implementation of regional waste management plans,
- organisation of joint training on waste monitoring, control and traceability,
- circular economy based on a common framework for monitoring progress on circularisation in partnership with research and statistical institutes in Poland.

The Moldovan Side expressed interest in adopting the best Polish practices regarding state policies for circular economy especially for integration of circular economy indicators into the National Statistical System.

The Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection (GIOŚ) declares the possibility to provide technical assistance to the Moldovan Side in the process of adapting national law to the requirements of Directive 2012/18/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 4 July 2012 on the control of major-accident hazards involving dangerous substances, amending and subsequently repealing Council Directive 96/82/EC (Seveso III Directives).

Creation of a Moldovan-Polish Green Innovation WG to coordinate transfer and adaptation of green technologies.

The Commission noted that the accompanying event of the Commission meeting is a workshop for Moldovan experts conducted by the Polish Side in the field of energy efficiency of buildings and financing of the “My electricity” and “Clean air” programs, which is the implementation of the Memorandum signed in November 2024 between the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of the Republic of Poland and the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Moldova.

4. Development cooperation

Polish aid for Moldova is focused on strengthening institutional capacity and supporting reforms associated with Moldova’s EU accession process, enhancing of national and local crisis management systems, promoting of entrepreneurship and advancing of municipal policy. Actions aiming at building strong institutions will be implemented by the Polish administration bodies and within the framework of the Eastern Partnership Academy of Public Administration (AAPPW). Polish aid projects will also aim at supporting sustainable economic growth, promoting women entrepreneurship from rural areas, biotechnological innovations in agriculture as well as sustainable tourism which enables job creation and promotion of local products.

5. Cooperation in forestry

The Sides agreed to enhance the cooperation on institutional capacity building and exchange of best practices on multifunctional forest planning, forest protection against pests and fires, sustainable use of wood and forest by-products in the context of implementation of the National Forest Extension and Rehabilitation Programme.

6. Cooperation in the field of regional policy and urban development

In the context of building institutional and administrative capacity for effective territorial development, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development of the Republic of Moldova and the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy of the Republic of Poland expressed their commitment to intensifying cooperation in the field of integrated urban development, particularly urban revitalization as an instrument of regional development policy at the local level. These efforts are aligned with European principles of place-based development, cohesion, and sustainable urban transformation. Strengthening capacities in this area is essential for ensuring effective, inclusive and resilient development of Moldovan cities. The Parties agree to focus their cooperation on the following areas:

- Updating the Urban Revitalization Guidelines to align them with European principles and best practices in urban planning and intervention;
- Updating the Guide on urban revitalization for cities in the Republic of Moldova to provide local authorities with a practical tool inspired by the European model and adapted to the needs of the Republic of Moldova;
- Identification of opportunities for providing financial support for the funding of the project portfolio from the National Program for the Development of Growth Cities in the Republic of Moldova for 2021–2027, which have been included in the Growth Plan for the Republic of Moldova.

Furthermore, in the context of Moldova's EU accession process and in light of the requirements under Chapter 22 of the EU acquis, both parties underline the importance of strengthening institutional capacity for strategic programming, coordination, and the effective use of European funds. In this regard, enhanced cooperation is needed to support the exchange of best practices, institutional learning, and administrative preparation for future participation in cohesion policy instruments. This includes cooperation aimed at consolidating institutional capacities to identify the financial mechanisms/sources necessary for the efficient implementation of regional and urban development policies, programs and projects in the Republic of Moldova.

The Commission welcomed the cooperation between the Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development of the Republic of Moldova and the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy of the Republic of Poland in the area of European integration, regional and urban development policy. Within the framework of the aforementioned cooperation, the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy of the Republic of Poland is implementing a project in Moldova funded by Polish Aid titled "Support of public administration in Moldova in the process of integration with the EU in the area of European funds management - continuation" (implementation period 2024-2025), with the participation of the Institute of Urban and Regional Development and the Polish Investment and Trade Agency (PAIH). The project from the Moldovan side involves the State Chancellery of the Republic of Moldova and the Regional Development Agencies. At the same time, the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy of the Republic of Poland has expressed its readiness to continue cooperation in the above-mentioned areas in the coming years.

7. Cooperation in the field of agriculture

- Establishing cooperation relations between the Agricultural and Rural Advisory Center (Centrul de Consiliere Agricolă și Rurală) of the Republic of Moldova and the Agricultural Advisory Center in Brwinów through the signing of a collaboration agreement regarding the exchange of best practices and experience in agricultural advisory services, joint training programs, and professional development for agricultural advisors, etc. External funding would contribute to deepening and accelerating the cooperation processes.
- Establishing cooperation relations between the National Center for Seed Research and Production, the National Institute for Applied Research in Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine of the Republic of Moldova, and the Institute of Plant Breeding and Acclimatization (IHAR-PIB) in Poland, with the aim of carrying out joint activities in the field of plant research and breeding.
- Taking action in order to facilitate trade in goods and work towards elimination of trade barriers, including non-tariff barriers.
- Establishing cooperative relations between the Agency for Intervention and Payments in Agriculture (AIPA) of the Republic of Moldova and the Agency for Restructuring and Modernisation of Agriculture (ARMA) of the Republic of Poland, by signing a cooperation agreement on promoting the further development of good relations and strengthening ongoing efforts in the area of mutual interest regarding EU policies and implementations in the field of agricultural and rural development.
- Exchanging information on support measures for farmers suffering as a result of climatic phenomena (hail, drought, late frosts, etc.).
- Adopting Polish best practices regarding state policies for the creation and development of family farms and the application of economic support instruments for them.
- Exchange of experience in the creation of rural development networks, implementation of local development strategies by local action groups, and encouragement of local development and cooperation initiatives in the field of rural development through the LEADER Programme.
- Joint participation in bilateral projects and within European programs such as HORIZON EUROPE.
- Establishing bilateral relations between livestock sector associations of both countries with the aim of developing joint projects for experience exchange.
- Examining and identifying sources of funding for the implementation of investment projects of mutual interest in the livestock sector of the Republic of Moldova, particularly for the modernization of farms, followed by the development of logistics infrastructure and storage units for animal products.
- Assessing opportunities to equip livestock farms with machinery-provided in the form of grants-for fodder harvesting and production, compound feed manufacturing, biogas production, animal watering and feeding systems, as well as for cleaning facilities and manure removal.
- Inspection and Control Capacity Building: Joint training programs for Moldovan inspectors on risk-based planning, sampling methodologies, detection of non-compliances and fraud.

- Public Procurement and Organic Integration: review of Poland's initiatives to include organic products in school and hospital meals, including local sourcing mechanisms.
- Promotion, Awareness and Consumer Trust: Practical exchange on national campaigns such as "Ekologiczna Polska" and "Jemy Eko". Inclusion of Moldovan organic producers in Polish organic fairs or EU-funded promotional platforms. Eco-schemes and agri-environmental support measures.
- Monitoring and Evaluation of Organic Sector Growth: data management, impact indicators, and reporting standards used in Poland for evaluating organic production development. Exchange of tools and templates for strategic planning and stakeholder engagement.
- Practice exchange between Moldova's National Food Safety Agency and Poland's Agricultural and Food Quality Inspection (IJHARS). Training for Moldovan inspectors and evaluators in methods for GI verification with specifications, labeling checks and fraud prevention. Implementation of the planned activities will be possible after prior agreement on both timing and financial terms of the cooperation.

8. Cooperation in the field of infrastructure

In the field of **road transport**, the Sides underlined constructive bilateral cooperation, including engagement in regional road transport organizations as well as the dynamics of contacts at political and expert level and the developed channels of direct contacts between the ministries responsible for road transport issues, which foster a good exchange of information.

Taking into account the current regional context and the fact that the last meeting of the Moldovan-Polish Joint Committee on International Road Transport took place in 2008, the Sides have agreed to organize the next meeting of the Polish - Moldovan Joint Committee on International Road Transport in July 2025 in Warsaw.

In addition, the Moldovan Side expressed its strong interest in strengthening cooperation in the road transport sector, in particular by exchanging best practices and lessons learned in the following areas:

- Poland's experience in digitization of road transport documentation and implementation of e-services for businesses and consumers;
- Poland's approach to the authorization and control of road transport operations.

In this context, the Moldovan side proposed organizing training sessions and exchange visits for the staff of the Ministry and its subordinate institutions.

As a result, the Polish Side has expressed its readiness to support the proposed initiatives through the instruments available under the TAIEX programme. We believe that the organization of expert missions, training sessions, and study visits - particularly in areas falling within the remit of the Road Transport Inspection, such as the digitalization of transport documentation and the authorization and control of road transport operations - can be effectively carried out using this and other available framework. The Polish Side remains available to assist in the preparation of the necessary documentation and to actively engage in the planned cooperation.

Sides agreed that any follow-up or coordination action related to this initiative should be agreed at working level between the interested authorities of both parties responsible for road transport control.

In addition, the Moldovan Side expressed need in the extension of the Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the European Union on the carriage of Freight by Road, done at Lyon on the 29 June 2022 and requested Poland's support in it. Taking into account the complex situation presented by the Polish side, related to the internal crisis in the transport and freight sectors, and at the same time emphasizing the fact that the Moldovan side is interested in the extension of the aforementioned agreement - which, in Republic of Moldova's view, would further highlight the mutually beneficial exchange between the two countries, as well as between the Republic of Moldova and EU Member States - the parties intend to continue the dialogue on this matter with the aim of reaching mutual compromises in the spirit of bilateral and mutually advantageous cooperation.

In the field of **naval transportation**, the Sides have expressed their interest in initiating cooperation between the Moldovan Naval Agency and the Polish Register of Shipping (Polski Rejestr Statków) by signing the Agreement on the technical examination of inland navigation vessels registered in the State Register of Shipping of the Republic of Moldova.

Additionally the Sides have emphasized the need to continue cooperation within the framework of the **International Civil Aviation Organization** and the Polish Side, as the official candidate of the European Civil Aviation Conference in the elections to the ICAO Council for the period 2025–2028, expressed hope for the support of the Moldovan Side in these elections. The Republic of Moldova, in turn, in the spirit of mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of air transport in particular, and the broader transport sector between the two states in general, while emphasizing the importance of ICAO and the deepening of bilateral relations between the parties, expresses the view that Poland's candidature for the ICAO Council for the period 2025-2028 - through a transparent and democratic electoral process - will strengthen the organization and provide new momentum for the development and support of the aviation sectors of the member states, a principle and objective also pursued by the Republic of Moldova.

In the field of **rail transport** the Sides have agreed that Moldova prior to its accession to the European Union, should implement the EU principle of "unbundling" (separation of functions of carrier and infrastructure manager) and Moldovan's railroad lines should be liberalized. The Polish Side can certainly support Moldova in this regard. The use of instruments such as twinning and TAIEX, which provide support for the transposition, implementation and enforcement of EU legislation, may be beneficial to common interests.

In the field of **road infrastructure**, Poland has achieved a significant success in developing road infrastructure – 4700 km of new motorways and expressways in the last 20 years. For the benefit of our future cooperation Ministry of Infrastructure of the Republic of Poland is ready to share knowledge and experience related with financing, designing and constructing the road infrastructure, as well as the cooperation with the contractors.

9. Cooperation in the field of labour migrations

Moldovan Side express interest in cooperation in the field of labour force migration management, particularly sharing of good practices, lessons learned in:

- admission of foreigners (non-EU countries) to the national labour market
- countries
- ethical recruitment on the labour market in the context of ILO Convention 181 on private agencies

- ensuring free movement of workers within the EU

10. Cooperation in the field of cybersecurity and telecommunications

Establishing cooperation relations between the Cyber Security Agency of the Republic of Moldova and the national cyber incident response teams of the Republic of Poland (CSIRT GOV, CSIRT NASK, and CSIRT MON) through the conclusion of a collaboration agreement aimed at the exchange of best practices and information on cyber threats, joint cyber incident simulations, and enhanced coordination in response to cyber-attacks targeting critical infrastructure and public institutions.

Establishing cooperation relations between the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization of the Republic of Moldova and the Ministry of Digital Affairs of the Republic of Poland in order to support the alignment of national cybersecurity legislation with the provisions of the EU NIS2 Directive, including the exchange of experiences and methodologies for the development and implementation of cybersecurity frameworks and standards.

Developing institutional partnerships between Moldovan training and research institutions specialized in cybersecurity and the Polish Cybersecurity Cluster (#CyberMadeInPoland) aimed at implementing joint training programs, academic exchanges, and research initiatives in the field of cybersecurity and emerging technologies.

Establishing cooperation relations between the National Regulatory Agency for Electronic Communications and Information Technology (ANRCETI) of the Republic of Moldova and the Office of Electronic Communications (UKE) of the Republic of Poland for the purpose of exchanging best practices in the development of national broadband strategies, facilitating investments in telecommunications infrastructure, and implementing advanced technologies such as 5G networks.

Establishing cooperation between relevant Moldovan and Polish authorities to jointly address disinformation and hybrid threats, including sharing of strategic approaches, early warning practices, and capacity-building programs for improving information resilience in democratic processes.

Supporting the development and implementation of joint measures to reduce the digital divide by improving access to broadband internet in rural and underserved areas of the Republic of Moldova, based on Poland's experience in eliminating white and grey NGA zones through coordinated national programs and public-private cooperation.

Facilitating the implementation of the above-mentioned activities through face-to-face or virtual meetings, study visits, workshops, and specialized training sessions, including the possibility of incorporating them into a broader EU-funded Twinning project in the field of digitalization, with cybersecurity and telecommunications as key components.

Organizing bilateral meetings, study visits, workshops, and training sessions, both in-person and virtual, in order to support the effective implementation of the agreed activities in the fields of cybersecurity and telecommunications.

Strengthening cooperation between Moldovan and Polish organizations in leveraging funds from the Digital Europe Program can represent a significant step towards fostering digital innovation and resilience in both countries. By working together, Polish and Moldovan partners can share expertise, exchange best practices, and jointly develop projects that address common challenges in areas such as cybersecurity, digital skills, and

the development of advanced digital infrastructure. This collaboration not only maximizes the impact of EU funding but also helps both countries accelerate their digital transformation, enhance competitiveness, and create new opportunities for economic and social growth in the region.

Creating joint certification frameworks for products covered by the Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) will play a crucial role in facilitating technological and service exchanges in the field of cybersecurity between both markets. By aligning certification standards and requirements, Moldovan and Polish organizations can streamline the mutual recognition of cybersecurity products and solutions, reduce barriers to entry, and ensure a higher level of trust and interoperability. Such cooperation will not only simplify cross-border operations but also foster innovation and encourage the adoption of secure digital technologies, ultimately strengthening the overall cyber resilience of both countries.

Cooperation between non-governmental organizations focused on digital education creates unique opportunities for exchanging experiences and developing joint educational programs. By leveraging Moldova's leadership in robotics and Poland's expertise in programming and cybersecurity, both countries can design innovative, cross-border initiatives that address the rapidly changing needs of young people in the digital world. Sharing knowledge, methodologies, and teaching resources will not only raise the quality of digital education, but also inspire the next generation of specialists who are prepared to tackle the challenges of the future. Such collaboration can result in practical workshops, joint competitions, and exchange programs, fostering a vibrant ecosystem of digital skills development in both countries.

11. Cooperation in metrology

The Moldovan Side expresses its interest in mutual consultations, technical visits, joint research projects, interlaboratory comparisons, exchange of experience, as well as organization and participation in training, workshops and seminars in the field of metrology.

The National Metrology Institute of Poland – Central Office of Measures (GUM), in view of the agreement of cooperation with its Moldovan counterpart, concluded in 2017, expresses its interest in developing further cooperation. Development may cover, among others: knowledge transfer, exchange of experience and laboratory practice, conducting inter-laboratory comparisons, organising study visits, training and internships. Moreover, GUM sees potential in scientific and technical cooperation with Moldovan institutions. In particular, GUM sees opportunities for joint activities in the field of nanometrology, digitalisation and artificial intelligence. The detailed scope of possible future cooperation will be established through working contacts.

12. Cooperation in the field of education and research

The Moldovan Side expresses its interest in advancing cooperation in the field of education and research with the Republic of Poland, building on shared European values.

In this regard, the Moldovan Side highlights its ongoing efforts to strengthen the teaching profession through enhanced training and support measures, as well as the modernization of educational infrastructure, including digitalization and the renovation of student dormitories and laboratories.

Higher education institutions in Moldova are encouraged to establish strategic partnerships with Polish universities through joint study programs, mobility schemes, and collaborative research.

The Moldovan Side emphasizes the importance of ensuring that curricula remain relevant to the labor market, and expresses interest in developing joint projects in vocational and technical education, including models based on dual training.

The Moldovan Side expresses its interest in strengthening research cooperation with the Republic of Poland through joint projects, academic exchanges, and collaborative participation in international research initiatives.

Cooperation on digitalization of the education system is also a priority and the Moldovan Side welcomes the opportunity to exchange best practices and explore joint projects in this area.

The Moldovan Side expresses its readiness to collaborate on initiatives related to youth development, sports, and civic engagement, which contribute to strengthening intercultural dialogue and fostering mutual understanding among young generations.

13. Cooperation in the field of standardization

In the context of the Republic of Moldova's recent accession as a full member of CEN and CENELEC, the Institute for Standardization of Moldova (ISM) expresses its interest in establishing a structured partnership with the Polish Committee for Standardization (PKN), with the aim of enhancing bilateral cooperation in the field of European standardization. ISM proposes the exchange of best practices with PKN in the effective management of technical committees, particularly regarding resource planning, expert nomination, and active participation at the European level. Both Sides may explore possibilities for coordinated engagement in selected priority sectors, such as food safety, textiles, and information and communication technologies, through joint participation in relevant CEN/CENELEC technical bodies. Furthermore, ISM is interested in developing its institutional services, including training programs and the digitalization of internal processes, and welcomes Poland's support in these areas. The organization of joint awareness events for SMEs on the implementation of European standards, as well as the development of a shared online training platform for experts and stakeholders, is also proposed as a means to promote standardization as a tool for economic growth and European integration.

14. Cooperation in the field of tourism

The Sides acknowledged the importance of tourism as a catalyst for economic growth, cultural exchange, and regional development. They expressed mutual interest in enhancing bilateral cooperation in this sector through concrete initiatives, with the National Tourism Office of the Republic of Moldova and the Polish Tourism Organisation designated as the respective implementing institutions.

The Sides agreed to facilitate the mutual exchange of information on the legal and regulatory frameworks governing tourism activities.

Recognizing the value of increased visibility in international tourism markets, the Sides agreed to promote and support the organization of cultural exchange events in each other's countries, with the aim of showcasing national heritage, traditions, and touristic offerings to a broader international audience.

In order to support informed policy-making and targeted promotion, the Sides decided to establish a regular mechanism for the exchange of tourism-related statistical data and market research.

Moreover, the Sides expressed their intention to explore the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the National Tourism Office of the Republic of Moldova and the Polish Tourism Organisation.

The Sides agreed to cooperate in the development of thematic tourist itineraries that highlight cultural, historical, and natural attractions in both countries. A joint working group will be established to explore concepts and opportunities for creating cross-border tourism routes, with a focus on enhancing the visibility and accessibility of shared heritage and regional tourism potential.

To strengthen cultural ties and promote mutual understanding, the Sides agreed to support a cultural tourism exchange program involving artists, cultural practitioners, and tradition bearers. The initiative will encourage participation in cultural events and heritage experiences in both countries, fostering deeper connections through travel and shared cultural expression.

15. Cooperation in the field of statistics

The Moldovan Side expresses its interest in intensifying cooperation in the field of statistics to align national statistics with European Union standards. Poland, for its part, would also welcome the continuation of cooperation between the National Bureau of Statistics of Moldova and Statistics Poland.

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The Sides agreed to hold the next session of the Moldovan – Polish Commission on Economic Cooperation in the Republic of Poland. The dates to be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.

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