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Measures supporting Moldova's integration into the EU single market (Pillar 2)

1. Free movement of goods and integration in supply chains

- (1) Conclude an agreement on conformity assessment and acceptance (ACAA) of industrial products to unlock the single market for goods manufactured in Moldova following alignment with the relevant EU *acquis*.
- (2) Explore solutions to strengthen the capacity and independence of its quality infrastructure (including laboratory testing and market surveillance) as well as promote intelligence on EU market access and opportunities.
- (3) Promote full membership of the Moldovan national standardisation body to the three official European Standardisation Organisations, CEN, CENELEC and ETSI.

2. Facilitation of legitimate trade and transport connections as well as enhanced supply chain security

Since May 2022, the Solidarity Lanes have helped improve the EU-Ukraine-Moldova transport connections, boosting trade via road, rail, and inland waterways. In addition, Moldova and the EU closely cooperate in customs, notably through the Mutual Recognition of Authorised Economic Operators (AEO) programmes. Moldova should accede to the Common Transit Convention (CTC) in 2025 and encourage its operators to make full use of the transit procedure to facilitate the border crossing process. Further steps will be explored, including:

- (4) Providing expert assistance through the Customs Programme to simplify and digitalise customs processes, aimed at supporting legitimate business activity as well as preparing the ground for interoperability with the EU electronic customs environment.
- (5) Providing further access to the Trade Control and Expert System (TRACES).
- (6) Providing new investment opportunities for the development of the Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) priority border crossing points, as well as ensuring the integration of Moldovan railway systems into the EU system, complementary to already ongoing investments supported through the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF).
- (7) Proposing the extension of the Road Transport Agreement beyond December 2025 and supporting road transport legislation alignment.
- (8) Reinforcing cooperation with the Transport Community, including through enhanced support and integrating Moldova into Transport Community Treaty (TCT) deliverables, notably action plans, and progress reports on *acquis* alignment and TEN-T development.

3. Integration in the EU energy market and decarbonisation

Based on the Joint Moldova-Energy Community-European Commission Roadmap, support will be provided to:

- (9) The development of EU aligned legislation and related energy market reforms.
- (10) Investments needed for the development of competitive and sustainable energy markets paving the way for their integration with the EU internal market.

- (11) Measures to prepare in the implementation of carbon pricing.

4. Integration in the Digital Single Market

In the digital sector, the measures will:

- (12) Facilitate the transposition and effective implementation of the roaming and telecommunications *acquis*, for the integration in the EU “*roam like at home*” area.
- (13) Support Moldovan participation in the development and implementation of the future EU Digital Identity Wallet and to align national legislation with the EU Digital Identity framework as well as the European Interoperability Framework (EIF) for online public services and cross-border exchange.
- (14) Support the development and implementation of the provisions of the Digital Services Act and the Digital Markets Act (including additional assistance to address specific risks) and explore possible cooperation mechanisms between the Union’s and Moldova’s enforcement authorities.
- (15) Further strengthen the digital infrastructure, security, and economy of Moldova; support to roll-out of broad-band network and uptake of digital skills in rural areas.
- (16) Strengthen the cyber resilience of critical sectors in Moldova, in particular, through alignment with the NIS2 Directive and with the EU 5G Cybersecurity Toolbox; considerably increase the relevant administrative capacity, and potentially pave the way for Moldova’s access to EU Cybersecurity Reserve under the Cyber Solidarity Act.
- (17) Strengthen the implementation of the principles and rules provided by the European strategy for data, such as the Data Governance Act, Data Act, Open Data Directive and the Implementing Regulation on High Value Data sets.

5. Access to the Single Euro Payments Area (SEPA)

Reducing the cost of cross-border payments will provide a boost to cross-border commerce. Moldova is putting in place national legislation required by the European Payments Council for participation in SEPA.

The EU assistance will provide support to Moldova to align with the relevant EU legislation.

6. Other possible areas

- (18) Develop strategic partnerships for the security of supply of critical medicines through Access to the Critical Medicine Alliance.
- (19) Develop e-commerce related services including parcel delivery services, tourism services and other activities, building on the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA) roadmap endorsed in 2020¹.
- (20) Cooperation in the area of skills and recognition of qualifications, including professional qualifications².
- (21) Explore participation in some activities of the European Network of Public Employment Services (PES Network) and cooperation with the Network strengthening the capacity of the Moldovan public employment service.

¹ “Electronic Commerce: Roadmap for dialogue on regulatory issues”, CEFTA, see [Roadmap-for-regulatory-dialogue-on-electronic-commerce.pdf \(cefta.int\)](https://cefta.int/Roadmap-for-regulatory-dialogue-on-electronic-commerce.pdf)

² [Commission Recommendation EU 2023/7700 of 15 November 2023 on the recognition of qualifications of third-country nationals](#)

- (22) Further support the referencing of Moldova's National Qualifications Framework to the European Qualifications Framework (EQF), facilitating transparency of skills and qualifications, including through the work of the EQF Advisory Group and support to the newly established EQF National Coordination Point of Moldova.
- (23) Foster cooperation on vocational education and training, in particular by promoting further engagement on apprenticeships and work-based learning in the framework of the European Alliance for Apprenticeships by national and regional organisations.
- (24) Active participation of Moldovan entities in the Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) strand of the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+).
- (25) Facilitate Moldova joining new relevant EU programmes, instruments, expert groups, and facilities as well as its participation in existing EU initiatives.