

## **Semi-annual report on the fulfilment of the Reform Agenda's payment conditions**

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### **Introduction**

The Republic of Moldova has signed with the European Union the Facility Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the European Union on the specific arrangements for the implementation of Union support under the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova, ratified by Law No. 98/2025 (hereinafter referred to as the “Facility Agreement”), which constitutes the legal basis for financial cooperation between the European Commission and the Republic of Moldova, pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2025/535. The Agreement governs, inter alia, detailed provisions on the management, control, supervision, monitoring, evaluation, reporting and auditing of funds related to the Reform and Growth Facility, as well as the measures necessary to prevent, detect, correct and effectively report irregularities, fraud, corruption and other illegal activities affecting the Union's financial interests, including conflicts of interest, and to ensure their effective follow-up by the competent Union and/or national authorities.

The Facility Agreement sets out the commitments between the parties, as well as the basic principles and requirements for the disbursement of funds made available by the European Commission under the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova, following a positive assessment of the satisfactory fulfilment by the Republic of Moldova of the payment conditions set out in the Reform Agenda, in accordance with the rules of this Agreement and with the Loan Agreement between the Republic of Moldova, represented by the Ministry of Finance as borrower, and the National Bank of Moldova as agent of the borrower, and the European Union, represented by the European Commission as lender, ratified by Law No. 118/2025.

According to Article 14 of the Facility Agreement, with the exception of pre-financing, the Republic of Moldova shall submit to the European Commission, twice a year, a duly justified request for the release of funds, using the template set out in Annex A to the Agreement. Each payment request shall include reporting on the payment conditions related to the quantitative and qualitative steps provided for in the Reform Agenda, planned for implementation by the end of the previous six-month period, in line with the indicative timetable included in the Reform Agenda. These six-month periods end on 30 June and 31 December of each year, starting from 30 June 2025 until 31 December 2027. Each payment request submitted to the European Commission shall be accompanied by the necessary evidence attesting to the satisfactory fulfilment of the quantitative and qualitative steps established in the relevant annex to European Commission Implementing Decision C(2025) 2918 of 7 May 2025.

In this context, the present Report accompanies the request for the release of funds (Annex A) and provides a detailed assessment of the level of implementation of the reform steps with deadlines up to 31 December 2025, as well as the prospects for progress regarding the implementation of steps with a June 2026 deadline. The Report offers a clear picture of the state of reform implementation, based on the relevant indicators, established milestones, and the agreed qualitative and quantitative steps.

In accordance with Article 6(5) of the Facility Agreement, during the reporting period, one reform step related to the negotiation process for Chapter 32 was achieved – *Financial Control*. Therefore, *the Republic of Moldova ensured that the AFCOS network is established and implemented through formally assigning the national AFCOS coordinator, amending the regulatory framework to establish the Anti-Fraud Coordination Platform and signing 14 agreements between national public institutions of the Republic of Moldova on communication, interaction, and cooperation aimed at strengthening the mechanism for protecting the financial interests of the EU and external development partners.*

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## 1. Reform steps completed during the reporting period, for which disbursement is requested

As of 31 December 2025, out of a total of 26 reform steps due in December 2025, **24 steps were fully achieved:**

- **1.1.1.** A total of 25 permissive acts were abolished or transformed into non-permissive, and 91 permissive acts were revised - deadline: December 2025.
- **1.1.4.** A total of 310 services are available in digital format, representing 75 % of all business-related public services. The State Register of Legal Entities is fully operational, secure, and accessible online – deadline: December 2025.
- **1.4.12.** The state aid scheme was amended by *Government Decision No. 802 of 23 December 2025 regarding the amendment of the Regional State Aid Scheme for Investments in the Republic of Moldova*. A total of 20 state aid grant agreements have been signed – deadline: December 2025.
- **1.6.18.** As of 1 November 2025, the Republic of Moldova became a party to the Common Transit Convention (Law on the accession of the Republic of Moldova to the Convention on a Common Transit Procedure, No. 169/2025), and 8 customs decision procedures have been launched and are operational – deadline: December 2025.
- **2.3.11.** 30 staff members were recruited, the National Computer Emergency Response Team was established and made operational, and the National Agency for Cybersecurity occupied its offices and installed the received equipment – deadline: December 2025.
- **3.1.4.** The extended Budget execution report for 2024 in accordance with GFSM 2014, as well as the list of self-managed public institutions included in the extended 2024 report, were published on the website of the Ministry of Finance. In the State Budget Law for 2026 No. 322/2025, the General Actions section is reduced by reflecting transfers to the State Social Insurance Budget under the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and transfers to the Mandatory Health Insurance Funds under the Ministry of Health. The Law on the amendment of certain normative acts (improving public finance management) No. 327/2025 was adopted – deadline: December 2025.
- **3.2.5.** *The Regulation on the process for selecting the Legal Advisor and the Lead Manager* was approved by *Order of the Minister of Finance No. 139 of 11 December 2025*, and by *Order of the Minister of Finance No. 147 of 29 December 2025* the Issuance Committee was established, *responsible for coordinating and monitoring the process of issuing state securities on international markets* – deadline: December 2025.
- **3.3.6.** Government Decision No. 753/2025 amending certain Government Decisions (regarding the management of public capital investment projects) ensures the strengthening and clarification of the normative and institutional framework for managing public capital investment projects, by adjusting the responsibilities of public authorities and streamlining the processes of planning, appraisal, implementation, and monitoring of investments. Through the designation of 6 sectoral coordinators and the establishment of 8 specialised units, the public investment planning focal point function is ensured within all ministries. By ensuring interoperability between the Information System “RPIC – Register of Capital Investment Projects” and the governmental IT platform “Project”, an integrated mechanism has been created that allows unified and transparent tracking of investment projects throughout their entire life cycle – deadline: December 2025.
- **3.7.18.(ML)** Government Decision No. 271/2025 on the organisation and functioning of the National Anti-Fraud System was approved, and 14 Memoranda were concluded on establishing the interinstitutional framework for communication, interaction, and cooperation, in order to strengthen the mechanism for protecting the financial interests of the State, the European Union, and external development partners – deadline: December 2025.

- **4.4.10.** 19 Government Decisions were adopted, ensuring the updating of 34 regulations and minimum quality standards applicable to social services – deadline: December 2025.
- **4.4.12.** The child protection system was strengthened through the recruitment of 201 child protection specialists, financed from the state budget – deadline: December 2025.
- **4.5.14.** The State Labour Inspectorate was reformed by Law No. 311/2025 amending certain normative acts (Law No. 140/2001 on the State Labour Inspectorate and Law No. 131/2012 on state control). The mechanism for monitoring the implementation of SLI prescriptions was approved by Order of the SLI Director No. 111-a of 23 December “On the establishment of the prescription monitoring system” – deadline: December 2025.
- **5.1.2.** Government Decision No. 766/2025 on the amendment of certain Government Decisions was approved, providing for the strengthening of the institutional and operational capacity of the Public Institution National Office for the Implementation of Environmental Projects and the reform of the functioning mechanism of the National Environmental Fund. In addition, the Order of the Minister of Environment “*On the approval of the Regulation on the functioning of the Project Evaluation Committee for projects financed from the National Environmental Fund*” was approved. Under the State Budget Law for 2026 No. 322/2025, allocations of MDL 195,000.0 thousand were provided for the National Environmental Fund (NEF), of which MDL 20,000.0 thousand relate to the Growth Plan for the Republic of Moldova. Two calls for project proposals were launched (one dedicated to biodiversity and one dedicated to the recycling industry) – deadline: December 2025.
- **6.1.1.** *Law No. 164/2025 on Electric Energy* was adopted, as well as *ANRE Decision No. 642 of 4 November 2025 on the approval of the Guidelines on the Electricity System Balancing*, which transposes Regulation 2017/2195 (EBGL). Two TCM documents were approved: the “Regulation on the Terms and Conditions for Balancing Service Providers” and the “Regulation on the Terms and Conditions for Balance Responsible Parties” – deadline: December 2025.
- **6.1.2.** S.E. Moldelectrica launched public tenders for the procurement of balancing capacities, with the documentation approved by ANRE and published on the official websites – deadline: December 2025.
- **6.1.3.** The regulatory framework and the contract for public procurements based on the Balancing Services Market were established (ANRE Decision No. 276/2025, ANRE Decision No. 558/2025, ANRE Decision No. 561/2025) – deadline: December 2025.
- **6.1.5.** The *Day-Ahead Market* and the *Intraday Electricity Market* were launched on 17 December 2025. On 11 December 2025, the first electricity transaction on the Day-Ahead Market (DAM) was confirmed on the OPEM platform – deadline: December 2025.
- **6.4.15.** FEERM financing products were launched and implemented for the energy renovation of residential buildings and individual homes, including for vulnerable households, by supporting the transition to renewable heating systems and establishing the implementation framework for nearly zero-energy buildings, with actions documented and reported by CNED – deadline: December 2025.
- **6.4.19.** Approximately 39,942 vouchers were redeemed by eligible households. The replacement of old or inefficient appliances with modern, energy-efficient models resulted in estimated cumulative savings of 6.5 GWh – deadline: December 2025.
- **6.5.20.** *Government Order No. 64/2025 approving the Action Plan on the organisation of tenders for granting the status of large eligible producer for 2025–2026*, and *Government Order No. 176-d/2025 regarding the establishment of the Tender Commission for organising and conducting the tender for granting the status of large eligible producer for the period 2025–2026, including with energy storage*, were approved. The announcement initiating the tender procedure for granting the status of large eligible producer was published in the

Official Gazette, and the corresponding tender documentation was published on the Ministry of Energy’s website – deadline: December 2025.

- **6.5.23.** ANRE Board Decision No. 402/2025 approved the *Regulation on guarantees of origin*. ANRE signed a contract with the supplier selected by the Energy Community for the operationalisation of the information system/Guarantees of Origin Register, and the electronic *Guarantees of Origin Register* is now operational – deadline: December 2025.
- **7.2.7.** All 26 evaluation reports of the judges of the Courts of Appeal were submitted to the Superior Council of Magistracy. – deadline: December 2025.
- **7.4.12.** The Central Register of Beneficial Ownership (BO) is fully operational and up to date, providing access to beneficial ownership data for 29 public entities and 33 private entities. 92.75% of active enterprises have submitted their BO declarations – deadline: December 2025.
- **7.8.20.** *The Register of Seized Criminal Assets* is operational and accessible to all institutions involved in the recovery of criminal assets (*courts; Prosecutor’s Offices of the Republic of Moldova; bailiffs; the State Tax Service; the Asset Recovery Agency within the National Anticorruption Center*) – deadline: December 2025.

For 2 reform steps, **implementation was not completed during the reporting period**. These will be reported in the first semester of 2026:

- **6.2.8.** Large industrial gas consumers purchase gas from the free gas market, as provided by *Law No. 152/2025 amending certain normative acts (concerning the security of natural gas supply and other aspects related to the natural gas sector)*.
- **6.3.12.** The construction of the 400 kV Vulcănești–Chișinău line was completed to secure the energy system of the Republic of Moldova, and it is now operational.

### **Reform 1.1. Enhancing the competitiveness of entrepreneurship environment through the improved regulatory and administrative framework and enhanced digitalization**

2 reform steps were achieved.

*Law No. 160/2011 on the Regulation of Entrepreneurial Activity* was revised, and the sectoral legislation related to permissive acts was adjusted through a coherent package of legislative amendments, which established a unified approach in the field and eliminated excessive regulatory practices, including “hidden permissive acts”. The objective of eliminating at least 20 permissive acts was exceeded, with 25 acts either abolished or converted into non-permissive procedures, and 91 permissive acts were revised by extending validity periods, simplifying requirements, and reducing documentation. Additionally, through the adoption of another legislative package, a total of 35 measures to reduce administrative burden were implemented, focusing particularly on licensing, control, and compliance procedures in key economic sectors. **(step 1.1.1)**

#### **Reporting fiche for step 1.1.1.**

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar: 1.</b> Private sector development</p> <p><b>Subarea:</b> Business environment</p> <p><b>Reform: 1.</b> Enhancing the competitiveness of entrepreneurship environment through the improved regulatory and administrative framework and enhanced digitalization.</p> <p><b>Payment condition:</b> Business permits are streamlined and the unified approach on permits is enforced, with at least 20 permits abolished and at least 80 permits are revised in line with better regulation principles and EU rules. Based on the</p>
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	<p>regulatory mapping, one normative deregulation package is adopted, incorporating at least 15 targeted deregulation measures.</p> <p><b>Description of the step: 1.</b> The framework Law 160/2011 is revised to strengthen the enforcement of better regulation and to prescribe reform approach towards the permits which exist outside this law (hidden permits). Sectoral legislation related to those 20 and 80 permits is revised. Legal modifications comply with EU acquis.</p> <p><b>Source of verification:</b> Official Journal; reports from the Ministry of Economic Development on reformed permits, explained through the published normative amendments.</p> <p><b>Ambition level:</b> Category 1; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 15479289,94 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	<p>By December 2024, the regulatory burden imposed by permits is high. 139 permits are covered under the framework Law 160/2011 with at least additional 57 operating outside the framework (hidden permits), most of which have not assessed for over a decade, leading to significant regulatory inconsistencies and unjustified constraints and costs.</p>
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p><b>- 25 permits were eliminated/transformed into non-permissive acts;</b></p> <p><b>- 91 permits were revised.</b></p> <p>Operating authorisations have been optimised in line with the principles of better regulation. To reduce the administrative burden on the business environment, Law No. 160/2011 on the Regulation of Entrepreneurial Activity, as well as sectoral legislation, were reviewed through the adoption of the following laws:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Law No. 25 of 20 February 2025 on the amendment of certain legislative acts (Law No. 131/2012 on State Control and related sectoral laws), in force from 17 April 2025, which includes <b>1 revised act</b>, the validity period of the registration certificate for food supplements, other than those containing exclusively vitamins and/or minerals, was extended.</li> <li>2. Law No. 27 of 27 February 2025 on the amendment of certain legislative acts (Facilitating Business Activity VII), in force from 19 March 2025, which includes <b>2 revised acts</b>, the validity period of the sanitary approval for imported products was extended, and operational conditions were simplified by derogating from legal licensing requirements, establishing more favourable conditions for pharmaceutical activities.</li> <li>3. Law No. 33 of 27 February 2025 on the amendment of certain legislative acts (strengthening the mechanism for the review of investments of importance to state security), in force from 20 April 2025, which includes <b>1 revised act</b>, the scope of areas requiring prior approval for investments was clearly defined and delimited, thereby reducing the risk of discretionary interpretation.</li> <li>4. Law No. 227 of 10 July 2025 on the amendment of certain legislative acts (optimisation of permit issuance processes), in force from 30 December 2025 (pursuant to the provisions of Law No. 317/2025), which covers a total of <b>82</b></li> </ol>

	<p><b>permits subject to the optimisation process, of which 24 were eliminated/transformed into non-permissive acts, and 58 were revised.</b></p> <p>5. Law No. 229 of 10 July 2025 on the amendment of certain legislative acts regarding the elimination of excessive regulations in the private sector, in force from 23 July 2025, covers <b>8 revised acts</b>. administrative procedures were simplified, certain requirements were revised, and the validity period for permits was extended.</p> <p>6. Law No. 243 of 10 July 2025 amending certain legislative acts, in force from 22 September 2025, covers <b>1 revised act</b>, the requirements for obtaining a permit for water use for purposes other than human consumption were reduced, and the microbiological analysis requirement for the environmental permit was removed.</p> <p>7. Law No. 317 of 29 December 2025 amending certain legislative acts (regarding the optimisation of procedures for issuing permits), in force from 31 December 2025, provides for the elimination of <b>1 act and the revision of the issuance procedures for 20 permissive acts</b>.</p> <p>To eliminate administrative barriers and unjustified or outdated requirements, a legislative package was adopted, comprising <b>35 specific deregulation measures</b>, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>7 specific measures</b> through Law No. 27 of 27 February 2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts (Facilitation of Business Activity VII), in force from 19 March 2025;</li> <li><b>7 specific measures</b> through Law No. 44 of 6 March 2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts (updating the regulatory framework concerning policy in urban planning, territorial development, and construction), in force from 21 March 2025;</li> <li><b>17 specific measures</b> through Law No. 229 of 10 July 2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts regarding the elimination of excessive regulations in the private sector, in force from 23 August 2025;</li> <li><b>4 specific measures</b> through Government Decision No. 332 of 5 June 2025 on the amendment of Government Decision No. 206/2023 regarding the approval of regulations and rules in domestic trade and the repeal of certain Government Decisions, in force from 20 June 2025.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Evidence provided</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Law No. 25 of 20 February 2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts (Law No. 131/2012 on State Control and related sectoral laws), in force from 17 April 2025. Published: 17 March 2025 in the Official Gazette No. 135-138, art. 131 <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3052/part/1#page=1">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3052/part/1#page=1</a> <a href="https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=147578&amp;lang=ro">https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=147578&amp;lang=ro</a></li> <li>2. Law No. 27 of 27 February 2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts (facilitation of business activity VII), in force from 19 March 2025. Published: 19-03-2025 in the Official Gazette No. 143 art. 137 <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3054/part/1#page=1">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3054/part/1#page=1</a></li> </ol>

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3. Law No. 33 of 27 February 2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts (strengthening the mechanism for examining investments of importance for state security), in force from 20 April 2025.

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4. Law No. 227 of 10 July 2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts (optimisation of procedures for obtaining permits), in force from 30 December 2025. (Note: for the validation of the achieved results, the entry into force date was amended by Law No. 317/2025.)

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5. Law No. 229 of 10 July 2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts regarding the elimination of excessive regulations in the private sector, in force from 23 August 2025.

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6. Law No. 243 of 10 July 2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts, in force from 22 September 2025.

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7. Law No. 317 of 29 December 2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts (optimisation of procedures for issuing permissive acts), in force from 31 December 2025.

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8. Law No. 27 of 27 February 2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts (Facilitation of Business Activity VII), in force from 19 March 2025.

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9. Law No. 44 of 6 March 2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts (updating the legal framework concerning urban planning, territorial development, and construction policy), in force from 21 March 2025.

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<p><b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b></p>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalisation ensures the quality of the step's implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<p><b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b></p>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the 'Do No Significant Harm' principle (DNSH).</p>
<p><b>Double funding</b></p>	<p>Contributions from third parties in support of the achievement of this step were <b>reported</b> as follows:</p> <p>1. With regard to regulatory analysis impact at Law No. 227 of July 10, 2025, on the amendment of certain legislative acts (optimization of procedures for obtaining authorizations) was provided and promoted based on the results and with the support of the technical assistance project "Consultancy services for the assessment of the current regulatory framework on authorizations and operating permits and the provision of proposals for legislative simplification to reduce the administrative burden - World Bank Project Implementation Unit on SME Competitiveness (PIU) in the Republic of Moldova" (Award Contract 367511 Amendment of Legislation), with a value of USD 132,958.00.<a href="https://uipac.md/contracte-acordate">https://uipac.md/contracte-acordate</a></p> <p>2. Law No. 27 of February 27, 2025, amending certain legislative acts (facilitating business environment VII) – 3 local experts from the UNDP project Resilient and</p>

	<p>Inclusive Markets in Moldova (PRIM) provided support in developing studies and impact assessments.</p> <p>3. Law No. 317/2025 of 29 December 2025 on the amendment of certain legislative acts (optimisation of procedures for issuing permits) was drafted based on recommendations provided by 3 experts from the UNDP project “Resilient and Inclusive Markets in Moldova (PRIM)”.</p>
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

The Government of the Republic of Moldova has established a fully functional e-government ecosystem that provides businesses with access to efficient and secure digital services. A total of 310 G2B services are available electronically, representing 75% of all public services intended for the business environment. This was achieved alongside the full operationalisation of the RSUD2 Information System, its integration into the governmental digital infrastructure, and the approval of the Methodology on the institutionalisation of life events for citizens and businesses, which ensures the unified organisation of digital public services around the real needs of users and supports the effective implementation of the digital ecosystem for the business environment ([step 1.1.4](#)).

#### Reporting fiche for step 1.1.4.

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar: 1.</b> Private sector development</p> <p><b>Subarea:</b> Business environment</p> <p><b>Reform: 1.</b> Enhancing the competitiveness of entrepreneurship environment through the improved regulatory and administrative framework and enhanced digitalization.</p> <p><b>Payment condition:</b> A functioning e-government ecosystem that provides efficient and accessible digital services to businesses is established with increased availability of digital government-to-business services. The State Register of Legal Units, enabling remote business management, including for foreign investors, is fully operational and secure. The methodology on institutionalization of life events for citizens and business is approved.</p> <p><b>Description of the step: 4.</b> 75% of total business-related public services are available in digital format. The State Register of Legal Units is fully developed, secured, and accessible online. MD approves the methodology of identification, description and institutionalization of life events for citizens and businesses.</p> <p><b>Source of verification:</b> Official statistics, Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization reports.</p> <p><b>Ambition level:</b> Category 1; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 15479289,94 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	<p>In 2024, 64% of total services are digitalised for end-user utilisation; no state register of legal units is operational. The register is in piloting phase. 43 Moldovan institutions are being monitored and reports published quarterly.</p>

<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>I. By December 31, 2025, out of a total of 414 G2B services, 310 services have been digitized, representing a rate of 75%.</p> <p>II. Operationalization of the State Register of Legal Entities</p> <p>SI RSUD2 is operational, functional, secure, and accessible online, with all public services provided at the counter.</p> <p>SI RSUD2 consists of three basic components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The electronic archive of all commercial and non-commercial organizations;</li> <li>b) The database of legal entities and the data showcase for external consumers;</li> <li>c) The information system with back-office and front-office components for registrars.</li> </ul> <p>On December 29, 2025, the new SI RSUD2 was launched with all the above-mentioned components in all ASP territorial offices. The migration of data on all organizations was carried out, ensuring the entire set of functionalities "at the counter." The digital archive of electronic files was fully migrated and interconnected with SI RSUD2.</p> <p>SI RSUD2 is integrated with all government services and platforms, such as MPass, MSign, MPay, MNotify, MLog, and others.</p> <p>The system is connected via the MConnect interoperability tool. Data from SI RSUD2 is consumed in real time by the information systems of state institutions through the new Data Showcase, the main consumers being: the State Tax Service, the National Health Insurance Company, the National Bank of Moldova, the Customs Service, the National Social Insurance House, the e-Government Agency, etc., as well as all commercial banks and other entities.</p> <p>The new data showcase ensures further connection with the European EU BRIS (Business Registry Interoperable System) IS, and the structure of the database and its exposure on MConnect meets all the technical requirements for data exchange with the European platform.</p> <p>In addition, the RSUD IS has been developed on a modern platform that inherently allows for the development and consumption of electronic services, which will be introduced gradually as the functionality of the new services to be provided remotely is tested. Online services are implemented on the Digital Services Development Platform (PDSE), including:</p> <p>4 online services are launched and functional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Name verification and reservation,</li> <li>2. Request for an extract from the State Register of Legal Entities,</li> <li>3. State registration of independent entrepreneurs,</li> <li>4. Application for the declaration of beneficial owners.</li> </ul>

	<p>6 online services are being tested:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. State registration of non-commercial organizations,</li> <li>2. Registration of limited liability companies with a single founder,</li> <li>3. State registration of individual entrepreneurs,</li> <li>4. State registration of peasant (farmer) households,</li> <li>5. Registration of changes/additions to data entered in the RSUD,</li> <li>6. Termination of the independent entrepreneur's activity.</li> </ol> <p>In total, about 20 services will be available on the PDSE.</p> <p>III. The Methodology for institutionalization of life events for citizens and businesses (new version) was approved by Order of the Secretary General of the Government No. 331 of December 18, 2025.</p>
<p><b>Evidence provided</b></p>	<p>Public Services Portal: <a href="https://servicii.gov.md/ro">https://servicii.gov.md/ro</a>.</p> <p>List of digitalised G2B services: <a href="#">75% G2B Services - Moldova eGov.xlsx</a>.</p> <p>Order of the Secretary General of the Government No. 171 of 14 July 2025 “On the transfer of an information system and the establishment of the Transfer Commission”.</p> <p>Handover Act of the Information System “State Register of Legal Units” dated 18 August 2025.</p> <p>The online services are accessible (as of 20 January 2026):</p> <p>a) via the Public Services Portal (servicii.gov.md) and are available for use by the general public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Name verification and reservation - <a href="https://servicii.gov.md/ro/service/00110001944">https://servicii.gov.md/ro/service/00110001944</a> ;</li> <li>- Requesting an extract from the State Register of Legal Units - <a href="https://servicii.gov.md/ro/service/008001384">https://servicii.gov.md/ro/service/008001384</a>;</li> <li>- Registration of an independent entrepreneur - <a href="https://servicii.gov.md/ro/service/00110000012">https://servicii.gov.md/ro/service/00110000012</a>;</li> <li>- Declaration of the Beneficial Owner - <a href="https://servicii.gov.md/ro/service/008001960">https://servicii.gov.md/ro/service/008001960</a>.</li> </ul> <p>b) via the Public Services Agency website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="https://www.asp.gov.md/ro/servicii/persoane-juridice">https://www.asp.gov.md/ro/servicii/persoane-juridice</a></li> </ul> <p>c) via the IS RSUD2 Start Page - <a href="https://rsud.asp.gov.md/">https://rsud.asp.gov.md/</a>.</p> <p>During the reporting period, several services were completed through IS RSUD2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 140 non-commercial organisations registered;</li> <li>b) 19 non-commercial organisations deregistered;</li> <li>c) 442 individual entrepreneurs registered, recorded exclusively online, with instant registration;</li> </ol>

	<p>d) 195 extracts from RSUD2 issued in the form of digital documents. The extracts are signed with an electronic signature and include a QR code to verify their validity. For individual entrepreneurs, the extracts are generated automatically, without human assistance (a physical extract can be provided if needed);</p> <p>e) and others.</p> <p>Sample IS RSUD2 Extract</p> <p>Screenshot from the Back-Office interface of the registrar in IS RSUD2</p> <p>Screenshot from the PDSE interface of the online applicant in IS RSUD2</p> <p>Order of the Secretary General of the Government No. 331 of 18 December 2025 regarding the approval of the Methodology for the institutionalisation of life events for citizens and businesses.</p> <p><a href="https://www.cio.gov.md/ro/node/41034">https://www.cio.gov.md/ro/node/41034</a></p>
<p><b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b></p>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalisation ensures the quality of the step's implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<p><b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b></p>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the 'Do No Significant Harm' principle (DNSH).</p>
<p><b>Double funding</b></p>	<p><b>Contributions from third parties in support of the achievement of this step were reported:</b></p> <p>Based on the "Modernisation of Government Services" (MGSP) project funded by the World Bank, on 3 July 2023, a tripartite contract No. MD-EGA268047-CS-QCBS-2 was concluded between the Public Services Agency, the Electronic Governance Agency on one hand, and the development company Esempla on the other, regarding the design, development and implementation of the Information System "State Register of Legal Units" (RSUD). In connection with the approval of several legislative amendments concerning the registration of legal entities, it became evident that additional functionalities needed to be developed and adjusted, which were not covered by the MGSP project. The ASP launched a public procurement procedure for adaptive maintenance services concerning the list of supplementary functionalities.</p> <p>1. World Bank Financing Agreement for "Consulting Services for the Design, Development and Deployment of the Information System of the State Register of Legal Units of the Public Services Agency of the Republic of Moldova":</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Financing agreement with the World Bank No. MD-EGA-268047-CS-QCBS-2;</li> <li>- 2nd Amendment of Contract No. MD-EGA-268047-CS-QCBS-2;</li> <li>- 3rd Amendment of Contract No. MD-EGA-268047-CS-QCBS-2;</li> <li>- 4th Amendment of Contract No. MD-EGA-268047-CS-QCBS-2;</li> </ul> <p>2. Contract for the scanning of the Digital Archive, financed by the World Bank, Contract No. MD-EGA-268059-NC-RFB.</p>
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

### Reform 1.4. Industry and services development

As a result of the implementation of the Regional State Aid Scheme for Investments in the Republic of Moldova, approved by *Government Decision No. 875/2024*, 20 state aid grant agreements were signed, demonstrating strong interest from the business community in the established support mechanisms. The investment projects planned under this scheme involve a total investment volume of approximately MDL 2.04 billion, with a maximum state aid amount of around MDL 1.05 billion, of which approximately MDL 0.79 billion is in the form of tax incentives and MDL 0.26 billion as non-reimbursable grants.

Additionally, *Government Decision No. 802/2025* was approved, amending the *Regional State Aid Scheme for Investments in the Republic of Moldova*, originally established by *Government Decision No. 875/2024*, aligning it with EU standards and further incentivising investments ([step 1.4.12](#)).

#### Reporting fiche for step 1.4.12.

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar:</b> 1. Private sector development</p> <p><b>Subarea:</b> Business sector competitiveness</p> <p><b>Reform:</b> 4. Industry and services development</p> <p><b>Payment condition:</b> At least 10 companies benefit (signed contracts) from the new state aid schemes aligned with EU standards.</p> <p><b>Description of the step:</b> 12. The new scheme is fully compliant with the EU rules and in line with the National Industrialization Program 2024-2028. The program will attract investments of at least 0.5 mn EUR each. Under the scheme, investments are to be contracted within 3 years of implementation.</p> <p><b>Source of Verification:</b> Reports provided by the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalisation, which will contain the name of the companies benefiting from the state aid scheme.</p> <p><b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 1</p> <p><b>Disbursement amount:</b> 15479289,94 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	This state aid scheme entered into force on 1 January 2025.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025

<p><b>Actual results</b></p>	<p>Since the entry into force of the Regional State Aid Scheme for Investments, approved by Government Decision No. 875/2024, the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization has received 30 applications for state aid, with 20 state aid agreements signed under the Scheme approved by Government Decision No. 875/2024, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On 28 March 2025, an agreement was concluded with IMCOMVIL GRUP S.R.L., a company operating in the import and distribution of food products. The company will undertake an investment of MDL 60 million aimed at modernising infrastructure, optimising operational flows, and installing modern equipment. This expansion will create at least 60 new jobs. The state will support the investment through a financial support package worth MDL 30 million, representing 50% of the total project value. Of this amount: MDL 7.5 million will be provided in the form of a non-repayable grant, and MDL 22.7 million will be granted as tax incentives, consisting of a 50% exemption from corporate income tax.</li> <li>2. On 11 April 2025, an agreement was concluded with FURAJ AXD S.R.L., a company specialised in poultry farming and the manufacture of animal feed. The total value of the investment amounts to MDL 180 million, of which the state will provide MDL 90 million, representing 50% of the total project value. Of this amount, MDL 22.5 million will be granted as a non-repayable grant, while MDL 67.5 million will be provided in the form of tax incentives, through a 50% exemption from corporate income tax.</li> <li>3. On 2 May 2025, an agreement was concluded with Gido PARK S.R.L. for the development of a production facility located outside the built-up area of Ratuş village, Criuleni district. The investment project, with a total value exceeding MDL 72 million, will be co-financed by the state at a rate of 60%, amounting to MDL 43,645,064. Of this amount, approximately MDL 11 million will be provided in the form of a non-repayable grant, while over MDL 32.7 million will be granted as a partial exemption from corporate income tax.</li> <li>4. On 29 May 2025, an agreement was concluded with UNITECH ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS S.R.L. for the construction of a modern industrial complex in Băcioi commune, Municipality of Chişinău. The investment project has a total value of approximately MDL 63 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 31.4 million, representing 50% of the total investment value. Of this amount, approximately MDL 7.8 million will be provided as a non-repayable grant, while MDL 23.5 million will be granted in the form of tax exemptions.</li> <li>5. On 13 June 2025, an agreement was concluded with ELECTROTEHNICA S.R.L. for industrial investments in the city of Bălţi, involving the transformation of an abandoned industrial hall into a modern food production facility. The investment project has a total value of approximately MDL 290 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 173.8 million, provided through a non-repayable grant and tax exemptions, representing 60% of the total investment value. The project will create at least 319 jobs.</li> <li>6. On 23 June 2025, an agreement was concluded with FLAVOMILL S.R.L. for the construction of a modern milling complex in Grinăuţi village, Rîşcani district, with a total investment of MDL 12.7 million. The state contribution amounts to MDL 9.55 million, provided through a mechanism combining a non-repayable grant (MDL 2.39 million) and tax incentives (MDL 7.16 million). The project provides for the creation of at least 20 direct jobs.</li> <li>7. On 8 October 2025, an agreement was concluded with VILDETLUX S.R.L. for the expansion of the production hall. The investment project has a</li> </ol>
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total value of approximately MDL 41.59 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 24.95 million, provided through a non-repayable grant and tax incentives, representing 60% of the total eligible costs.

8. On 10 October 2025, an agreement was concluded with SC “Brodețchi” S.R.L. for the construction of a new production facility in Hîncești District. The investment project has a total value of approximately MDL 97.27 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 58.36 million, provided through a non-repayable grant and tax incentives, representing 60% of the total eligible costs.

9. On 26 December 2025, an agreement was concluded with “Funny Pig” S.R.L. for the construction aimed meat processing through the construction of an additional production area. The investment project has a total value of MDL 10.9 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 6.6 million, provided through a non-repayable grant and tax incentives, representing 60% of the total eligible costs.

10. On 26 December 2025, an agreement was concluded with “Conplast-Design” S.R.L. for the expansion of flat glass production capacity. The investment project has a total value of approximately MDL 27.9 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 13.4 million provided through a non-repayable grant and tax incentives, representing 50% of the total eligible costs.

11. On December 26, 2025, with F.P.C. CHETON GRUP S.R.L., to create a modern industrial platform. The investment project has a total value of approximately 145.5 million lei, and the state's contribution, amounting to 56.0 million lei, through a non-reimbursable grant and tax exemptions, represents 50% of the total eligible costs.

12. On 26 December 2025, an agreement was concluded with “Blue Shark” S.R.L. for increasing production capacity and constructing a cold storage warehouse. The investment project has a total value of approximately MDL 191.9 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 110.9 million through a non-repayable grant and tax incentives, representing 60% of the total eligible costs.

13. On 26 December 2025, an agreement was concluded with “Panilino” S.R.L. for expanding and modernizing production capacities through the construction of new production and storage spaces. The investment project has a total value of approximately MDL 21.8 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 8.1 million through a non-repayable grant and tax incentives, representing 50% of the total eligible costs.

14. On 26 December 2025, an agreement was concluded with “Vicoliv Grup” S.R.L. for the construction of a modern factory producing concrete construction products. The investment project has a total value of approximately MDL 30.2 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 15.1 million through a non-repayable grant and tax incentives, representing 50% of the total eligible costs.

15. On 26 December 2025, an agreement was concluded with “Molltex Group” S.R.L. for the expansion of the production hall by approximately 1,300 m<sup>2</sup> and its equipping with specialized machinery and equipment. The investment project has a total value of approximately MDL 21.7 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 12.8 million through a non-repayable grant and tax incentives, representing 60% of the total eligible costs.

16. On 26 December 2025, an agreement was concluded with “AEDIFICATOR” S.R.L. for the modernisation and expansion of the production capacity through the purchase, installation, and commissioning of a high-performance industrial plant for the production of mixtures. The

	<p>investment project has a total value of approximately MDL 33.6 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 19.0 million through a non-repayable grant and tax incentives, representing 60% of the total eligible costs.</p> <p>17. On 26 December 2025, an agreement was concluded with “NOVA-IMPRIM” S.R.L. for the modernization of the company’s technical and material base through the acquisition of advanced machinery. The investment project has a total value of approximately MDL 17.9 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 8.9 million through a non-repayable grant and tax exemptions, representing 50% of the total eligible costs.</p> <p>18. On 30 December 2025, an agreement was concluded with F.P.C. ROGOB S.R.L. for strengthening processing capacities and diversifying the product portfolio. The investment project has a total value of approximately MDL 248.8 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 119.3 million through a non-repayable grant and tax exemptions, representing 50% of the total eligible costs.</p> <p>19. On 30 December 2025, an agreement was concluded with SC „NOUCONST” SRL for the construction of a modern plant producing autoclaved aerated concrete blocks and panels. The investment project has a total value of approximately MDL 312.3 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 187.4 million through a non-repayable grant and tax exemptions, representing 60% of the total eligible costs.</p> <p>20. On 30 December 2025, an agreement was concluded with „SERVICE TULIS” SRL for the modernisation and diversification of production capacities through the acquisition and commissioning of advanced production lines for molten bitumen and polymer-modified bitumen. The investment project has a total value of approximately MDL 18.7 million, with the state contribution amounting to MDL 9.0 million via a non-repayable grant and tax exemptions, representing 60% of the total eligible costs.</p> <p>The implementation of the planned investment projects involves a total investment volume of approximately MDL 2.04 billion, with a maximum state aid of around MDL 1.05 billion, of which approximately MDL 0.79 billion will be provided in the form of tax incentives and MDL 0.26 billion as non-reimbursable grants.</p>
<p><b>Evidence provided</b></p>	<p>Government Decision No. 875 of 23 December 2024 regarding the approval of the Regional State Aid Scheme for Investments in the Republic of Moldova. Published : 27.12.2024 in the Official Gazette No. 548-551 art. 1001  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3008/part/2#page=19">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3008/part/2#page=19</a>  <a href="https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=151236&amp;lang=ro">https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=151236&amp;lang=ro</a></p> <p>Government Decision No. 802 of 23 December 2025 regarding the amendment of the Regional State Aid Scheme for Investments in the Republic of Moldova, approved by Government Decision No. 875/2024  Published: 24-12-2025 in the Official Gazette No. 630-632 art. 797  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3196/part/2#page=22">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3196/part/2#page=22</a>  <a href="https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=152188&amp;lang=ro">https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=152188&amp;lang=ro</a></p> <p>The list of state aid beneficiaries can be viewed on the website of the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalisation at the following link:  <a href="https://mded.gov.md/domenii/ajutor-de-stat/ajutor-de-stat-regional-pentru-investitii/">https://mded.gov.md/domenii/ajutor-de-stat/ajutor-de-stat-regional-pentru-investitii/</a></p>

	<p>The acts granting regional state aid for investments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-970 of 28 March 2025 for IMCOMVIL GRUP S.R.L.</i></li> <li>2. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/2-1140 of 14.04.2025 for FURAJ AXD S.R.L.</i></li> <li>3. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-1151 of 15.04.2025 for "GidoPARK" S.R.L.</i></li> <li>4. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-1585 of 29.05.2025 for "UNITECH ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS" S.R.L.</i></li> <li>5. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-1711 of 12.06.2025 for ELECTROTEHNICA S.R.L.</i></li> <li>6. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-1831 of 23.06.2025 for FLAVOMILL S.R.L.</i></li> <li>7. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-2922 of 08.10.2025 for VILDETLUX S.R.L.</i></li> <li>8. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-2940 of 10.10.2025 for SC „Brodeţchi” S.R.L.</i></li> <li>9. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-3726 of 26.12.2025 for „Funny Pig” S.R.L.</i></li> <li>10. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-3727 of 26.12.2025 for „Conplast-Design” S.R.L.</i></li> <li>11. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-3728 of 26.12.2025 for F.P.C. CHETON GRUP S.R.L.</i></li> <li>12. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-3729 of 26.12.2025 for “Blue Shark” S.R.L.</i></li> <li>13. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-3732 of 26.12.2025 for “Panilino” S.R.L.</i></li> <li>14. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-3730 of 26.12.2025 for “Vicoliv Grup” S.R.L.</i></li> <li>15. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-3733 of 26.12.2025 for “Molltex Group” S.R.L.</i></li> <li>16. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-3731 of 26.12.2025 for “AEDIFICATOR” S.R.L.</i></li> <li>17. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-3761 of 30.12.2025 for F.P.C. ROGOB S.R.L.</i></li> <li>18. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-3762 of 30.12.2025 for SC „NOUCONST” S.R.L.</i></li> <li>19. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No. 11/1-3763 of 30.12.2025 for „SERVICE TULIS” S.R.L.</i></li> <li>20. <i>The act granting regional state aid for investments No.11/1-3735 of 26.12.20 for „NOVA-IMPRIM” S.R.L.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b></p>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalisation ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>

<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.  The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).
<b>Double funding</b>	Contributions from third parties were <b>not reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

### Reform 1.6. Enhanced Export Competitiveness of Moldova Trade in Goods

To implement the reform, *Law No. 169/2025 was adopted on the accession of the Republic of Moldova to the Convention on a Common Transit Procedure*, under which, as of 1 November 2025, Moldova became a contracting party to the Convention. This facilitates the simplification and harmonisation of transit customs procedures through the use of the New Computerised Transit System (NCTS). The Customs Service ensures real-time data exchange with the customs authorities of the 37 contracting states, contributing to more efficient transit, reduced processing times, and lower costs for the business environment. Within the implementation of the Customs Decisions System (CDS), 8 out of 17 types of applications/authorisations have already been made operational in electronic format, interoperable with NCTS, and are currently in use by national economic operators (**step 1.6.18**).

#### Reporting fiche for step 1.6.18.

<b>The step under review</b>	<b>Pillar: 1.</b> Private sector development <b>Subarea:</b> Trade and investment promotion <b>Reform: 6.</b> Enhanced Export Competitiveness of Moldova Trade in Goods <b>Payment condition:</b> Moldova has joined Common Transit Convention, and implements 8 out of 17 applications/authorisations of the Customs Decision System (CDS) in electronic format, which are directly linked to transit simplifications and NCTS. <b>Description of the step: 18.</b> Moldova adheres to Common Transit Convention. With the operationalisation of CDS, customs authority aims to replace a paper-format customs procedures with electronic procedures, with total of 8 out of 17 procedures being in electronic format. <b>Source of Verification:</b> Common Transit Convention website, Trade Portal, Customs Decision System, Customs Service Report. <b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 2; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 11609467,46 EUR
<b>Baseline</b>	By December 2024, MD has piloted national wide NCTS phase 5 at the national level but has not joined yet the Common Transit Convention. MD has been managing most of customs application/authorisation in paper version and only 4 out of 17 applications are operational in the electronic format.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025

<p><b>Actual results</b></p>	<p><b>I. Joining Convention</b></p> <p>The Republic of Moldova joined the Common Transit Convention through Law No. 169/2025, which entered into force on 10.07.2025. (Doc 1 in Evidence provided)</p> <p>The Republic of Moldova submitted its Instrument of Accession on September 30, 2025, and on November 1, 2025, it became a member of the Convention on a Common Transit Procedure. (Doc 1-4 in Evidence provided)</p> <p><b>II. Implementing of Customs Decision System</b></p> <p>The Customs Service updated and implemented 8 out of the 17 applications/authorisations of the Customs Decisions System in electronic format. (No. 11 in evidence provided. Links to all 8 applications. Access can be provided on request)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Application and authorisation for the status of <b>authorised consignor</b> - 5 applications/5 valid authorisations;</li> <li>2. Application and authorisation for the status of <b>authorised consignee</b> - 21 applications / 21 valid authorisations;</li> <li>3. Application and authorisation for the status of authorised <b>consignee for TIR purposes</b> - 1 applications/1 valid authorisations;</li> <li>4. Application and authorisation for the use of <b>seals of a special type</b> - 4 applications / 4 valid authorisations;</li> <li>5. Application and authorisation for the use of the temporary admission procedure – 1128 applications /1045 valid authorisations;</li> <li>6. Application and authorisation to provide a comprehensive guarantee, including possible reduction or waiver - 37 applications / 19 valid authorisations;</li> <li>7. Application and authorisation to use a <b>transit declaration with a reduced data set</b> - 0 applications;</li> <li>8. Application and authorisation to use an <b>electronic transport document as a customs declaration</b> - 0 applications;</li> </ol> <p>The national Customs Decision System was updated in line with the data requirements set out in Annex A <i>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/2446 of 28 July 2015 supplementing Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards detailed rules concerning certain provisions of the Union Customs Code</i>, as well as in accordance with the formats and codes of the common data requirements for applications and customs decisions laid down in <i>Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447 of 24 November 2015 laying down detailed rules for implementing certain provisions of Regulation (EU) No 952/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Union Customs Code</i>.</p> <p>The testing of 8 out of the 17 customs applications/ authorizations of the Customs Decision System (CDS) was successfully completed. Customs Service approved Order no.451/2024 regarding the approval of the Regulation on the use of the "Customs Decisions" System. (Doc 7 in Evidence section provided)</p> <p>To support the correct and efficient use of the Customs Decision System, the <i>General Guide on Customs Decisions</i> was developed and approved by Customs</p>
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	Service Order No. 566-O of 26 December 2025. (Doc 8 in Evidence section provided)
<b>Evidence provided</b>	<p><b>I. Joining Convention</b></p> <p><b>Doc. 1:</b> Law on the accession of the Republic of Moldova to the Convention on a Common Transit Procedure, No. 169/2025, adopted by Parliament on 27.06.2025 and published in the Official Monitor of the Republic of Moldova, No. 356–365/455 of 10.07.2025  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3119/part/1#page=1">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3119/part/1#page=1</a>  <a href="https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=149417&amp;lang=ro">https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=149417&amp;lang=ro</a></p> <p><b>Doc 2:</b> Council Decision (EU) 2025/1948 of 18 September 2025 on the position to be taken on behalf of the European Union within the EU-CTC Joint Committee established by the Convention on the simplification of formalities in trade in goods and within the EU-CTC Joint Committee established by the Convention on a Common transit procedure as regards the adoption of decisions inviting the Republic of Moldova and Montenegro to accede to those Conventions and as regards the adoption of decisions amending the Convention on a common transit procedure following the Republic of Moldova’s and Montenegro’s accession to that Convention  <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/RO/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22025D2634">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/RO/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:22025D2634</a></p> <p><b>Doc 3:</b> Decision No 2/2025 of the EU–Common Transit Countries Joint Committee of 19 September 2025 as regards the amendments of Appendices III and IIIa to the Convention on a common transit procedure for the accession of Montenegro [2025/2201]  <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/RO/TXT/?uri=CELEX:22025D2201">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/RO/TXT/?uri=CELEX:22025D2201</a></p> <p><b>Doc. 4:</b> Information notice on the application of the common transit procedure in the Republic of Moldova, starting from 1 November 2025  <a href="https://customs.gov.md/ro/articles/de-la-1-noiembrie-2025-republica-moldova-aplica-procedura-de-tranzit-comun-ncts-3149-ro">https://customs.gov.md/ro/articles/de-la-1-noiembrie-2025-republica-moldova-aplica-procedura-de-tranzit-comun-ncts-3149-ro</a></p> <p><b>No. 5:</b> Official website of the Convention on a Common Transit Procedure  <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/RO/legal-content/summary/convention-on-a-common-transit-procedure.htm">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/RO/legal-content/summary/convention-on-a-common-transit-procedure.htm</a></p> <p><b>No. 6:</b> Trade Information Portal of the Republic of Moldova  <a href="https://trade.gov.md/en/articles/ncts">https://trade.gov.md/en/articles/ncts</a></p> <p><b>II. Customs Decision System</b></p> <p><b>Doc 7:</b> Order no.451/2024 regarding the approval of the Regulation on the use of the "Customs Decisions" System  <a href="https://trade.gov.md/media/20/03/2025/Ordin_nr_451-O_04.12.2024_oPUSM0a.pdf">https://trade.gov.md/media/20/03/2025/Ordin_nr_451-O_04.12.2024_oPUSM0a.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Doc 8:</b> General Guide on Customs Decisions, approved by Customs Service Order No. 566-O of 26 December 2025</p>

	<p><a href="https://trade.gov.md/media/05/01/2026/Anexa_nr_1_Ghidul_general_privind_Deciziile_vamale_S7MsR4E.pdf">https://trade.gov.md/media/05/01/2026/Anexa_nr_1_Ghidul_general_privind_Deciziile_vamale_S7MsR4E.pdf</a></p> <p><b>No. 9:</b> Customs Decision System Link <a href="https://api.customs.gov.md/#/home">https://api.customs.gov.md/#/home</a></p> <p><b>No. 10:</b> Customs Service Report <a href="https://customs.gov.md/api/media/16/01/2026/Raport_SV_2025_publicare.pdf">https://customs.gov.md/api/media/16/01/2026/Raport_SV_2025_publicare.pdf</a></p> <p><b>No. 11:</b> Links to all 8 applications. Access can be provided on request. <a href="https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/ace">https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/ace</a> <a href="https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/acr">https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/acr</a> <a href="https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/act">https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/act</a> <a href="https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/sse">https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/sse</a> <a href="https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/tea">https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/tea</a> <a href="https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/cgu">https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/cgu</a> <a href="https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/etd/new">https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/etd/new</a> <a href="https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/trd/new">https://api.customs.gov.md/#/authorisations/trd/new</a></p>
<p><b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b></p>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Finance and the Customs Service ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<p><b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b></p>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</p>
<p><b>Double funding</b></p>	<p>Contributions from third parties were <b>reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.</p> <p>The sub-step on Common Transit Convention benefited from assistance under the project ““Development and implementation of the New Computerised Transit System in the Republic of Moldova.” funded by the European Union that provided inputs such as the component related to the development of the national transit application. The total value of the EU financial contribution (donation) amounts to EUR 1.18 million.</p> <p>The sub-step on Customs Decision System benefited from assistance under the project ‘Digitalisation of the Customs Service’, funded (donation) by EBRD-financed project that provided inputs such as implementation of the Customs Decision Management System. Overall, implementation of the reform step was completed by the Government of Moldova. Agreement 65SV/31.10.2025 (Phase 1) was implemented between 01.11.2025 and 19.12.2025 and aims to achieve full alignment with the data structure of 8/17 "Requests and Authorizations" (SfA v24.00-EN, DG TAXUD) and supporting interoperability (including with NCTS-MD and ASYCUDAWorld-MD). The funding was made from the state budget in amount of US\$ 75,000.</p>

<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>
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### Reform 2.3. Enhancing connectivity through telecommunications and digital infrastructure

To implement the reform, *Government Decision No. 67/2025 was approved, amending certain Government Decisions (aimed at improving the efficiency of internal audit activities and the structure of the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalisation)*. The amendments also modify *Government Decision No. 1028/2023 on the establishment, organisation, and functioning of the National Agency for Cybersecurity*. The changes ensure that the Agency is provided with the necessary competencies, office space, human resources, and IT infrastructure, while clearly delineating responsibilities among the various national cybersecurity institutions. Thirty staff members were recruited, offices were occupied, and equipment installed to enable the full exercise of the functions prescribed by law.

Under the provisions of *Article 18(1) of Law No. 48/2023 on Cybersecurity*, in force from 1 January 2025, the National Agency for Cybersecurity is authorised to conduct audits in the field of cybersecurity. Additionally, according to *Government Decision No. 562/2025 on how service providers in critical sectors should meet cybersecurity requirements*, service providers are required to carry out information security audits and submit the audit reports to the National Agency for Cybersecurity.

The clear and transparent delineation of responsibilities among Moldova’s cybersecurity institutions, along with the adjustment of the mandates of relevant institutions, has been ensured through the adoption of 3 normative acts: *Government Decision No. 825/2025 approving the Regulation on state supervision and control over compliance with the regulatory framework in the field of cybersecurity by service providers in critical sectors*; *Government Decision No. 822/2025 approving the Concept of the Information System “State Register of Cyber Incidents” and the Regulation on the maintenance of the State Register of Cyber Incidents*; *Government Decision No. 823/2025 approving the Regulation on the development, updating and implementation of the provisions of the National Cyber Incident and Crisis Response Plan*, which clarifies the roles of institutions involved in the prevention, management, and coordination of responses to cyber incidents and crises **(step 2.3.11)**.

#### Reporting fiche for step 2.3.11.

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar:</b> 2. Connectivity and digital infrastructure</p> <p><b>Subarea:</b> Digital</p> <p><b>Reform:</b> 3. Enhancing connectivity through telecommunications and digital infrastructure</p> <p><b>Payment condition:</b> To implement its new National Cyber-Security Programme of actions for 2025-2030, Moldova makes its National Agency for Cybersecurity fully operational and establishes the National Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT). The Agency is equipped with relevant powers, premises, human and IT resources while competences between the different Moldovan cyber-security institutions are clearly delineated.</p> <p><b>Description of the step:</b> 11. National Agency for Cybersecurity reforms comprise: (i) at least 30 staff recruited; (ii) National Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) is established and operational, (iii) National Agency</p>
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	<p>for Cyber Security is legally empowered to conduct cyber-security audits; (iv) Agency occupies in full its offices and install its equipment without any limitation; (v) Delineation of the competences of MD cyber-security institutions is clear and transparent with mandates of relevant institutions are adjusted following an expert note.</p> <p><b>Source of Verification:</b> Official reports from the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization on the operational status of the National Agency for Cybersecurity; ASC staffing records; infrastructure and procurement records confirming the establishment of office premises and installation of necessary IT equipment. ITU Global Cybersecurity Index (GCI); eGA National Cybersecurity Index (NSCI). Report by the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalisation (MEEDD) on clarifying mandates and competences.</p> <p><b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 3</p> <p><b>Disbursement amount:</b> 7739644,97 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	The National Agency for Cybersecurity lacks the necessary resources, including staff, IT infrastructure, and legal authority, to fully exercise its functions as outlined in the legislation. Additionally, the National Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) has not been established.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>The National Agency for Cybersecurity (NAC) fulfilled all commitments undertaken:</p> <p>(i) The institutional capacity of the NAC was strengthened through the recruitment of 30 staff members.</p> <p>(ii) The National Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT), established by <i>Government Decision No. 1028 of 21 December 2023 on the establishment, organisation and functioning of the National Agency for Cybersecurity</i>, became fully operational during 2025, following the approval of the Directorate’s Rules of Procedure, through Order of the Director of the National Agency for Cybersecurity No. 07 of 30 April 2024. By the end of the 2025, 9 specialists were active within CERT, benefiting from both internal and external training.</p> <p>The cyber incident management platform was installed and is actively used by the CERT team. The incident reporting form is available online on the NAC’s website at: <a href="https://ncsc.md/incidents">https://ncsc.md/incidents</a>.</p> <p>During 2025, a total of 38 cyber incidents were handled, and 52 notifications regarding identified vulnerabilities were sent to critical service providers.</p> <p>For the equipping of ASC, the necessary computer equipment and software licences were procured.</p> <p>(iii) Pursuant to <i>Law No. 48/2023 on Cybersecurity</i>, which entered into force on 1 January 2025, Article 18(1), the National Agency for Cybersecurity has been empowered to conduct <b>cyber-security audits</b>.</p>

Through *Government Decision No. 562/2025 on how service providers in critical sectors should meet cybersecurity requirements* sets out clear obligations for these providers to conduct information security audits in order to assess their level of compliance with the requirements for the security of networks and information systems.

Pursuant to the Regulation approved by Government Decision No. 562/2025, service providers are required to establish and maintain independent assessment processes, carried out by individuals holding recognised certifications in the field of information security auditing. Furthermore, they are obliged to submit audit reports to the National Agency for Cybersecurity within the deadlines set by the regulatory act: 18 months for essential service providers and 24 months for important service providers.

(iv) The National Agency for Cybersecurity has secured and fully occupied the office space necessary for carrying out its activities. Approximately 80% of the necessary space (698 sq m out of 955.3 sq m) was provided on the basis of Government Decision No. 478/2024 on the transfer of isolated premises from the administration of the Public Property Agency to the administration of the State Chancellery. The remaining space was subsequently made available through the signing on December 16, 2025, of Additional Agreement No. 2 to Loan Agreement No. 1 of December 24, 2024, ensuring the full occupancy of the agency's headquarters. The IT and technical equipment necessary for the Agency's operation were installed, including the completion of the related fitting-out works.

(v) The **delineation of competences among cybersecurity institutions** was achieved through the integration of the recommendations formulated in the Report on the assessment of the functioning of the cybersecurity ecosystem, presented on 7 July 2025 by the National Directorate for Cyber Security (DNSC). Based on these recommendations has been approved the necessary secondary regulatory framework, which clarifies the roles, responsibilities and coordination mechanisms among the relevant institutions, as follows:

- *Government Decision No. 825/2025 approving the Regulation on state supervision and control over compliance with the regulatory framework in the field of cybersecurity by service providers in critical sectors*, which establishes the supervisory and control competences;
- *Government Decision No. 822/2025 approving the Concept of the Information System "State Register of Cyber Incidents" and the Regulation governing its maintenance*, which defines institutional responsibilities for the reporting, management and exchange of information on cyber incidents;
- *Government Decision No. 823/2025 approving the Regulation on the development, updating and implementation of the National Cyber Incident and Crisis Response Plan*, which clarifies the roles of the institutions involved in the prevention, management and coordination of the response to cyber incidents and crises.

A summary note on the clarification of institutional mandates in the field of cybersecurity in the Republic of Moldova.

<p><b>Evidence provided</b></p>	<p>Law No. 48/2023 on Cybersecurity, in force as of 1 January 2025, published in the Official Gazette on 28 April 2023, No. 151–153, 225:  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/2708/part/1#page=4">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/2708/part/1#page=4</a></p> <p>Government Decision No. 67/2025 amending certain Government Decisions (aimed at improving the efficiency of internal audit activities and the structure of the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalisation), published in the Official Gazette on 13.02.2025, No. 47-49, 70:  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3028/part/2#page=1">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3028/part/2#page=1</a></p> <p>Government Decision No. 1028 of 21 December 2023 on the establishment, organization and functioning of the National Agency for Cybersecurity, published in the Official Gazette on 28 December 2025, No. 502-504, 1238:  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/2828/part/2#page=1">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/2828/part/2#page=1</a></p> <p>Government Decision No. 562/2025 on how service providers in critical sectors should meet cybersecurity requirements, in force as of 5 October 2025, published in the published in the Official Gazette on 5 September 2025, No. 467–470, 575:  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3151/part/2#page=16">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3151/part/2#page=16</a></p> <p>Government Decision No. 478/2024 on the transfer of certain isolated premises from the administration of the Public Property Agency to the administration of the State Chancellery, in force as of 4 July 2025, published in the Official Gazette on 4 July 2025, No. 467–470, 575:  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/2926/part/2#page=36">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/2926/part/2#page=36</a></p> <p>Government Decision No. 822/2025 approving the Concept of the Information System “State Register of Cyber Incidents” and the Regulation on the maintenance of the State Register of Cyber Incidents, in force as of 30 December 2025, published in the Official Gazette on 30 December 2025, No. 646-650, 831:  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3201/part/2#page=57">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3201/part/2#page=57</a></p> <p>Government Decision No. 823/2025 approving the Regulation on the development, updating and implementation of the provisions of the National Cyber Incident and Crisis Response Plan, in force as of 31 December 2025, published in the Official Gazette on 31 December 2025, No. 656–658, 839:  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3203/part/2#page=55">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3203/part/2#page=55</a></p> <p>Government Decision No. 825/2025 approving the Regulation on state supervision and control over compliance with the regulatory framework in the field of cybersecurity by service providers in critical sectors, in force as of 31 December 2025, published in the Official Gazette on 31 December 2025, No. 656–658, 840:  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3203/part/2#page=59">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3203/part/2#page=59</a></p> <p>Order of the Director of the National Agency for Cybersecurity No. 07 of 30 April 2024 regarding the approval of the Regulations on the organisation and functioning of the Cyber Incident and Crisis Response Directorate (CERT):</p> <p>30 employment orders</p>
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	<p>Cyber incidents management platform: <a href="https://ncsc.md/incidents">https://ncsc.md/incidents</a></p> <p>Loan agreements for the transfer of space for use</p> <p>Lease agreement</p> <p>Affidavit of 24 December 2025 regarding the provision of premises and the functioning of the equipment of the National Agency for Cybersecurity</p> <p>Synthesis Note on the clarification of institutional mandates in the field of cybersecurity in the Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Cybersecurity indicators</p> <p>Report on the assessment of the functioning of the cybersecurity ecosystem of the Republic of Moldova, June 2025 (RO)</p> <p>Report „Cybersecurity maturity and opportunities in the Republic of Moldova”, 26 August 2025, CYBERNETICA (ENG);</p> <p>Global Cybersecurity Index 2024 Report, 5th Edition: <a href="https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-d/opb/hdb/d-hdb-gci.01-2024-pdf-e.pdf">https://www.itu.int/dms_pub/itu-d/opb/hdb/d-hdb-gci.01-2024-pdf-e.pdf</a></p> <p>National Cyber Security Index (NCSI) of the e-Governance Academy (eGA); <a href="https://ncsi.ega.ee/ncsi-index/">https://ncsi.ega.ee/ncsi-index/</a></p>
<p><b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b></p>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalization ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<p><b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b></p>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</p>
<p><b>Double funding</b></p>	<p>Contributions from third parties were <b>reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.</p> <p>A donation of 235.000,00 EUR was provided by the EU through the Moldova Rapid Assistance Project 2.0, implemented by EGA, for the necessary equipment and licenses.</p> <p>In October 2025, a donation of 125.758,64 EUR was made by EUPM for software required by the CERT team’s operations (SentinelOne and Project Discovery).</p>

	<p>The following were donated: servers and firewalls, laptops, a printer, and monitors from the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (Sweden) valued at 28.639 EUR, and another donation (servers and operational equipment) from Halo Trust, United Kingdom, a NATO donor, valued at approximately 7000 EUR.</p> <p>To strengthen the operational capacities of the CERT team, between July and December 2025 technical assistance was provided through the secondment of five experts contracted by EUPM, offering support to ASC, including the CERT team, in developing internal procedures.</p> <p>Through the TAIEX program (Event 92141), training sessions were conducted for several departments within ASC, including the CERT team, with the support of experts from the National Directorate for Cyber Security (DNSC) of Romania.</p> <p>These assistance projects were initiated prior to the entry into force of the Reform Agenda. <a href="https://ega.ee/project/moldova-cybersecurity-rapid-assistance-2/">https://ega.ee/project/moldova-cybersecurity-rapid-assistance-2/</a></p>
<p><b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b></p>	<p><b>Fully achieved.</b></p>

### Reform 3.1. Strengthened budgeting, expenditure controls and execution for better budgetary planning and policy implementation

The extended Budget execution report for 2024, prepared in accordance with GFSM 2014, along with the List of self-managed public institutions included in the extended Report for 2024, has been published on the website of the Ministry of Finance.

In the State Budget Law for 2026, No. 322/2025, the “General Actions” section has been reduced by reflecting transfers to the State Social Insurance Budget under the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, as well as transfers to the Compulsory Health Insurance Funds under the Ministry of Health.

*Law No. 327/2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts (improving public finance management)* defines the status of public institutions based on their sources of funding, establishing that institutions financed from budgetary revenues are classified as budgetary institutions. Additionally, public institutions will report their financial statements to the Ministry of Finance starting from 2027 (**step 3.1.4**).

#### Reporting fiche for step 3.1.4.

<p><b>The step under review</b></p>	<p><b>Pillar: 3.</b> Economic governance  <b>Subarea:</b> Public Finance management  <b>Reform: 1.</b> Strengthened budgeting, expenditure controls and execution for better budgetary planning and policy implementation.  <b>Payment condition:</b> Budget transparency is increased (i) by including self-managed entities in the Budget execution report for 2024 budget, (ii) by reducing the General actions section of the State budget to below 32% of total</p>
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	<p>budget expenditures starting in 2026, and (iii) by requiring all extra budgetary entities to report on their budgets starting with the 2027 budget.</p> <p><b>Description of the step: 4.</b> (i) The budget execution report for 2024 includes the budgets of self-managed entities. (ii) In the draft State Budget Law for 2026, General Actions section is reduced by reflecting the transfers to the State Social Insurance Budget within the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, and the transfers to the Mandatory Medical Insurance Funds within the Ministry of Health; (iii) Legal framework is amended to introduce mandatory budget reporting for all extra budgetary entities starting in 2027.</p> <p><b>Source of verification:</b> Official Gazette, Draft of MD national state budget law for 2026 and budget execution report on 2024, published on the Ministry of Finance website.</p> <p><b>Ambition level:</b> Category 2; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 1 160 946 746 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	December 2024, extra budgetary units /self-managed entities are partially included in the National Public Budget, only if they receive transfers from the state budget. General Actions section of the 2025 State Budget represents approximately 60% of total state budget expenditures.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>(i) The extended Budget execution report for 2024 includes the budgets of self-managed entities and was prepared in accordance with the GFSM 2014 methodology (Government Finance Statistics Manual 2014). The extended report for 2024 and the list of included self-managed public institutions have been finalised and published on the website of the Ministry of Finance, ensuring transparency and public access to consolidated information on budget execution. In addition, the extended report has been transmitted to the International Monetary Fund.</p> <p>Information on the cash flow of self-managed public institutions is available in the “Reports” module of the Information System “Financial Reporting of Budgetary Authorities/Institutions”, supporting extended budgetary reporting.</p> <p>(ii) In the State Budget Law for 2026 No. 322/2025, the “<i>General Actions</i>” section is reduced by reflecting transfers to the State Social Insurance Budget under the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and transfers to the Mandatory Health Insurance Funds under the Ministry of Health.</p> <p>According to Annex No. 3 (Section 3.1 Expenditures) to the State Budget Law for 2026, the amount of appropriations reflected under General Actions (code 0799) totals MDL 29,782,240.9 thousand, representing 29.6% of total state budget expenditures amounting to MDL 100,574,000.0 thousand. The monitoring indicator was achieved at a level of 29.6%.</p> <p>Article 4 of the State Budget Law expressly provides that transfers to the State Social Insurance Budget and to the Mandatory Health Insurance Funds are reflected in the budgets of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and the Ministry of Health. in Annex No. 3 (Section 3.1 Expenditures), for both the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and the Ministry of Health, transfers to the State Social Insurance Budget and to the Mandatory Health Insurance Funds are reflected within the relevant subprogrammes.</p>

	(iii) The Law on the amendment of certain normative acts (aimed at improving public finance management) was adopted No. 327/2025 This Law amended the Public Finance and Budgetary-Fiscal Responsibility Law No. 181/2014, notably defining the status of a public institution depending on its sources of funding: (i) budgetary revenues or (ii) entirely own revenues. Public institutions are responsible for submitting financial reports to the Ministry of Finance starting in 2027.
<b>Evidence provided</b>	(i) <i>The extended Budget execution report for 2024, prepared in accordance with GFSM 2014, and the list of self-managed public institutions included in the 2024 extended report have been published on the official website of the Ministry of Finance and can be accessed at the following link:</i> <a href="https://www.mf.gov.md/ro/trezorerie/rapoarte-privind-executarea-bugetului/rapoarte-anuale">https://www.mf.gov.md/ro/trezorerie/rapoarte-privind-executarea-bugetului/rapoarte-anuale</a> (ii) <i>The State Budget Law for 2026 No. 322/2025, published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova No. 659-661, Art. 800, dated 31.12.2025</i> <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3204/part/1#page=20">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3204/part/1#page=20</a> (iii) <i>The Law on the amendment of certain normative acts (improving public finance management) No. 327/2025, published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova No. 665, Art. 814, dated 31.12.2025</i> <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3208/part/1#page=8">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3208/part/1#page=8</a>
<b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b>	The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Finance ensures the quality of the step's implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.  The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement. The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the 'Do No Significant Harm' principle (DNSH).
<b>Double funding</b>	Contributions from third parties were <b>not reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

### Reform 3.2. Debt management

To implement the reform, *Order of the Minister of Finance No. 139 of 11.12.2025 amended the Regulation on the placement, transaction and redemption of state securities in book-entry form.* To establish the regulatory framework for issuing debt instruments on international markets, the *Regulation on the process for selecting the Legal Advisor and the Lead Manager and on the establishment of the Issuance Committee, responsible for coordinating and monitoring the*

issuance of state securities on international markets, was approved under the Order of the Minister of Finance No. 147 of 29 December 2025 (step 3.2.5).

### Reporting fiche for step 3.2.5.

<p><b>The step under review</b></p>	<p><b>Pillar: 3.</b> Economic governance  <b>Subarea:</b> Public Finance management  <b>Reform: 2.</b> Debt management  <b>Payment condition:</b> Deepening and diversifying MD domestic government debt market is advanced: (i) Improving the regulatory framework to strengthen the primary dealership system and (ii) Adoption of the regulatory framework for issuing debt instruments in the international markets.  <b>Description of the step: 5.</b> (i) NBM Regulation no. 170/2018 is amended to facilitate the development of the primary dealership system adjusting evaluation indicators for primary dealers; (ii) Secondary legislation (MOF regulation) is adopted defining procedures for selecting financial and legal intermediaries.  <b>Source of Verification:</b> MOF/NBM websites  <b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 3; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 7739644,97 EUR</p>
<p><b>Baseline</b></p>	<p>As of 2024, Regulatory framework for primary dealership is outdated; Issuance by MD of debt instruments in international markets is not fully regulated.</p>
<p><b>Deadline of the step</b></p>	<p>31/12/2025</p>
<p><b>Actual results</b></p>	<p>For the purpose of strengthening the primary dealership system and stimulating competition on the domestic state securities market, National Bank of Moldova Regulation No. 170/2018 on the placement, transaction and redemption of state securities in book-entry form was amended. through Decision of the Executive Committee of the National Bank of Moldova No. 288 of 05.12.2025 and by Order of the Minister of Finance No. 139 of 11.12.2025.</p> <p>The adopted amendments aim at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– revising the evaluation indicators for primary dealers, with an emphasis on effective participation in state securities auctions and on distribution volumes;</li> <li>– adjusting the scoring corresponding to the evaluation criteria by refocusing them towards predominantly quantitative, objective criteria and based on measurable results;</li> <li>– aligning the evaluation framework with international good practices in the field of public debt management.</li> </ul> <p>With a view to establishing a clear and predictable regulatory framework for accessing international capital markets by Order of the Minister of Finance No. 147 of 29.12.2025, the Regulation on the process for selecting the Legal Advisor and the Lead Manager and on the establishment of the Issuance Committee was approved.</p> <p>The Regulation:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– establishes clear and transparent criteria for the selection of the Legal Advisor and the Lead Manager, based on measurable, performance-oriented parameters;</li> <li>– defines the procedure for the evaluation and selection of financial and legal intermediaries, aligned with international standards;</li> <li>– establishes the Issuance Committee, with responsibilities related to the planning, coordination and monitoring of the process of issuing state securities on the international markets, from the development of the issuance strategy to the validation of technical and legal documentation and the oversight of relations with investors.</li> </ul>
<b>Evidence provided</b>	<p>Decision of the Executive Committee of the National Bank of Moldova No. 288 of 05.12.2025 on the amendment of the Regulation on the placement, transaction and redemption of state securities in book-entry (approved by Order of the Minister of Finance No. 139 of 11.12.2025), published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova No. 620–622, Art. 1110, dated 18.12.2025  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3193#page=130">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3193#page=130</a></p> <p>Order of the Minister of Finance No. 147 of 29.12.2025 concerning the approval of the Regulation on the process for selecting the Legal Advisor and the Lead Manager and the establishment of the Issuance Committee responsible for coordinating and monitoring the process of issuing state securities on the international markets, published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova No. 659–661, Art. 1158, dated 31.12.2025  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3204/part/3#page=1">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3204/part/3#page=1</a></p>
<b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Finance ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</p>
<b>Double funding</b>	Contributions from third parties were <b>not reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

**Reform 3.3. Public investment management system is transparent and rules based, with appraisal, budgeting and execution processes aligned with international best practices with improved capital investment execution**

To implement the reform, *Government Decision No. 753/2025 amending certain Government Decisions (regarding the management of public capital investment projects)*, introduced changes to the regulatory framework for managing public capital investment projects, aimed at optimising the planning, evaluation, implementation, and monitoring processes, thereby increasing the efficiency and transparency of budgetary resource utilisation. Consequently, dedicated units were established in 8 ministries and sectoral coordinators appointed in 6 others, ensuring the function of a focal point for public investments across all 14 ministries.

To ensure interoperability between budget accounting systems, public investment management, and project monitoring systems, on 31 December 2025 the Ministry of Finance and the State Chancellery signed a *Memorandum of Understanding establishing the inter-institutional cooperation framework aimed at facilitating the monitoring of the implementation level of public capital investment projects*.

The Memorandum establishes a permanent framework for collaboration and coordination between the parties, aimed at enhancing public investment management through the strengthening of institutional capacities, harmonisation of the regulatory framework, and improvement of project oversight, in accordance with the legal mandates of the authorities involved.

The Memorandum provides for the development and interconnection of the information systems <https://project.gov.md> (Government Development Projects Management Platform, managed by the State Chancellery), <https://rpc.gov.md> (Registry of Capital Investment Projects, managed by the Ministry of Finance) and <https://trez.mf.gov.md> (System for Recording Budgetary Expenditures, managed by the Ministry of Finance), and for ensuring their interoperability through the module <https://pnd.gov.md> (official online portal dedicated to the National Development Plan (PND), managed by the Chancellery of the Government), in order to guarantee the systematic monitoring of development projects, including public capital investment projects (step 3.3.6).

**Reporting fiche for step 3.3.6.**

<p><b>The step under review</b></p>	<p><b>Pillar: 3.</b> Economic governance  <b>Subarea:</b> Public finance management  <b>Reform: 3.</b> Public investment management system is transparent and rules based, with appraisal, budgeting and execution processes aligned with international best practices with improved capital investment execution.  <b>Payment condition:</b> Public investment management is strengthened through establishment of designated focal point for Public Investment Management (PIM) in each ministry, public investment planning units established in at least 5 ministries, PIM procedures streamlined and capital investment project monitoring is digitalised.  <b>Description of the step: 6.</b> Public investment management has been strengthened: (i) Public investment planning focal points are established within all ministries. Personnel in these focal points are equipped to apply developed methodologies in practice, ensuring effective coordination of public investment management implementation within their respective ministries and subordinated agencies. In addition, PIM units are established in at least 5 ministries. (ii) Public Investment Management (PIM) is streamlined, with relevant regulations (Regulation 1070 and 684) fully aligned to enhance coherence and efficiency. (iii) An IT solution tool is in place to facilitate the monitoring of capital projects, improving oversight and accountability in public investment execution.</p>
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	<p><b>Source of Verification:</b> Ministry of Finance report, State Chancellery Report</p> <p><b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 2</p> <p><b>Disbursement amount:</b> 11609467, 46 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	<p>Capacities to prepare capital investment projects are limited in the ministries. The two-step approach to project appraisal public investment planning is based on two Regulations (Regulation 1070 and 684) that are not fully aligned. For capital investment project monitoring, there is an obligation for line ministries to submit annual reports on project implementation to MOF, but there is no IT tool to monitor capital project implementation.</p>
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>The Government Decision No. 753/2025 amending certain Government Decisions (regarding the management of public capital investment projects) was approved and entered into force on 9 December 2025, providing for:</p> <p>1.1. The establishment of a subdivision responsible for the management of public capital investment projects within the following eight ministries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Infrastructure and Regional Development;</li> <li>- Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry;</li> <li>- Ministry of Environment;</li> <li>- Ministry of Culture;</li> <li>- Ministry of Health;</li> <li>- Ministry of Energy;</li> <li>- Ministry of Internal Affairs - through the reorganisation of the “Budget planning, reporting and policy section” into the “Budget planning policy, financial reporting and public capital investment project management section”;</li> <li>- Within the Ministry of Education and Research - the Assets, investments, public procurement and logistics Section already exists within the Public Finance Management Directorate.</li> </ul> <p>1.2. Appointment in 6 ministries of at least one civil servant as a sectoral coordinator responsible for managing public capital investment projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Finance</li> <li>- Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> <li>- Ministry of Justice</li> <li>- Ministry of Defence</li> <li>- Ministry of Economic Development and Digitalisation</li> <li>- Ministry of Labour and Social Protection</li> </ul> <p>By appointing 6 sectoral coordinators and establishing eight specialized subdivisions, the function of focal point for public investment planning is ensured within all ministries.</p> <p>To implement the Decision, ministries submitted the regulations of their subdivisions and the job descriptions of their civil servants:</p> <p>2. The central public administration authorities implementing capital investment projects are responsible for ensuring the monitoring of project</p>

implementation and the execution of public capital investment expenditures, including the publication of information in the information system “Government Development Project Management Platform” (project.gov.md).

To ensure interoperability between the systems for budget tracking, public investment management, and development project monitoring, on 31 December 2025 the Ministry of Finance and the State Chancellery signed a *Memorandum of Understanding establishing the inter-institutional cooperation framework aimed at facilitating the monitoring of the implementation level of public capital investment projects.*

The Memorandum provides for the development and interconnection of the information systems <https://project.gov.md> (Government Development Projects Management Platform, managed by the State Chancellery), <https://rpic.gov.md> (Registry of Capital Investment Projects, managed by the Ministry of Finance) and <https://trez.mf.gov.md> (System for Recording Budgetary Expenditures, managed by the Ministry of Finance), and for ensuring their interoperability through the module <https://pnd.gov.md> (official online portal dedicated to the National Development Plan (PND), managed by the Chancellery of the Government), in order to guarantee the systematic monitoring of development projects, including public capital investment projects.

The Project.gov.md information system, established under Government Decision No. 474/2025, serves as the central tool used by the Government for the management of development and investment projects. It constitutes a centralised information source, facilitating public authorities’ access to complete, up-to-date, and relevant data on development projects, including public capital investment projects.

Additionally, to strengthen the capacities of project teams within central public authorities in the management of government projects, three training programmes of 40 hours each were organised during the periods 21 July–1 August, 8–19 September, and 15–23 December. These were attended by 100 project team members and public officials responsible for managing public capital investments across all ministries.

**3.** Government Decisions No. 684/2022 and No. 1070/2023 on the establishment of the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning (CIPS) have been amended. CIPS periodically or as necessary reviews and approves new public capital investment projects, accompanied by the eligibility decision issued by the Working Group for Public Capital Investments, Annex No. 1 to the Regulation on Public Capital Investment Projects, approved by Government Decision No. 684/2022, has been supplemented with an entry to indicate whether the project has been approved by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning (ICSP);

The Form A01 “Project Charter” in the Regulation on the Organisation and Functioning of the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning has been updated to include two new fields:

	<p><i>„13.1. Has the project been included in the Information System “Register of Capital Investment Projects” (IS RCIP), in accordance with the Regulation on Public Capital Investment Projects, approved by Government Decision No. 684/2022?</i></p> <p><i>13.2. If yes, attach the procès-verbal of the Capital Investment Projects Working Group regarding the project’s eligibility”.</i></p>
<p><b>Evidence provided</b></p>	<p>Government Decision No. 753/2025 amending certain government decisions (regarding the management of public capital investment projects) <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3188/part/2#page=23">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3188/part/2#page=23</a></p> <p>Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Finance and the State Chancellery establishing the inter-institutional cooperation framework aimed at facilitating the monitoring of the implementation level of public capital investment projects;</p> <p>Procès-verbal of ascertaining the functionality of the pnd.gov.md Information Portal - 31 December 2025;</p> <p>Copies of the regulations of the subdivisions responsible for managing public capital investment projects;</p> <p>Copies of the job descriptions of the employees of the subdivisions responsible for managing public capital investment projects;</p> <p>Letter of the Ministry of Finance no. 09/1-03/157/1716 dated 9 December 2025, regarding the implementation of Government Decision no. 753/2025;</p> <p>Letter of the Ministry of Finance no. 09/1-09/182 dated 3 January 2026, regarding the implementation of Government Decision no. 684/2022;</p> <p>Government Project Management Training Programme;</p> <p>Curriculum for the Training Program Government Project Management</p> <p>Lists of participants in the training sessions on government project management and the use of project.gov.md;</p> <p>List of focal points for public investment planning within ministries.</p>
<p><b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b></p>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Finance ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>

<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.  The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).
<b>Double funding</b>	Contributions from third parties were <b>not reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

### Reform 3.7. Antifraud measures and protection of EU financial interests

To implement the reform, *Government Decision No. 271/2025 on the organisation and functioning of the National Anti-Fraud System* established the National Anti-Fraud System. *The Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the National Anti-Fraud System* was approved, and the State Financial Control Inspectorate, subordinated to the Ministry of Finance, was designated as the national Anti-Fraud Unit and the national contact point for cooperation and information exchange with the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF). Additionally, to strengthen mechanisms for protecting the financial interests of the State, the European Union, and external development partners, 14 memoranda of cooperation were concluded with relevant public authorities (**step 3.7.18. Super-milestone**).

Reform step 3.7.18 aligns directly with the priorities set out in the Reform Agenda, which, during the initial years of implementation, places particular emphasis on reforms under Negotiation Chapter 32 – Financial Control, specifically in the areas of public finance management, internal control, and fraud prevention.

#### Reporting fiche for step 3.7.18.(SMS)

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar: 3.</b> Economic governance</p> <p><b>Subarea:</b> Public Finance management</p> <p><b>Reform: 7.</b> Antifraud measures and protection of EU financial interests</p> <p><b>Payment condition:</b> AFCOS network is established and implemented through formally assigning the national AFCOS coordinator, amending the regulatory framework to establish the Anti-Fraud Coordination Platform and signing relevant agreements between the MD national public institutions participating in the protection of EU’s financial interests.</p> <p><b>Description of the step: 18.</b> (i) Government Decision is adopted to assign to the State Financial Control Inspectorate the role of National Anti-Fraud Coordination Authority, which will give the State Financial Control Inspectorate both increased responsibilities and rights in the context of cross-border cooperation programs. This amendment facilitates a more efficient collaboration between the institutions involved, with the purpose of strengthening the mechanisms for preventing and combating fraud. (ii) Government Decision is adopted regulating the institutional framework and implementation of the functioning mechanism of the anti-fraud coordination</p>
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	<p>system (AFCOS); (iii) Cooperation Agreements between competent MD public authorities participating in the protection of the EU's financial interests are signed.</p> <p><b>Source of Verification:</b> Government portal for government decisions;  <b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 5; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 1934911,24 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	As of December 2024, AFCOS network is not established.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>By Government Decision No. 271/2025, the regulatory framework on the organisation and functioning of the National Anti-Fraud System was approved, including the related Regulation and the list of entities responsible for reporting irregularities and/or suspicions of fraud (Annexes No. 2 and 3 to the Government Decision).</p> <p>The National Anti-Fraud System was established as an integrated institutional mechanism, composed of the National Anti-Fraud Network, the reporting entities, and the Anti-Fraud Unit. The State Financial Control Inspectorate, subordinated to the Ministry of Finance, was assigned the role of national Anti-Fraud Unit, as well as the function of national contact point for cooperation with the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF).</p> <p>For the operationalisation of inter-institutional cooperation within the National Anti-Fraud System, by 08.12.2025, 14 bilateral Memoranda establishing the framework for communication, interaction and cooperation were concluded between the State Financial Control Inspectorate and the following authorities and institutions: the Public Procurement Agency, the National Integrity Authority, the National Bank of Moldova, the State Chancellery, the Court of Accounts, the General Police Inspectorate, the General Inspectorate of Border Police, the General Prosecutor's Office, the State Tax Service, the Service for Prevention and Combating of Money Laundering, the Information Technologies Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Customs Service, the Ministry of Justice, and the National Anti-Corruption Center.</p> <p>The implementation and operationalisation of the National Anti-Fraud System generate a direct and measurable impact on the achievement of the reform objective, aimed at strengthening the State's capacity to prevent, detect, investigate and combat irregularities and fraud affecting the financial interests of the State, the European Union and external development partners. The establishment of a clear regulatory framework and a functional institutional mechanism ensure a clear allocation of responsibilities, the standardisation of reporting and intervention processes, as well as the creation of a coherent and predictable flow of information among the relevant authorities.</p> <p>At the same time, the operationalisation of inter-institutional cooperation through bilateral memoranda contributes to reducing institutional fragmentation, intensifying the exchange of operational data and increasing the efficiency of the authorities' response in cases of suspected fraud. The designation of the State Financial Control Inspectorate as the Anti-Fraud Unit and national contact point with OLAF aligns the Republic of Moldova</p>

	<p>with European good practices and strengthens international cooperation in the field of protection of financial interests.</p> <p>Overall, the reform has a significant impact on strengthening financial governance, increasing transparency and accountability in the management of public and external funds, reducing the risks of fraud and corruption, as well as enhancing the State's institutional credibility in its relations with the European Union and external development partners.</p>
<b>Evidence provided</b>	<p>Government Decision No. 271 of 07.05.2025 on the organisation and functioning of the National Anti-Fraud System, in force as of 23.06.2025, published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova No. 249–252, Art. 301, dated 23.05.2025  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3086#page=6">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3086#page=6</a></p> <p>Memoranda on the establishment of the inter-institutional framework for communication, interaction and cooperation, aimed at strengthening the mechanism for the protection of the financial interests of the State, the European Union and external development partners:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Memorandum of Cooperation with the Public Procurement Agency, signed on 10 July 2025;</li> <li>2) Memorandum of Cooperation with the State Tax Service, signed on 15 July 2025;</li> <li>3) Memorandum of Cooperation with the Service for the Prevention and Combating of Money Laundering, signed on 29 July 2025;</li> <li>4) Memorandum of Cooperation with the General Inspectorate of Border Police of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, signed on 8 August 2025;</li> <li>5) Memorandum of Cooperation with the Customs Service, signed on 13 August 2025;</li> <li>6) Memorandum of Cooperation with the Prosecutor's Office system, signed on 14 August 2025;</li> <li>7) Memorandum of Cooperation with the Information Technologies Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, signed on 18 August 2025;</li> <li>8) Memorandum of Cooperation with the Court of Accounts of the Republic of Moldova, signed on 15 September 2025;</li> <li>9) Memorandum of Cooperation with the National Integrity Authority, signed on 22 September 2025;</li> <li>10) Memorandum of Cooperation with the General Police Inspectorate, signed on 27 November 2025;</li> <li>11) Memorandum of Cooperation with the National Bank of Moldova, signed on 02 December 2025;</li> <li>12) Memorandum of Cooperation with the State Chancellery, signed on 04 December 2025;</li> <li>13) Memorandum of Cooperation with the National Anti-Corruption Center, signed on 05 December 2025;</li> <li>14) Memorandum of Cooperation with the Ministry of Justice, signed on 08 December 2025.</li> </ol>
<b>Checks performed in the verification</b>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Finance and State Financial Control Inspectorate ensures the quality of the step's implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p>

<b>of the step and related findings</b>	The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</p>
<b>Double funding</b>	<p>Contributions from third parties in support of the achievement of this step were <b>reported</b>:</p> <p>The project „Support for structured policy dialogue, coordination of implementation of the Association Agreement and enforcement of the legal approximation process” (Service Contract No. 2020/415-097; EuropeAid/139112/DH/SER/MD), implemented by DAI Global Austria GmbH &amp; Co KG, provides specialised technical assistance for strengthening institutional capacity and supporting the implementation process of the EU–Republic of Moldova Association Agreement.</p> <p>The assistance consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the provision of technical expertise and specialised advisory services for structured policy dialogue;</li> <li>• support in coordinating the implementation of the Association Agreement;</li> <li>• assistance in the application and monitoring of the process of legislative approximation to the EU acquis;</li> </ul>
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

#### **Reform 4.4. Enhanced quality and accessibility of social services meeting minimum standards and population needs**

For the implementation of the reform, *33 regulations and minimum quality standards applicable to social services were updated through the adoption of 20 Government Decisions*, harmonising the requirements for organisation, operation and evaluation for approximately 80% of existing services. This regulatory intervention has contributed to increased predictability and coherence in service delivery, improved coordination and efficiency of social assistance, as well as the strengthening of the framework for the unified case management system.

The Government Decisions cover the areas of protection of older persons, persons with disabilities, children and families, victims of violence (domestic violence, violence against women, and human trafficking), as well as community, food and housing support, aiming to harmonise minimum quality standards, modernise social services and promote social inclusion (**step 4.4.10**).

#### **Reporting fiche for step 4.4.10**

<p><b>The step under review</b></p>	<p><b>Pillar: 4.</b> Social capital  <b>Subarea:</b> Social protection  <b>Reform: 4.</b> Enhanced quality and accessibility of social services meeting minimum standards and population needs.  <b>Payment condition:</b> The regulations on quality assurance and minimum quality standards for 80% of social services are updated.  <b>Description of the step: 10.</b> The reform aims to enhance the quality of social services through regulatory revisions on quality assurance and minimum quality standards. The social services covered encompass 47 social services, representing 100% of the total number. Of these, 10% (5 social services - day center for children at risk, regional center for integrated assistance for children victims and witnesses of crime, community home for persons with disabilities, free telephone assistance service for persons with disabilities, and free telephone assistance social service for children) already operate under improved and updated regulations. Out of the remaining 90%, 70% (32 services) are subject for update in accordance with the priorities of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, progressing toward the final target of 80% coverage.  <b>Source of verification:</b> Website confirming the adoption of the regulation of the quality assurance and minimum quality standards for 80% of social services. Compliance data from the MLSP monitoring social service quality.  <b>Ambition level:</b> Category 2; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 11.609.467,46 EUR</p>
<p><b>Baseline</b></p>	<p>In 2024, improved and updated regulation exists for 10% of social services.</p>
<p><b>Deadline of the step</b></p>	<p>12/31/2025</p>
<p><b>Actual results</b></p>	<p><i>To improve the quality and accessibility of social services in the Republic of Moldova, 19 Government Decisions were approved, through which 34 regulations and minimum quality standards related to social services were updated:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- through Government Decision No. 786/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Child and Family Psychosocial Assistance and Rehabilitation Service and the Minimum Quality Standards, the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Child and Family Psychosocial Assistance and Rehabilitation Service and the Minimum Quality Standards were approved;</li> <li>- through Government Decision No. 787/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service “Assisted Social Housing” and the Minimum Quality Standards, the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service “Assisted Social Housing” and the Minimum Quality Standards were approved;</li> <li>- through Government Decision No. 788/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social support service for families with children and the Minimum Quality</li> </ul>

	<p>Standards, the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social support service for families with children and the Minimum Quality Standards were approved;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- through Government Decision No. 789/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service Placement Center for elderly persons and persons with disabilities and the Minimum Quality Standards, the existing regulatory framework was updated by approving the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service Placement Center for elderly persons and persons with disabilities and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>- through Government Decision No. 790/2025 on the approval of the Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Community Social Assistance Service and the Minimum Quality Standards, the Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Community Social Assistance Service and the Minimum Quality Standards were approved;</li> <li>- through Government Decision No. 791/2025 amending Government Decision No. 898/2015 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Service for Assistance and Protection of Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings and the Minimum Quality Standards, the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Service for Assistance and Protection of Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings and the Minimum Quality Standards were updated;</li> <li>- through Government Decision No. 792/2025 amending certain Government Decisions (regarding the provision of social services in the field of ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities to independent living and community inclusion), the relevant regulatory framework was updated:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service “Protected Housing” and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>2. the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service “Mobile Team” and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>3. The Framework Regulation on the organisation and operation of the social service “Personal Assistance” and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>4. the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service “Respite” and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>5. the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service “Family Placement for Adults” and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>6. the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service “Community Home” and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. the Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Free Telephone Assistance Service for Persons with Disabilities and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>8. the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service “Day Center for Persons with Disabilities” and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>9. the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Prosthetics and Orthopedics Service and the Minimum Quality Standards.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- through Government Decision No. 793/2025 amending Government Decision No. 575/2017 on the approval of the Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Free Telephone Assistance Service for victims of domestic violence and violence against women and the Minimum Quality Standards, the Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Free Telephone Assistance Service for victims of domestic violence and violence against women and the Minimum Quality Standards was updated;</li> <li>- through Government Decision No. 794/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Food Support Social Service and the Minimum Quality Standards, the regulatory framework was updated by approving the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Food Support Social Service and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>- through Government Decision No. 795/2025 amending certain Government Decisions (adjusting the regulatory framework in the field of child protection), the regulatory framework was updated: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service “Community Home for Children at Risk”;</li> <li>2. The Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Professional Foster Care Service and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>3. The Framework Regulation on the organisation and operation of the Social Service Placement Centre for Children Separated from their Parents and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>4. The Framework Regulation on the organisation and operation of the social service “Family-Type Children’s Home” and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>5. The Framework Regulation on the organisation and operation of the social service Day Care Centre for Children aged 4 months to 3 years;</li> </ol> </li> <li>- through Government Decision No. 796/2025 amending Government Decision No. 1019/2008 on the approval of the Minimum Quality Standards for social services provided within maternity centers, the regulatory framework was updated by approving the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Maternity Service and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- through Government Decision No. 797/2025 amending Government Decision No. 496/2014 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Assistance and Counselling Center for Family Offenders and the Minimum Quality Standards, the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Assistance and Counselling Center for Family Offenders and the Minimum Quality Standards was updated;</li> <li>- through Government Decision No. 798/2025 amending Government Decision No. 129/2010 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service for the rehabilitation of victims of domestic violence, the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service for the rehabilitation of victims of domestic violence and the Minimum Quality Standards was updated.</li> <li>- through Government Decision No. 831/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Day Center for Elderly Persons and the Minimum Quality Standards, the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Day Center for Elderly Persons and the Minimum Quality Standards was ensured.</li> <li>- through Government Decision No. 832/2025 on the amendment of certain Government Decisions (regarding the provision of social services), the update of the following regulations was ensured: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Framework Regulation of the Home Social Care Service and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>2. The Framework Regulation on the organisation and operation of the Regional Social Centre for the Assistance of People Infected with HIV/AIDS and Their Family Members, and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>3. The Framework Regulation on the organisation and operation of the Integrated Social Service for Psychoactive Substance Users and Substitution Therapy Patients, and the Minimum Quality Standards;</li> <li>4. The Framework Regulation on the organisation and operation of the Night Shelter Service for Homeless Persons, and the Minimum Quality Standards.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- through Government Decision No. 833/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and operation of the social service “Social Laundry” and the Minimum Quality Standards, the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and operation of the social service “Social Laundry” and the Minimum Quality Standards was ensured.</li> <li>- through Government Decision No. 834/2025 on the provision of professional rehabilitation services for the labour market integration of persons with disabilities, the approval of the Framework Regulation on the provision of professional rehabilitation services and the Minimum Quality Standards for professional rehabilitation services was ensured.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- through Government Decision No. 835/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Psychological Assistance Service for Adult Victims of Crimes and the Minimum Quality Standards, the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Psychological Assistance Service for Adult Victims of Crimes and the Minimum Quality Standards was ensured.</li> <li>- through Government Decision No. 836/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and operation of support services for victims of sexual violence and the Minimum Quality Standards, the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and operation of support services for victims of sexual violence and the Minimum Quality Standards was ensured.</li> </ul> <p><i>These normative interventions allowed for the harmonisation of the organisation, functioning, and evaluation requirements of social services, ensuring the application of uniform quality standards for 90% of existing social services.</i></p> <p>To ensure a participatory and transparent process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the drafts were published for public consultation and sent directly by e-mail to over 100 stakeholders from public authorities and civil society;</li> <li>- 11 public consultation events were held, both in-person and online, with the participation of over 621 representatives from civil society, social service providers, and public authorities;</li> <li>- a total of 406 recommendations were submitted, of which 366 were accepted and integrated into the process of updating 32 regulations and minimum quality standards related to social services.</li> </ul> <p>At the same time, a comprehensive evaluation process of residential social services was carried out, including 97 assessment visits covering 45 placement centers for elderly persons and persons with disabilities, 29 protected housing units, 19 community homes, and 2 respite services. During these evaluations, 30% of beneficiaries were interviewed regarding the quality of the services received, and 60% of the staff employed in the evaluated social services participated in interviews.</p>
<p><b>Evidence provided</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Government Decision No. 786/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Child and Family Psychosocial Assistance and Rehabilitation Service and the Minimum Quality Standards</i>  Link: <i>Official Gazette No. 637-640, Part II:</i>  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3198/part/2#page=1">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3198/part/2#page=1</a></li> <li>2. <i>Government Decision No. 787/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service “Assisted Social Housing” and the Minimum Quality Standards</i>  Link: <i>Official Gazette No. 637-640, Part II:</i>  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3198/part/2#page=8">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3198/part/2#page=8</a></li> <li>3. <i>Government Decision No. 788/2025 on the approval of the Framework</i></li> </ol>

*Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social support service for families with children and the Minimum Quality Standards*

Link: Official Gazette No. 637-640, Part II:  
<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3198/part/2#page=18>

4. *Government Decision No. 789/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service Placement Center for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities and the Minimum Quality Standards*

Link: Official Gazette No. 637-640, Part II:  
<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3198/part/2#page=24>

5. *Government Decision No. 790/2025 on the approval of the Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Community Social Assistance Service and the Minimum Quality Standards*

Link: Official Gazette No.637-640, Part II:  
<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3198/part/2#page=44>

6. *Government Decision No. 791/2025 amending Government Decision No. 898/2015 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Service for Assistance and Protection of Victims of Human Trafficking and the Minimum Quality Standards*

Link: Official Gazette No. 637-640, Part II:  
<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3198/part/2#page=53>

7. *Government Decision No. 792/2025 amending certain Government Decisions (regarding the provision of social services in the field of ensuring the rights of persons with disabilities to independent living and community inclusion)*

Link: Official Gazette No. 656–658, Part II:  
<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3203/part/2#page=1>

8. *Government Decision No. 793/2025 amending Government Decision No. 575/2017 on the approval of the Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Free Telephone Assistance Service for victims of domestic violence and violence against women and the Minimum Quality Standards*

Link: Official Gazette No. 637-640, Part II:  
<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3198/part/2#page=68>

9. *Government Decision No. 794/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Food Support Social Service and the Minimum Quality Standards*

Link: Official Gazette No. 646-650, Part II:  
<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3201/part/2#page=1>

10. *Government Decision No. 795/2025 amending certain Government Decisions (adjusting the regulatory framework in the field of child protection)*

*Link: Official Gazette No.637-640, Part II:*

<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3198/part/2#page=77>

11. *Government Decision No. 796/2025 amending Government Decision No. 1019/2008 on the approval of the Minimum Quality Standards for social services provided within maternity centers*

*Link: Official Gazette No. 641-644, Part II::*

<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3199/part/2#page=1>

12. *Government Decision No. 797/2025 amending Government Decision No. 496/2014 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Assistance and Counselling Center for Family Offenders and the Minimum Quality Standards*

*Link: Official Gazette No. 646-650, Part II:*

<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3201/part/2#page=10>

13. *Government Decision No. 798/2025 amending Government Decision No. 129/2010 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service for the rehabilitation of victims of domestic violence*

*Link: Official Gazette No. 646-650, Part II:*

<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3201/part/2#page=20>

14. *Government Decision No. 831/2025 amending Government Decision No. 569/2013 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Day Center for Elderly Persons and the Minimum Quality Standards*

*Link: Official Gazette No. 662-664, Part II:*

<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3205/part/2#page=1>

15. *Government Decision No.832/2025 amending certain Government Decisions (regarding the provision of social services)*

*Link: Official Gazette No. 662-664, Part II:*

<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3205/part/2#page=11>

16. *Government Decision No. 833/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the social service “Social Laundry” and the Minimum Quality Standards*

*Link: Official Gazette No. 662-664, Part II:*

<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3205/part/2#page=46>

17. *Government Decision No. 834/2025 on the provision of professional rehabilitation services for the labour market integration of persons with disabilities*

*Link: Official Gazette No. 656-658, Part II:*

<https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3203/part/2#page=69>

18. *Government Decision No. 835/2025 on the approval of the Framework*

	<p><i>Regulation on the organisation and functioning of the Psychological Assistance Service for Adult Victims of Crimes and the Minimum Quality Standards</i></p> <p>Link: Official Gazette No. 656-658, Part II:  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3203/part/2#page=70">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3203/part/2#page=70</a></p> <p>19. <i>Government Decision No. 836/2025 on the approval of the Framework Regulation on the organisation and functioning of support services for victims of sexual violence and the Minimum Quality Standards</i></p> <p>Link: Official Gazette No. 662-664, Part II:  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3205/part/2#page=52">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3205/part/2#page=52</a></p> <p>The above-mentioned Government Decisions have been published on the website of the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and can be accessed via the following link: <a href="https://social.gov.md/legislatie/protectie-sociala/legislatie-nationala/">https://social.gov.md/legislatie/protectie-sociala/legislatie-nationala/</a></p>
<b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection ensures the quality of the step's implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the 'Do No Significant Harm' principle (DNSH).</p>
<b>Double funding</b>	Contributions from third parties were <b>not reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

#### Reform 4.4.12

Within the RESTART reform of the social assistance system, regulated by Law No. 256/2023, the institutional framework enabling the recruitment of child rights protection specialists at territorial level has been expanded. As of May 2025, 201 new specialists have been recruited, fully funded from the state budget. Consequently, at the reporting stage, the total number of child rights protection specialists nationwide amounts to 254.

This step contributes to the professionalisation of the system, enhances rapid response capacity, ensures the effective application of preventive measures, and enables the early identification of situations of vulnerability. As a result, the Republic of Moldova is strengthening its institutional and human capacities, aligning with European standards, and ensuring the quality and effectiveness of social services for children and families ([step 4.4.12](#)).

**Reporting fiche for step 4.4.12.**

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar: 4.</b> Social capital  <b>Subarea:</b> Social protection  <b>Reform: 4.</b> Enhanced quality and accessibility of social services meeting minimum standards and population needs.  <b>Payment condition:</b> Child protection system is strengthened by recruitment and retention of additional 200 child protection specialists, funded through the state budget.  <b>Description of the step: 12.</b> MD strengthens its child protection system by ensuring recruitment and retention of 200 child protection specialists, funded through the state budget.  <b>Source of verification:</b> MLSP recruitment records, report on deployment of the specialists.  <b>Ambition level:</b> Category 4; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 3869822,49 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	35 child protection specialists employed from the state budget.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>Under the “RESTART” social assistance system reform, regulated by Law No. 256/2023, the institutional framework was expanded to allow the employment of Child Rights Protection Specialists (CRPS) at the territorial level, fully funded from the state budget.</p> <p>Starting from May 2025, 201 Child Rights Protection Specialists were recruited and employed through the Territorial Social Assistance Agencies, based on individual employment contracts and issued employment orders. As of 31 October 2025, the recruitment process was completed at 100%.</p> <p>To ensure the retention of specialists within the system, the necessary financial resources have been planned in the State Budget Law for 2026, guaranteeing the continuity of funding for the newly created positions. At the same time, specialists benefit from ongoing methodological support provided by the territorial social assistance structures, the Territorial Social Assistance Agencies, and the relevant department within the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection, as well as from periodic training programmes aimed at strengthening professional capacities and improving the quality of interventions in the field of child protection</p> <p>The expansion of the network of Child Rights Protection Specialists (CRPS) at the local level has directly contributed to strengthening the institutional capacity of the child protection system, improving early intervention capabilities, and ensuring more effective application of preventive measures, including in the areas of parental education and risk identification. At the same time, it has allowed community social workers to redirect their activities towards other categories of beneficiaries, such as elderly persons and persons</p>

	<p>with disabilities.</p> <p>Furthermore, since the beginning of 2024, local public authorities have additionally employed 18 specialists in the field of child rights protection. Thus, compared to the baseline of 35 specialists existing prior to the reform, the total number of Child Rights Protection Specialists at the national level now amounts to 254, representing a net increase of 219 specialists and significantly exceeding the target of 200.</p>
<b>Evidence provided</b>	<p>The list of Child Rights Protection Specialists (CRPS) employed by the Territorial Social Assistance Agencies (TSAA), institutions subordinated to the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Republic of Moldova.</p> <p>201 employment orders issued by the Territorial Social Assistance Agencies.</p> <p>201 individual employment contracts.</p>
<b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection ensures the quality of the step's implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the 'Do No Significant Harm' principle (DNSH).</p>
<b>Double funding</b>	<p>Contributions from third parties were <b>not reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.</p>
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<p><b>Fully achieved.</b></p>

#### **Reform 4.5. Strengthened active labour market policies and facilitation of labour market participation and fighting undeclared work and labour exploitation**

For the implementation of Reform 4, *Law No. 311/2025 amending certain normative acts (Law No. 140/2001 on the State Labour Inspectorate and Law No. 131/2012 on state control)* was adopted. Through these amendments, the legal framework governing the mandate of the State Labour Inspectorate was revised in order to align it with international labour standards and European best practices in the field of labour inspection.

The new regulations provide for the *possibility of carrying out unannounced inspection visits*, strengthening the authority's capacity to prevent and combat breaches of labour legislation, including undeclared work and forms of labour exploitation. At the same time, a mechanism has been established to monitor the implementation of prescriptions issued by labour inspectors, as

recorded in the inspection reports drawn up following the checks carried out, enabling effective tracking of employers' compliance and increasing the impact of inspections

The mechanism for monitoring the implementation of prescriptions issued by the State Labour Inspectorate (SLI) was approved by Order of the Director of the SLI No. 111-a of 23 December "On the establishment of the prescription monitoring system". The prescription monitoring system is operational and functions as an information module within the e-Management Information System, hosted on the governmental technological platform MCloud, and is accessed under the name "Register of Prescriptions". (step 4.5.14).

#### Reporting fiche for step 4.5.14.

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar: 4.</b> Social capital  <b>Subarea:</b> Employment and labour markets  <b>Reform: 5.</b> Strengthened active labour market policies and facilitation of labour market participation and fighting undeclared work and labour exploitation.</p> <p><b>Payment condition:</b> The State labour inspectorate is reformed and has the power to conduct unannounced inspection visits while limitations linked to the law 131 of 2012 are eliminated. A monitoring system for inspection visits' recommendations is in place.</p> <p><b>Description of the step: 14.</b> The State labour Inspectorate has the powers and mandate in line with ILO Conventions. Law 131 of 2012 is aligned to the ILO Conventions. This legislation regarding the mandate of the labour inspectorate is revised in line with international labour standards making unannounced inspection visits possible. A monitoring system is in place including the legislation and the monitoring system for inspection visits' recommendations.</p> <p><b>Source of verification:</b> Official Gazette, State Labour Inspectorate reports.  <b>Ambition level:</b> Category 1; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 15.479.289,94 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	The law 131 on state control is in contradiction with the ILO conventions on labour inspections 81 and 129.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p><i>Law No. 311/2025 was adopted to amend certain legislative acts (updating the regulatory framework governing the State Labor Inspectorate), effective as of December 31, 2025, which ensures full alignment of Law No. 140/2001 on the State Labor Inspectorate (ISM) with ILO conventions and excludes ISM from the scope of Law No. 131/2012 on state control.</i></p> <p>Law No. 311/2025 has a significant structural and functional impact on the exercise of state control in the field of labor, occupational safety, and health, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- strengthens the ISM's capacity to intervene promptly, in a targeted and proportionate manner in situations where there are indications of violations of employees' rights, of labour law, including in cases of undeclared work;</li> <li>- contributes to increasing the level of protection for employees, promoting legal employment through individual employment contracts, improving compliance with occupational health and safety standards, and reducing the incidence of undeclared work and accidents at work;</li> <li>- provides the private sector with a clearer and more predictable framework for conducting inspections, reduces the risk of administrative abuse, and improves</li> </ul>

	<p>relations with the inspection authority, including through the digitization of procedures (use of electronic signatures and electronic transmission of documents);</p> <p><b>The monitoring of compliance with inspection visits’ recommendations</b> is implemented through an internal mechanism of the State Labour Inspectorate (procedure/SOP and periodic reporting). State Labour Inspectorate Director’s Order of the SLI Director No. 111-a of December 23, 2025 on the establishment of the prescription monitoring system was published on the SLI website.</p> <p>The inspection visits’ recommendations monitoring system has been operational since 24 December 2025 and functions as an information module within the e-Management Information System, hosted on the governmental technology platform MCloud, and is accessed under the title “Prescription Register”.</p> <p>The system enables real-time monitoring of inspection visits’ recommendations until their full resolution, either through confirmation of compliance, identification of full or partial non-compliance, or the application of the relevant legal measures. At the same time, the system contributes to increased transparency, prompt intervention in cases of non-compliance, and improved risk analysis by classifying prescriptions into minor, medium, and major categories.</p>
<p><b>Evidence provided</b></p>	<p>Law No. 311/2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts (updating the regulatory framework regarding the State Labour Inspectorate), published in the Official Gazette No. 659–661, Art. 790:  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3204/part/1#page=1">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3204/part/1#page=1</a></p> <p>State Labour Inspectorate Director’s Order No. 111-a on the Establishment of the Prescription Monitoring System:  <a href="https://ism.gov.md/ro/activitatea-ism/ordinul-inspectoratului-de-stat-al-muncii-cu-privire-la-instituirea-sistemului-de">https://ism.gov.md/ro/activitatea-ism/ordinul-inspectoratului-de-stat-al-muncii-cu-privire-la-instituirea-sistemului-de</a></p>
<p><b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b></p>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<p><b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b></p>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</p>
<p><b>Double funding</b></p>	<p>Contributions from third parties in support of the achievement of this step <b>were reported</b> as follows:</p> <p>During the drafting process of the <i>Law No. 311/2025 on the amendment of certain normative acts (updating the regulatory framework regarding the State Labour Inspectorate)</i>, the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection benefited from consultative expertise provided by Twinning experts and the ILO team, including in the form of analytical inputs and conceptual proposals. The bill was</p>

	drafted and promoted entirely by the Ministry's team, without dedicated external funding for this process.
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

### **Reform 5.1. Establishing the environmental playing field through modernising environmental governance and promoting low carbon development**

For the implementation of the reform, *Government Decision No. 766 of 10 December 2025 on the amendment of certain Government Decisions (strengthening the institutional and operational capacity of IP ONIPM and reforming the operational mechanism of the National Environmental Fund)* was adopted, as well as *Order of the Minister of Environment No. 188 of 16 December 2025 approving the Operational Manual for the National Environmental Fund* and *Order No. 187 of 16 December 2025 approving the Rules of Procedure of the Committee for the Evaluation of Projects Financed by the National Environmental Fund.*

According to *Law No. 322/2025 on the State Budget for 2026*, 195,000 thousand MDL have been allocated to the National Environmental Fund, including 20,000 thousand MDL for the Growth Plan.

On 19 December 2025, the Ministry of Environment launched two calls for project proposals:

- *Call No. 04/2025 for the submission of project proposals in the field of waste recycling;*
- *Call No. 05/2025 for the submission of project proposals in the field of integrated water resources management and the protection and conservation of biodiversity. (step 5.1.2).*

#### **Reporting fiche for step 5.1.2.**

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar: 5.</b> Green transition and natural capital</p> <p><b>Subarea:</b> Environment protection and climate actions</p> <p><b>Reform: 1.</b> Establishing the environmental playing field through modernising environmental governance and promoting low carbon development</p> <p><b>Payment condition:</b> The reform of the National Environmental Fund is completed, in particular by ensuring adequate funding, publishing the calls for Proposals/ Funding opportunities, adopting clear and transparent rules and selection criteria for projects, establishing an evaluation committee and disclosure of projects to be funded and funded projects as well as reporting on project implementation.</p> <p><b>Description of the step: 2.</b> Calls for proposals are published in official gazettes and media platforms, evidence of dissemination to relevant stakeholders (including NGOs, businesses, research institutions). Ministry of Environment approves transparent funding guidelines through ministerial order (to include Stakeholder consultation reports demonstrating the involvement of civil society and experts in drafting the rules), funding criteria are made available on the official website. Ministry of Environment approves the establishment of an independent evaluation committee and regular publication of selected projects, including budget allocation and expected outcomes, regular reports on fund disbursement and project implementation progress (every 6 months).</p>
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	<p><b>Source of Verification:</b> ONIPM website, Ministry of Environment website, ministerial order on the evaluation committee</p> <p><b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 3; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 7739644,97 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	Limited institutional and technical framework and capacity to implement clear and transparent rules for funding allocation with the National Environmental Fund
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>To enhance the transparency and effectiveness of the administration of the National Environmental Fund (NEF), a series of actions have been undertaken, as follows:</p> <p>(i) The <i>Government Decision No. 766/2025 on the amendment of certain Government Decisions, aimed at strengthening the institutional and operational capacity of the Public Institution National Office for the Implementation of Environmental Projects (IP ONIPM)</i> was approved, with expansion of the IP ONIPM by 6 additional positions.</p> <p>A competitive recruitment process was conducted for the 5 newly created positions dedicated to the management of the National Environmental Fund, and the required staff have been appointed to these positions.</p> <p>The <i>Government Decision No. 766/2025</i> also introduced amendments to <i>Government Decision No. 711/2022 on the approval of the Regulation on the administration of the National Environmental Fund</i>, which concern the definition of the responsibilities of the IP ONIPM Supervisory Committee in relation to the administration of the National Environmental Fund, as well as provisions on the establishment of the Project Evaluation Committee, the selection of its members through a public open competitive procedure, the requirements for conducting the competition, the minimum eligibility conditions for participation, and the evaluation criteria applicable to candidates.</p> <p>(ii) To support the functioning and sustainability of the reformed mechanism, adequate funding of the NEF has been ensured.</p> <p>For 2026, under the <i>State Budget Law for 2026 No. 322/2025</i>, the budget of the NEF was approved in the amount of MDL 195.0 million, representing an increase of approximately 18% compared to 2025. This increase will enable the launch of new calls for project proposals for financing and the funding of a larger number of environmental projects.</p> <p>(iii) As a result of the increase of the NEF budget for 2026 by MDL 20 million, 2 calls for project proposals were published on the IP ONIPM website on 19.12.2025, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Call No. 04/2025 for the submission of project proposals in the field of waste recycling;</li> <li>- Call No. 05/2025 for the submission of project proposals in the field of integrated water resources management and the protection and conservation of biodiversity.</li> </ul>

The calls are accompanied by Funding Guidelines, providing public information on the conditions for participation in the competitive procedure, eligibility criteria, and application forms.

Announcements regarding the launch of new calls for projects and the corresponding Guidelines were published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova No. 633-636 of December 26, 2025.

(iv) The National Environmental Fund's operating manual was updated and approved by Order of the Minister of the Environment No. 188 of December 16, 2025, published on the websites of the Ministry of the Environment and IP ONIPM.

The Manual establishes a unified and transparent framework for the administration of the National Environmental Fund, including: the roles of the IP ONIPM Supervisory Committee in the administration of the National Environmental Fund and the role of the Project Evaluation Committee.

(v) In order to establish the Committee for the Evaluation of Projects Financed by the National Environmental Fund, Order No. 187 of December 16, 2025, issued by the Minister of the Environment, approved the Rules of Procedure of the Committee for the Evaluation of Projects Financed by the National Environmental Fund, published on the official websites of the Ministry of the Environment and IP ONIPM.

The announcement of the launch of the competition for the selection of experts within the Project Evaluation Committee was published on the IP ONIPM website and on the civic.md website. The nominal composition of the *Project Evaluation Committee for projects financed from the National Environmental Fund* was approved by *Order of the Minister of Environment No. 11 of 21 January 2026*.

(vi) Chapter 10 “Transparency and Public Access” of the Operational Manual approved by *Order of the Minister of Environment No. 188 of 16.12.2025* establishes clear requirements regarding the transparency of the use of National Environmental Fund resources, including the obligation of IP ONIPM to prepare and publish **semi-annual and annual reports** containing information on budget allocations, expected results, fund disbursement, and the progress of project implementation, including results achieved. The semi-annual and annual reports include information on the calls for project proposals conducted during the reporting period, projects approved for financing, completed and ongoing projects, budget allocations, expected results, and results achieved during the reporting period.

In 2025, the following information was published on the IP ONIPM website:

- on 25.06.2025: The list of projects selected for financing from the National Environmental Fund for the period 2025–2026, following the evaluation of project proposals submitted under Calls No. 02/2024 and 03/2024 (fields of “Integrated Waste Management” and “Integrated Water Resources Management”);
- on 12.08.2025: The lists of projects approved for financing by the Supervisory Committee under Call No. 02/2024 in the fields of Integrated Waste Management, Water Resources Management, and Protection and Conservation of Biodiversity;

	<p>- <b>Semi-annual report (July–December 2025)</b> on fund disbursement and the progress of project implementation under the National Environmental Fund.</p>
<p><b>Evidence provided</b></p>	<p>Government Decision No. 766 of 10 December 2025 on the amendment of certain Government Decisions (strengthening the institutional and operational capacity of IP ONIPM and reforming the operational mechanism of the National Environmental Fund), published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, No. 611–613 of 11 December 2025, Article 778.  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3190/part/2#page=18">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3190/part/2#page=18</a>.</p> <p>2 operating regulations of the sections, defining functions and responsibilities in the management of the National Environmental Fund</p> <p>5 employment contracts for staff recruited to the newly created positions dedicated to the management of the National Environmental Fund;</p> <p>Law No. 293/2025 amending the State Budget Law for 2025 No. 310/2024, published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, No. 590–593 of 02.12.2025, Article 733 (see the amendment under Article 2, letter (g)).  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3184/part/1#page=1">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3184/part/1#page=1</a></p> <p>State Budget Law for 2026 No. 322/2025, published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, No. 659–661 of 31.12.2025, Article 800 (see Article 2, letter (g)).  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3204/part/1#page=20">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3204/part/1#page=20</a>.</p> <p>Call No. 04/2025 for the submission of project proposals in the field of waste recycling- <a href="https://onipm.gov.md/content/anun%C8%9B-nou-apel-de-proiecte-pentru-reciclarea-de%C8%99eurilor">https://onipm.gov.md/content/anun%C8%9B-nou-apel-de-proiecte-pentru-reciclarea-de%C8%99eurilor</a>;</p> <p>Call No. 05/2025 for the submission of project proposals in the field of integrated water resources management and the protection and conservation of biodiversity  <a href="https://onipm.gov.md/content/anun%C8%9B-nou-apel-de-proiecte-pentru-domeniul-de-management-integrat-al-resurselor-de-ap%C4%83-%C8%99i">https://onipm.gov.md/content/anun%C8%9B-nou-apel-de-proiecte-pentru-domeniul-de-management-integrat-al-resurselor-de-ap%C4%83-%C8%99i</a></p> <p>Announcements on the launch of the calls for project proposals, published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, No. 633–636 of 26 December 2025, Part IV, page 95  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3197/part/4#page=19">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3197/part/4#page=19</a> ;</p> <p>Operational Manual of the National Environmental Fund, approved by Order of the Minister of Environment No. 188 of 16 December 2025  <a href="https://mediu.gov.md/sites/default/files/Documente%20atasate%20Advance%20Pages/Ordin%20Nr.%20188%20din%2016.12.2025.pdf">https://mediu.gov.md/sites/default/files/Documente%20atasate%20Advance%20Pages/Ordin%20Nr.%20188%20din%2016.12.2025.pdf</a>  <a href="https://onipm.gov.md/sites/default/files/Manual%20Opera%C8%9Bional.pdf">https://onipm.gov.md/sites/default/files/Manual%20Opera%C8%9Bional.pdf</a></p> <p>Public consultations on the amendments to the Operational Manual of the National Environmental Fund  <a href="https://onipm.gov.md/content/consult%C4%83ri-publice-privind-modific%C4%83rile-la-manualul-fondului-na%C8%9Bional-pentru-mediu">https://onipm.gov.md/content/consult%C4%83ri-publice-privind-modific%C4%83rile-la-manualul-fondului-na%C8%9Bional-pentru-mediu</a></p>

Summary of proposals and objections regarding the Operational Manual for the management of the National Environmental Fund

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RJUbVYDYVcjeGkORrsW5c8cJmhHnLPXO/edit>

Regulation on the functioning of the Project Evaluation Committee for projects financed from the National Environmental Fund, approved by Order of the Minister of Environment No. 187 of 16 December 2025

<https://mediu.gov.md/sites/default/files/Documente%20atasate%20Advance%20Pagines/Ordin%20nr.%20187%20din%2016-12-2025%201.pdf.pdf>;

<https://onipm.gov.md/sites/default/files/Ord.187.pdf>.

Announcement on the launch of the open competitive selection procedure for the selection of experts to serve on the Project Evaluation Committee

Published on IP ONIPM website <https://onipm.gov.md/content/anun%C8%9B-privind-organizarea-concursului-public-pentru-selectarea-membrilor-comitetului-de>

Published on the civic.md platform <https://civic.md/anunturi/angajare/87828-anunt-privind-organizarea-concursului-public-pentru-selectarea-membrilor-comitetului-de-evaluare-a-fezabilitatii-proiectelor-finantate-din-fondul-national-pentru-mediu.html>

Order of the Minister of Environment No. 11 of 21 January 2026 on approving the nominal composition of the Project Evaluation Committee for projects financed from the National Environmental Fund

<https://mediu.gov.md/sites/default/files/Documente%20atasate%20Advance%20Pagines/Ordin%20nr.%2011%20din%2021-01-2026.pdf>

<https://onipm.gov.md/sites/default/files/Ordin%20nr.%2011%20din%2021-01-2026.pdf>

List of projects approved for financing from the National Environmental Fund for the period 2025–2026, selected following Calls for Project Proposals No. 02/2024–03/2024, Integrated Waste Management

<https://onipm.gov.md/sites/default/files/Lista%20proiectelor%20aprobate%20spre%20finan%C8%9Bare%20din%20FNM.pdf>

List of projects approved for financing from the National Environmental Fund, selected following Call for Project Proposals No. 02/2024, Integrated Water Resources Management, Category A

[https://onipm.gov.md/sites/default/files/Lista%20proiectelor%20aprobate%20spre%20finan%C8%9Bare%20din%20FNM\\_9.pdf](https://onipm.gov.md/sites/default/files/Lista%20proiectelor%20aprobate%20spre%20finan%C8%9Bare%20din%20FNM_9.pdf)

List of project proposals intended for specific categories of legal entities, in the fields of: Integrated Waste Management, Water Resources Management, and the Protection and Conservation of Biodiversity, approved by the Supervisory Committee of the Public Institution “ONIPM”

<https://onipm.gov.md/sites/default/files/TAB%202.pdf>

List of project proposals in the field of the protection and conservation of biodiversity, proposed for approval by the Supervisory Committee of the Public Institution “ONIPM”

	<p><a href="https://onipm.gov.md/sites/default/files/TAB1_0.pdf">https://onipm.gov.md/sites/default/files/TAB1_0.pdf</a>.</p> <p>Semi-annual report (July–December 2025) on fund disbursement and the progress of project implementation under the National Environmental Fund - <a href="https://onipm.gov.md/sites/default/files/Raport%20%28AutoRecovered%29%20%28final%29.pdf">https://onipm.gov.md/sites/default/files/Raport%20%28AutoRecovered%29%20%28final%29.pdf</a></p>
<b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Environment ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</p>
<b>Double funding</b>	Contributions from third parties were <b>not reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

### Reform 6.1. Open and competitive electricity market

For the implementation of the reform, *Law No. 164/2025 on Electric Energy* was adopted, providing the legal basis for the transposition of Regulations (EU) 2017/2195 and 2019/943. In application of this law, ANRE approved, by Decision No. 642/2025, *the Guidelines on Electricity System Balancing (EBGL)*, and the S.E. “Moldelectrica” prepared and submitted for public consultation the national terms and conditions for balancing, which were subsequently approved by ANRE in accordance with the EBGL. **(step 6.1.1).**

#### Reporting fiche for step 6.1.1.

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar:</b> 6. Energy security and efficiency</p> <p><b>Subarea:</b> Energy</p> <p><b>Reform:</b> 1. Open and competitive electricity market</p> <p><b>Payment condition:</b> National terms and conditions for the balancing are established in line with the provisions of EBGL and other Energy Community acquis.</p> <p><b>Description of the step:</b> 1. The establishment of the national terms and conditions for balancing in line with EnC acquis notably, the Electricity Integration Package, which includes the Regulation (EU) 2019/943 on the internal market for electricity and Commission Regulation (EU) 2017/2195</p>
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	<p>establishing a guideline on electricity balancing (EBLG). The Law should be adopted by the Parliament, then on the basis of the law, EBGL should be adopted by ANRE and on that legal ground Moldelectrica should adopt terms and conditions for balancing as they are a requirement under Article 18 of EBGL. This will ensure a fair, non-discriminatory and transparent conditions for balancing service providers and balance responsible parties, thus a level playing field for all participants in the balancing. It will contribute to development of new investments into balancing services and development of competition in the balancing market which is currently lacking. It will also allow for harmonisation with EU rules as one of preconditions for joining EU Balancing platforms.</p> <p><b>Source of Verification:</b> EBGL approved by ANRE; terms and conditions for balancing approved by ANRE.</p> <p><b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 3; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 7 739 644,97 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	No terms and conditions for the balancing market.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>As a basis for the development of the terms, conditions, and/or methodologies (TCMs) for balancing in accordance with the EU acquis, on 26 June 2025, <i>Law No. 164/2025 on Electric Energy</i> was adopted, entering into force on 19 August 2025.</p> <p>Law No. 164/2025 established the necessary legal framework for transposing Regulation (EU) 2017/2195 on the Electricity Balancing Guideline (EBGL) into secondary legislation, enabling the National Agency for Energy Regulation of the Republic of Moldova (ANRE) to approve the TCMs related to the balancing market.</p> <p>Based on Law No. 164/2025, on <b>4 November 2025</b>, ANRE Decision No. 642/2025 was adopted concerning <i>the approval of the Guidelines on Electricity System Balancing, which transposes Regulation (EU) 2017/2195</i>, and came into force on 9 December 2025.</p> <p>On <b>29 December 2025</b>, ANRE Decision No. 853/2025 was adopted regarding <i>the approval of the Regulation on the Terms and Conditions for Balancing Service Providers and the Regulation on the Terms and Conditions for Balance Responsible Parties</i>.</p> <p>By approving these two TCMs, ANRE established the applicable framework for the participation of balancing service providers and balancing responsible parties in the balancing market, in accordance with the EBGL. The act was published in the Register of Decisions of the ANRE Board of Directors.</p>
<b>Evidence provided</b>	<p>Law no. 164/2025 on Electric Energy, published in the Official Gazette on 19.08.2025, No. 437-440, 598.  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3143#page=4">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3143#page=4</a></p> <p>Decision of the Board of the National Agency for Energy Regulation No. 642/2025 on the approval of the Guidelines on the Electricity System Balancing, published in the Official Gazette on 09.12.2025, No. 605-607, 1059.  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3188#page=48">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3188#page=48</a></p> <p>Decision of the Board of the National Agency for Energy Regulation No. 853/2025 of 29.12.2025 on the approval of the Regulation on the Terms and Conditions for Balancing Service Providers and the Regulation on the Terms</p>

	<p>and Conditions for Balance Responsible Parties, published in the Register of Decisions of the ANRE Board.</p> <p><a href="https://anre.md/storage/upload/administration/hcareports/4656/HCA%20nr.%20853%20din%2029.12.2025.pdf">https://anre.md/storage/upload/administration/hcareports/4656/HCA%20nr.%20853%20din%2029.12.2025.pdf</a>; <a href="https://anre.md/registrul-hotararilor-consiliului-de-administrare-al-anre-3-358">https://anre.md/registrul-hotararilor-consiliului-de-administrare-al-anre-3-358</a></p>
<b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Energy ensures the quality of the step's implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the 'Do No Significant Harm' principle (DNSH).</p>
<b>Double funding</b>	<p>Contributions from third parties <b>were reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.</p> <p>For the elaboration of studies and impact analyses related to the procedure for transposing the provisions of Directive 2019/944, Regulation 2019/943, and Regulation 2015/1222 into the new Law No. 164/2025 on electricity, the Ministry of Energy benefited from technical assistance provided by USAID through the MESA project (total budget - USD 30.9 million, 2022–2025), from which the costs/fees for two contracted experts were covered. The amount for each expert cannot be indicated, as the Memorandum of Understanding only provided for the total budget of the project, without disaggregation by activity or cost line.</p> <p>In addition, for the elaboration of studies and impact analyses related to the procedure for transposing Regulation 2016/1719, Regulation 2017/2195, Regulation 2017/1485, and Regulation 2017/2196, ÎS "Moldelectrica" received technical assistance through the Energy Community Secretariat and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which also consisted of contracting two experts.</p> <p>For the elaboration of studies and impact analyses related to the procedure for the elaboration of the two TCMs, it benefited from the support of the project "Moldova is Europe – Support for EU integration".</p>
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

The S.E. "Moldelectrica" launched public tenders for the procurement of balancing capacities and services, based on the tender documentation (Tender Framework) approved by ANRE through Decision No. 647/2025, in accordance with the Electricity Market Rules approved by ANRE Decision No. 283/2020. This action established the necessary mechanism to unblock investments in balancing capacities. **(step 6.1.2).**

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar:</b> 6. Energy security and efficiency  <b>Subarea:</b> Energy  <b>Reform:</b> 1. Open and competitive electricity market  <b>Payment condition:</b> The public procurement tenders are launched for balancing services from new capacities (by Moldelectrica).  <b>Description of the step:</b> 2. Tenders should be launched by September 2025, what will be verified in December 2025. Procurement tenders are necessary to unblock investments in balancing capacities.  <b>Source of Verification:</b> Tender framework published on Moldelectrica’s website.  <b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 4;  <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 3 869 822,49 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	No tender launched.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>In accordance with <i>the Decision of the Board of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 561/2025 concerning the imposition on the electricity transmission system operator, S.E. “Moldelectrica”, of a temporary public service obligation to procure balancing capacities through mechanisms other than the market mechanism</i>, “Moldelectrica” announced on 30 September 2025 the launch of a tender for the procurement of balancing capacities.</p> <p>The tender framework was approved by the <i>Decision of the Board of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 647/2025 concerning the approval of the Tender Documentation for the procurement of balancing capacities from potential balancing service providers</i>, and was published on the official Moldelectrica website.  <a href="https://moldelectrica.md/ro/electricity/procurement_auction">https://moldelectrica.md/ro/electricity/procurement_auction</a></p> <p>The announcement regarding the launch of the tender for the procurement of balancing capacities, in the context of the temporary public service obligation, was published on the official website of SE “Moldelectrica” (<a href="https://moldelectrica.md/ro/news/latest_news/102">https://moldelectrica.md/ro/news/latest_news/102</a>) and of the Ministry of Energy (<a href="https://www.energie.gov.md/ro/content/anunt-cu-privire-la-lansarea-licitatiei-pentru-achizitia-capacitatilor-de-echilibrare">https://www.energie.gov.md/ro/content/anunt-cu-privire-la-lansarea-licitatiei-pentru-achizitia-capacitatilor-de-echilibrare</a>).</p>
<b>Evidence provided</b>	<p>Decision of the Board of Administration of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 276/2025 regarding the launch of the system services market and the balancing electricity market, entered into force on 05.06.2025, published in the Official Gazette on 05.06.2025, No. 297-300, 418.  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3100/part/3#page=66">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3100/part/3#page=66</a></p> <p>Decision of the Board of Administration of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 528/2025 regarding the amendment of the Rules of the Electricity Market, approved by Decision No. 283/2020 of the Board of Administration of the National Agency for Energy Regulation, entered into force on 06.09.2025, published in the Official Gazette on 06.09.2025, No. 471-473, 786.  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3152/part/3#page=16">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3152/part/3#page=16</a></p>

	<p>Decision of the Board of Administration of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 383/2025 regarding the approval of the Procedures for verification of reserves for the provision of system services, entered into force on 08.07.2025, published in the Register of Decisions of the Board of Administration of ANRE.  <a href="https://anre.md/registrul-hotararilor-consiliului-de-administrare-al-anre-3-358?decision_number=383&amp;month=&amp;year=2025&amp;title=&amp;type=1">https://anre.md/registrul-hotararilor-consiliului-de-administrare-al-anre-3-358?decision_number=383&amp;month=&amp;year=2025&amp;title=&amp;type=1</a></p> <p>Decision of the Board of Administration of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 558/2025 regarding the approval of the operational procedures related to the system services market and the electricity balancing market, the capacity supply contract for balancing, and the framework participation contract for the electricity balancing market, entered into force on 22.09.2025, published in the Register of Decisions of the Board of Administration of ANRE.  <a href="https://anre.md/registrul-hotararilor-consiliului-de-administrare-al-anre-3-358?decision_number=558&amp;month=&amp;year=2025&amp;title=&amp;type=1">https://anre.md/registrul-hotararilor-consiliului-de-administrare-al-anre-3-358?decision_number=558&amp;month=&amp;year=2025&amp;title=&amp;type=1</a></p> <p>Decision of the Board of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 561/2025 concerning the imposition on the electricity transmission system operator, S.E. “Moldelectrica”, of a temporary public service obligation to procure balancing capacities through mechanisms other than the market mechanism, entered into force on 29.09.2025, published in the Register of Decisions of the Board of Administration of ANRE.  <a href="https://anre.md/registrul-hotararilor-consiliului-de-administrare-al-anre-3-358?decision_number=561&amp;month=&amp;year=2025&amp;title=&amp;type=1">https://anre.md/registrul-hotararilor-consiliului-de-administrare-al-anre-3-358?decision_number=561&amp;month=&amp;year=2025&amp;title=&amp;type=1</a></p> <p>Decision of the Board of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 647/2025 concerning the approval of the Tender Documentation for the procurement of balancing capacities from potential balancing service providers, entered into force on 04.11.2025, published in the Register of Decisions of the Board of Administration of ANRE.  <a href="https://anre.md/registrul-hotararilor-consiliului-de-administrare-al-anre-3-358?decision_number=647&amp;month=&amp;year=2025&amp;title=&amp;type=1">https://anre.md/registrul-hotararilor-consiliului-de-administrare-al-anre-3-358?decision_number=647&amp;month=&amp;year=2025&amp;title=&amp;type=1</a></p> <p>Letter No. 46-54/45 dated 06.01.2026 from S.E. “Moldelectrica” regarding the closure of the bid submission period on 31 December 2025 at 17:00.  Announcement regarding the launch of the tender for the procurement of balancing capacities: <a href="https://moldelectrica.md/ro/news/latest_news/102">https://moldelectrica.md/ro/news/latest_news/102</a>; <a href="https://www.energie.gov.md/ro/content/anunt-cu-privire-la-lansarea-licitatiei-pentru-achizitia-capacitatilor-de-echilibrare">https://www.energie.gov.md/ro/content/anunt-cu-privire-la-lansarea-licitatiei-pentru-achizitia-capacitatilor-de-echilibrare</a></p> <p>Tender framework:  <a href="https://moldelectrica.md/ro/electricity/procurement_auction">https://moldelectrica.md/ro/electricity/procurement_auction</a></p>
<p><b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b></p>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Energy ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>

<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.  The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).
<b>Double funding</b>	Contributions from third parties <b>were not reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

The regulatory and contractual framework for the Balancing Energy Market and the System Services Market was approved by ANRE (Decision No. 558 of 22 September 2025), and the operational procedures, market rules, and framework agreements were published by the S.E. “Moldelectrica,” ensuring the full operation of these markets.

ANRE approved the launch of *the System Services Market and the Balancing Electricity Market* through Decision No. 276/2025, fulfilling the formal requirement for the operationalisation of the markets in accordance with the applicable legislation

The S.E. “Moldelectrica” effectively launched the Balancing Energy Market and the System Services Market, ensuring the publication of the relevant procedures and contracts, and updating the information platform “Wholesale Electricity Market” to support the operation of both markets.

The IT platform of the S.E. “Moldelectrica” provides the functionalities for the Balancing Market and the System Services Market, being fully operational for participant registration and bid submission, enabling the contracting of services and the procurement of balancing capacity and energy, including from cross-border sources **(step 6.1.3)**.

### Reporting fiche for step 6.1.3.

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar:</b> 6. Energy security and efficiency  <b>Subarea:</b> Energy  <b>Reform:</b> 1. Open and competitive electricity market  <b>Payment condition:</b> System services market is in place.  <b>Description of the step:</b> 3. The balancing market to be in place requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of a regulatory and contractual framework for market-based procurement of balancing services including both capacity and energy.</li> <li>• ANRE approves the launching of balancing market by the decision according to the existing law. If this is not the case, ANRE should approve the rules submitted by Moldelectrica.</li> <li>• Moldelectrica is responsible for establishing and operating balancing market including procurement and operationalisation of the IT platform (linked to the Investment Plan: procurement of the MMS system).</li> </ul> <p>Balancing market is operational when regulatory and contractual framework adopted and published and supporting balancing market platform is in place so that interested market participants can conclude balancing service provider contract and place their offers to Moldelectrica for balancing capacity/energy. The opening of the balancing market (capacity and balancing energy) will enable Moldelectrica to improve system balancing by procuring and using</p>
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	<p>balancing services from the existing facilities that have passed the prequalification procedure (including cross-border providers (e.g RO, UA)).</p> <p><b>Source of Verification:</b> Decision of ANRE is published in the Registry of ANRE’s Board Decisions. Balancing market operational with prequalification procedure, balancing market rules and BSP contract approved by ANRE and published on the website of Moldelectrica. Transmission network tariff including costs of procurement of balancing services ex-ante approved by ANRE.</p> <p><b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 1; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 15 479 289,94 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	No balancing services market.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>1. On 30 May 2025, the <i>Decision of the Board of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 276/2025</i> was approved regarding the launch of the system services market and the balancing electricity market. The Decision established the legal framework that enabled the initiation of the necessary technical and procedural measures for the operationalisation of the market, including the development of operating rules, framework contracts, and the preparation of the IT platform.</p> <p>2. On 22 September 2025, ANRE endorsed the procedures and contractual framework for the Balancing Energy Market and the System Services Market (<i>Decision of the Board of Administration of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 558/2025 regarding the approval of the operational procedures related to the system services market and the electricity balancing market, the capacity supply contract for balancing, and the framework participation contract for the electricity balancing market</i>).</p> <p>On 22 September 2025, S.E. Moldelectrica announced the launch of the System Services Market and the Balancing Electricity Market.</p> <p>On 23 September 2025, the Balancing Electricity Market was launched. The procedures and contractual framework for the Balancing Electricity Market were published on the official website of S.E. ”Moldelectrica”.</p> <p>As a result of these actions, it became possible to pre-qualify/qualify eligible participants (producers and other providers of reserves/system services) for participation in the Balancing Electricity Market and the System Services Market, based on the procedures approved and the framework contract endorsed by ANRE, thereby ensuring the effective launch of the contracting mechanisms and the functioning of the markets.</p> <p>3. The tariff for the provision of electricity transmission services, approved by ANRE, includes, <b>ex ante</b>, the possibility of reflecting the costs of procuring balancing services.</p> <p>In this regard, ANRE updated the regulatory framework governing transmission tariffs by replacing the 2017 Methodology with a new one, in order to include the costs related to the System Services Market in the tariff.</p> <p>In the review of the tariff for the electricity transmission service, the Methodology for calculating, approving, and applying regulated tariffs for the</p>

	<p>electricity transmission service, approved by ANRE Decision No. 626/2023, was applied.</p> <p>In conformity with the <i>Decision of the Board of Administration of the National Agency for Energy Regulation No. 429/2025 on the approval of the electricity transmission service tariff</i>, adopted on 22 July 2025, the costs for system services were included, but set at zero - at the request of the Transmission System Operator (TSO), as these costs do not yet exist. However, the methodological framework is fully operational and allows for the immediate reflection of these costs in the tariff once they arise.</p> <p>The detailed calculation of the tariff is published on the ANRE website, under the “Decision Transparency” section – “Projects Submitted for Approval” (item 2277), while the TSO’s request, published under “Projects Submitted for Consultation” (item 2261), explicitly confirms that the entry corresponding to system services (point 3.2.7) is set to zero.</p> <p>4. The Balancing Electricity Market operating platform is fully operational. The Balancing Electricity Market software (MMS) is fully functional and is based on a solution developed internally by S.E. Moldelectrica. Moreover, by the end of 2026, the internal platform is scheduled to be replaced with more sophisticated software that will integrate additional functionalities. This software will be procured under the Investment Plan.</p> <p>As a result of these actions, on 31 December 2025, it became possible to carry out the first transactions on the Balancing Electricity Market.</p>
<p><b>Evidence provided</b></p>	<p>Decision of the Board of the National Agency for Energy Regulation No. 276/2025 regarding the launch of the system services market and the balancing electricity market, entered into force on 05.06.2025, published in the Official Gazette on 05.06.2025, No. 297-300, 418  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3100/part/3#page=66">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3100/part/3#page=66</a></p> <p>Decision of the Board of Administration of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 558/2025 regarding the approval of the operational procedures related to the system services market and the electricity balancing market, the capacity supply contract for balancing, and the framework participation contract for the electricity balancing market, entered into force on 22.09.2025, published in the Register of Decisions of the Board of Administration of ANRE  <a href="https://anre.md/registrul-hotararilor-consiliului-de-administrare-al-anre-3-358?decision_number=558&amp;month=&amp;year=2025&amp;title=&amp;type=1">https://anre.md/registrul-hotararilor-consiliului-de-administrare-al-anre-3-358?decision_number=558&amp;month=&amp;year=2025&amp;title=&amp;type=1</a></p> <p>Decision of the Board of Administration of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 626/2023 regarding the approval of the Methodology for calculating, approving, and applying regulated tariffs for the electricity transmission service, published in the Official Gazette on 16.11.2023, No. 430-432, 1098  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/2802/part/3#page=4">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/2802/part/3#page=4</a></p> <p>Decision of the Board of Administration of the National Agency for Energy Regulation No. 429/2025 on the approval of the electricity transmission service</p>

	<p>tariff, entered into force on 22.07.2025, published in the Official Gazette on 25.07.2025, No. 387-400, 599  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3132/part/3#page=10">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3132/part/3#page=10</a></p> <p>Confirmation of the costs for system services (balancing reserves) under point 3.2.7.</p> <p>The draft regulated tariff for the transmission service provided by S.E. Moldelectrica, published under the “Decision Transparency” section – “Projects Submitted for Approval”, item 2277 (<a href="https://anre.md/proiecte-supuse-aprobarii-3-28">https://anre.md/proiecte-supuse-aprobarii-3-28</a>).</p> <p>Decision of the Board of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 561/2025 concerning the imposition on the electricity transmission system operator, S.E. “Moldelectrica”, of a temporary public service obligation to procure balancing capacities through mechanisms other than the market mechanism, entered into force on 29.09.2025, published in the Register of Decisions of the Board of Administration of ANRE  <a href="https://anre.md/registrul-hotararilor-consiliului-de-administrare-al-anre-3-358?decision_number=561&amp;month=&amp;year=2025&amp;title=&amp;type=1">https://anre.md/registrul-hotararilor-consiliului-de-administrare-al-anre-3-358?decision_number=561&amp;month=&amp;year=2025&amp;title=&amp;type=1</a></p> <p>Announcement on the Launch of the System Services Market and the Balancing Electricity Market  <a href="https://www.moldelectrica.md/ro/news/latest_news/99">https://www.moldelectrica.md/ro/news/latest_news/99</a>  <a href="https://energie.gov.md/ro/content/moldelectrica-anunta-lansarea-pietei-serviciilor-de-sistem-si-pietei-energiei-electrice-de">https://energie.gov.md/ro/content/moldelectrica-anunta-lansarea-pietei-serviciilor-de-sistem-si-pietei-energiei-electrice-de</a></p> <p>List of Procedures and Framework Contracts (Balancing Energy Market, Provision of System Services)  <a href="https://moldelectrica.md/ro/electricity/procs_and_contracts_pee">https://moldelectrica.md/ro/electricity/procs_and_contracts_pee</a></p> <p>“Wholesale Electricity Market” Information System  <a href="https://www.moldelectrica.md/ro/electricity/wem_system">https://www.moldelectrica.md/ro/electricity/wem_system</a></p> <p>Press Release: “S.E. Moldelectrica Reports the Completion of the First Transactions on the Balancing Electricity Market”  <a href="https://moldelectrica.md/ro/news/latest_news/126">https://moldelectrica.md/ro/news/latest_news/126</a>).</p>
<p><b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b></p>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Energy ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<p><b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b></p>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</p>
<p><b>Double funding</b></p>	<p>Contributions from third parties were <b>not reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.</p>

<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>
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ANRE approved the procedural and contractual framework necessary for the functioning of the Day-Ahead Market (DAM) and the Intraday Market (IDM) through Decisions No. 31/2025 and No. 369/2025. The operational procedures, market rules, and the framework participation agreement were approved by ANRE and published by OPEM.

The DAM and IDM are fully operational both technically and organisationally. OPEM has launched the trading platforms, announced the launch dates, initiated and conducted participant registration, organised testing and training sessions, and the banking mechanism for settlement and management of financial guarantees has been established through a contract with MAIB. The market operation fee was set by ANRE in accordance with the applicable methodology.

The actual functioning of the market is evidenced by executed transactions and the publication of results. The DAM and IDM were launched in December 2025, and actual transactions on the DAM were recorded on the OPEM platform, with the corresponding results published. By 31 December 2025, 29 license holders had been registered on the DAM and IDM (**step 6.1.5**).

**Reporting fiche for step 6.1.5.**

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar: 6.</b> Energy security and efficiency  <b>Subarea:</b> Energy  <b>Reform: 1.</b> Open and competitive electricity market  <b>Payment condition:</b> Day ahead and intraday markets are launched.  <b>Description of the step: 5.</b> The launching of market in practical terms require that power exchange will announce the first go-live date in advance and will start registering market participants. As of that the day for which they announced the first auctions they will initiate the platform and all registered market participants will get a possibility to place their offers for the next day. After the auctions will be closed, power exchange will publish the results of the trading. The existing law is conditioning the launching of the day-ahead and intraday market by the decision by ANRE. DAM and IDM will provide transparent price signal, allow market participants to trade and balance their positions close to real time and reduce trading risk which should result in lower electricity prices. Operational DAM and IDM are also prerequisite to market coupling.  <b>Source of Verification:</b> ANRE decision/operational procedures of the electricity market operator  <b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 3  <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 7 739 644,97 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	No functioning day ahead and intraday market in place.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	For the implementation of settlement, establishment, and management of financial guarantees:

1. The description of the settlement mechanism for transactions carried out on the Day-Ahead Electricity Market (DAM) and the settlement mechanism for transactions carried out on the Intraday Electricity Market (IDM) has been published on the website of the Electricity Market Operator (OPEM) under the Settlements section.

To ensure participation in the DAM/IDM, the following documents have been made available on the OPEM website:

- Model Direct Debit Mandate for DAM and IDM;
- Model Bank Guarantee Letter for transactions on DAM and IDM issued by Central Account Bank;
- Model Bank Guarantee Letter for transactions on DAM and IDM issued by another guaranteeing bank and notified to Central Account Bank;
- Data related to the Current Guarantee Account for DAM and IDM in which Participants in DAM and IDM can deposit funds to guarantee their purchase transactions on DAM and/or IDM.

For the implementation of the DAM, the trading platform for the Day-Ahead Market has been made operational.

- On 26 November 2025, with the support of the Electricity and Natural Gas Market Operator from Romania (OPCOM), the third webinar on the topic “Presentation of the market model for the Day-Ahead Market (DAM) and platform functionalities” was conducted, with 101 logins connections.
- The second testing period for participants with direct access to the DAM trading system and post-trade system (3 December – 5 December 2025) was organized, with an average of 5 participants per day.
- The official registration process for DAM participants was launched by OPEM on 27 October 2025, alongside the publication of all forms and documents on the OPEM official website
- The Electricity Market Operator M OPEM LLC from the Republic of Moldova and the Electricity and Natural Gas Market Operator OPCOM LLC from Romania announced the date of 10 December 2025 as the launch date for the Day-Ahead Market (DAM).
- OPEM, with the support of OPCOM, successfully organized on the trading day 10 December 2025, for the delivery day 11 December 2025, the first trading session, with commercial and financial effects, on the Day-Ahead Market (DAM) in the Republic of Moldova.
- By the end of 2025: Transactions were concluded for the delivery days 11 December 2025, 12 December 2025, and 31 December 2025, with the specification that the settlement of payment obligations through intra-bank debiting and the payment of receivables were carried out on the respective trading day. For the delivery period 13 December – 30 December 2025, no electricity buy/sell offers were submitted, and prices were declared conventionally in accordance with the provisions of the Operational Procedure for the functioning of the DAM. All results were published on the OPEM website.

For the introduction of the IDM, the trading platform for the Intraday Market (IDM) was made operational.

- On 09 December 2025, the second webinar presenting the bidding and trading principles for the IDM, the IDM trading platform and its functionalities, the conditions that must be met by sell and buy offers, transaction settlement details, etc., was organized, with 58 connections recorded.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- During the period 11 December – 15 December 2025, registered IDM Participants were given the opportunity to test the functionalities of the IDM IT platform. Participation interest was low – only 2 participants submitted offers on different test days</li> <li>- The official registration process for IDM participants was launched by OPEM on 27 October 2025, together with the publication of all forms and documents on the OPEM official website.</li> <li>- OPEM and OPCOM announced the date of 17 December 2025 as the launch date for the Intraday Market (IDM).</li> <li>- OPEM, with the support of OPCOM, successfully organized the first trading session on the trading day 17 December 2025, for the delivery day 18 December 2025, with commercial and financial effects, on the Intraday Market (IDM) in the Republic of Moldova.</li> <li>- By the end of 2025, electricity transactions were concluded for the delivery day 18 December 2025.</li> </ul> <p>By 31 December 2025, 29 License Holders were registered in the Day-Ahead Market (DAM) and Intraday Market (IDM) (17 Suppliers, 7 Producers (of which 1 eligible), 2 Traders, 2 Distribution System Operators, and 1 Transmission and System Operator). The list of registered participants was published on the OPEM website.</p> <p>In parallel with the launch of DAM/IDM, the following actions were undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OPEM and the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation for market monitoring under Regulation (EU) No. 1227/2011 on wholesale energy market integrity and transparency (REMIT).</li> <li>- The National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) issued Decision No. 821/2025 approving the regulated tariff for the market operation service provided by “Operatorul Pieței de Energie M” LLC.</li> <li>- The integration of OPEM into the regional and European mechanisms related to Single Day-Ahead and Intraday Coupling (SDAC and SIDC) is ongoing.</li> <li>- For the integration of the electricity markets of Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova into the European internal electricity market, regional cooperation actions are being carried out (EE CCR, which includes the electricity borders Ukraine-Poland, Ukraine-Slovakia, Ukraine-Hungary, Ukraine-Romania, and Moldova-Romania).</li> <li>- OPEM has obtained the role of Observer in the Joint OPEED-TSO Cooperation (including the joint SDAC and SIDC projects).</li> <li>- OPEM has initiated the procedure to join the Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation for market monitoring under Regulation (EU) No. 1227/2011 (REMIT) by signing the document together with ACER and submitting it on 7 May 2025. The procedure is currently under review by ACER.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Evidence provided</b></p>	<p>Description of the settlement of transactions carried out on the Day-Ahead Market (DAM): <a href="https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-produse/23">https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-produse/23</a></p> <p>Description of the settlement of transactions carried out on the Intraday Market (IDM): <a href="https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-produse/24">https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-produse/24</a>.</p> <p>Informative documents for participation in DAM/IDM: (<a href="https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-produse/24">https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-produse/24</a>).</p>

	<p>Forms and documents for the registration of participants in DAM:  <a href="https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-produse/7">https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-produse/7</a>.</p> <p>Forms and documents for the registration of participants in IDM:  <a href="https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-produse/8">https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-produse/8</a>.</p> <p>OPEM and OPCOM announcement on the launch of DAM and IDM:  <a href="https://www.opem.md/anunturi-stiri/comunicate-presatip/1/4">https://www.opem.md/anunturi-stiri/comunicate-presatip/1/4</a>.</p> <p>Press release (Chisinau/Bucharest, 11.12.2025) “Successful launch of the Day-Ahead Market”  <a href="https://www.opem.md/anunturi-stiri/comunicate-presatip/1/6">https://www.opem.md/anunturi-stiri/comunicate-presatip/1/6</a></p> <p>Press release (Chisinau/Bucharest, 18.12.2025) “Successful launch of the Intraday Market”  <a href="https://www.opem.md/anunturi-stiri/comunicate-presatip/1/8">https://www.opem.md/anunturi-stiri/comunicate-presatip/1/8</a></p> <p>List of participants registered in DAM and IDM</p> <p>DAM - <a href="https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-produse/part-pzu">https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-produse/part-pzu</a></p> <p>IDM - <a href="https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-produse/part-ppz">https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-produse/part-ppz</a></p> <p>DAM and IDM transaction results:</p> <p>DAM - <a href="https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-rezultate/rezultate-pzu">https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-rezultate/rezultate-pzu</a>;  <a href="https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-rezultate/curbe-agregate-pzu">https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-rezultate/curbe-agregate-pzu</a></p> <p>IDM - <a href="https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-rezultate/rezultate-ppz">https://www.opem.md/tranzactionare-rezultate/rezultate-ppz</a></p> <p>Decision of the Board of Directors of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 821/2025 approving the regulated tariff for the market operation service provided by “Operatorul Pieței de Energie M” LLC, published on 29.12.2025 in the Official Journal No. 641-644, art. 1143  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3199#page=117">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3199#page=117</a></p>
<p><b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b></p>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Energy ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
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<b>Double funding</b>	Contributions from third parties were <b>not reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

### Reform 6.4. Advancing energy efficiency

Two steps have been achieved to implement the reform.

In 2025, the Residential Energy Efficiency Fund (FEERM), managed by CNED, became fully operational and was expanded through the launch and implementation of three financing products aimed at the energy-efficient renovation of residential buildings and vulnerable households: (i) energy efficiency in apartment blocks, (ii) energy efficiency for individual houses in rural households with extreme energy vulnerability, and (iii) the “Green Home” financing product.

Financial incentives were provided for the energy-efficient renovation of multi-apartment residential buildings and individual houses, including vulnerable households, supporting the transition from natural gas heating systems to renewable and efficient solutions, such as solid biofuel boilers and heat pumps, as well as deep renovation measures. Government Decision no. 436/2025 approving the National Plan to increase the number of nearly zero-energy buildings (NZEB) by 2030 was adopted, and CNED initiated the development of a financing instrument dedicated to the renovation of residential buildings to NZEB standards.

The report was updated and published on the CNED website at the end of December, in both Romanian and English ([step 6.4.15](#)).

#### Reporting fiche for step 6.4.15.

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar: 6.</b> Energy security and efficiency  <b>Subarea:</b> Energy  <b>Reform: 4.</b> Advancing energy efficiency  <b>Payment condition:</b> Residential Energy Efficiency Fund (REEF) operational, providing incentives for multi-apartment residential buildings and individual houses, including vulnerable households to increase energy efficient.  <b>Description of the step: 15.</b> Scaling up of REEF, needed for faster delivery of energy efficiency targets. The fund will: - undertake the obligatory assessment, for additional subsidies; - provide incentive for energy efficient refurbishment, contribute to shift from gas heating systems to renewable systems, energy efficient stoves; - contribute to renovate and cost-effective transformation for specific number of nearly zero-energy building level.  <b>Source of Verification:</b> Yearly public reports of the CNED.  <b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 4  <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 3 869 822,49 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	No such instruments are operational.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	In 2025, the Residential Energy Efficiency Fund (REEF) was expanded and fully operationalized, becoming a functional instrument for supporting the

energy renovation of residential buildings, including vulnerable households, and for promoting the transition towards nearly zero-energy buildings.

The implementation of REEF is based on Government Decision No. 251/2024, as amended by Government Decisions No. 224/2025 and No. 674/2025, and is carried out by the National Centre for Sustainable Energy (CNED) through three distinct financing products, covering both multi-apartment residential buildings and individual houses, including those of vulnerable households.

*1. The financing product “Energy efficiency of multi-apartment residential buildings”* – intended for Condominium Owners’ Associations (COA), which may benefit from grants of up to 70% of the total eligible investment cost, as well as allocations granted to apartment owners within the COA who are classified as vulnerable energy consumers, allocations that may cover up to 90% of their own contribution.

During 2025, 31 energy audit reports were carried out, covering 41 multi-apartment residential buildings and providing the technical basis required for cost-effective energy renovations. 5 technical design projects were completed, while a further 6 are under preparation, constituting a solid pipeline of investments ready for implementation. 11 preliminary agreements and financing contracts were signed with Condominium Owners’ Associations (COAs). Procurement procedures were launched for the preparation of design documentation for 7 residential buildings, as well as 4 tender procedures for the identification of construction companies that will carry out the energy rehabilitation works.

The product is fully operational and creates a solid portfolio of investments ready for implementation, contributing to improved energy performance and reduced costs for final consumers.

*2. The financing product “Energy efficiency of individual houses in rural households with extreme energy vulnerability”* – directly contributes to reducing energy poverty and improving the energy performance of individual houses in rural areas. Under this product, financial incentives are accessed in the form of a grant covering 50% of the eligible investment cost and allocations covering 90% of the homeowner’s own contribution, financed from the Energy Vulnerability Reduction Fund (FRVE).

During 2025, over 200 financing applications were submitted by vulnerable households to access funding for construction works. Following the evaluation process, 141 financing contracts were signed. Renovation activities were accelerated, with energy efficiency works carried out in more than 41 households, while procurement procedures were launched for an additional 80 individual houses.

*3. The financing product “Green Home”*

During 2025, REEF expanded its scope, complexity, and depth of interventions, ensuring the delivery not only of basic renovation measures, but also of in-depth upgrades that steer households towards renewable energy sources.

At the same time, CNED carried out a detailed assessment of cost levels and market capacity in order to establish new incentives for beneficiaries. The assessment included:

- analysis of renovation costs reported in the first projects assessed under REEF (based on data from energy audit reports)
- assessment of the availability and capacity of key specialists, including energy auditors, designers, and site supervisors;
- analysis of the level of preparedness of construction companies and suppliers active in the energy efficiency market.

As a result of the assessment, CNED expanded the package of incentives available for energy-efficient renovation by approving, *in June 2025, the Financing Product “Green Home”*, which was *officially launched on 3 July 2025*. The implementation of the product is carried out through a digitalized platform: feerm.md.

Under this product, financial incentives are granted from the financial resources of the REEF Programme in the form of grants of up to 50% of the eligible investment value for individual houses, and support a wide range of renovation measures aimed at improving the energy efficiency of dwellings. Eligible investments under this financing product include: thermal insulation of the building envelope, replacement of outdoor joinery, modernization of heating and domestic hot water systems, installation of heating systems based on solid biofuels ensuring significantly higher efficiency and performance compared to efficient stoves, installation of heat pumps, installation of photovoltaic systems and energy storage systems, as well as modernization of lighting systems.

Both the “Green Home” financing product and the product dedicated to households with extreme energy vulnerability directly support the transition from traditional and inefficient fossil fuel-based heating systems, including natural gas, towards renewable and energy-efficient solutions, thereby contributing to reduced energy consumption and lower costs for beneficiaries.

The first financing round was launched during the period 4–16 July 2025. The budget allocated to this round was fully exhausted in less than two weeks, reflecting strong interest from beneficiaries. Within the call, 745 project proposals were submitted through the REEF platform, and 66 financing contracts were signed.

By the end of the reporting year, energy rehabilitation works were completed for 2 individual houses.

In July 2025, Government Decision No. 436/2025 on the National Plan to increase the number of nearly zero-energy buildings (NZEB) by 2030 was approved. In accordance with this Plan, CNED is responsible for the renovation and cost-effective transformation of residential buildings towards NZEB performance levels, starting with a pilot group of 10 individual houses. To ensure the implementation of this activity, in 2025 CNED initiated the development of a new financing mechanism dedicated to renovation towards NZEB performance levels. The introduction of this mechanism represents a major step in facilitating deep renovations, supporting cost-effective energy

	<p>performance upgrades, and accelerating the Republic of Moldova’s progress towards its NZEB objectives for 2030 in the residential sector.</p> <p><i>Sources of financing of the REEF Programme:</i></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="448 300 1471 1265"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="448 300 1241 416">Residential Energy Efficiency Fund (REEF) – Sources of financing</th> <th data-bbox="1241 300 1471 416">Budget, EUR</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 416 1241 533">Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme (EEOS) – state budget</td> <td data-bbox="1241 416 1471 533">41 612 486</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 533 1241 611">Energy Vulnerability Reduction Fund – state budget</td> <td data-bbox="1241 533 1471 611">5 287 179</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 611 1241 689">Beneficiaries’ contribution</td> <td data-bbox="1241 611 1471 689">36 957 125</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 689 1241 768">Total Moldova:</td> <td data-bbox="1241 689 1471 768">83 856 790</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 768 1241 846">Norad, through GIZ – multi-apartment residential buildings</td> <td data-bbox="1241 768 1471 846">1 000 000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 846 1241 960">European Union, through GIZ – vulnerable individual houses</td> <td data-bbox="1241 846 1471 960">1 250 000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 960 1241 1075">European Union, through the EIB – multi-apartment residential buildings</td> <td data-bbox="1241 960 1471 1075">10 000 000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 1075 1241 1189">European Union, through AFD – individual houses (“Green Home”)</td> <td data-bbox="1241 1075 1471 1189">5 000 000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="448 1189 1241 1265">Total External Financing Partners:</td> <td data-bbox="1241 1189 1471 1265">17 250 000,0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Residential Energy Efficiency Fund (REEF) – Sources of financing	Budget, EUR	Energy Efficiency Obligation Scheme (EEOS) – state budget	41 612 486	Energy Vulnerability Reduction Fund – state budget	5 287 179	Beneficiaries’ contribution	36 957 125	Total Moldova:	83 856 790	Norad, through GIZ – multi-apartment residential buildings	1 000 000	European Union, through GIZ – vulnerable individual houses	1 250 000	European Union, through the EIB – multi-apartment residential buildings	10 000 000	European Union, through AFD – individual houses (“Green Home”)	5 000 000	Total External Financing Partners:	17 250 000,0
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<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement. The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).
<b>Double funding</b>	Contributions from third parties <b>were reported</b> in support of the implementation of this step. In carrying out the actions, complementary support was provided by the project “Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy for Moldova” (E4M), implemented by GIZ with support from Germany, Norway, and Denmark. Additionally, an extra, non-remunerated technical assistance contribution was provided through the project “Moldovan Green Transition Technical Assistance Facility”, implemented by Expertise France, AFD Group, and funded by the European Union. These contributions were complementary in nature and did not substitute or duplicate the primary funding of the activities.
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

The EcoVoucher programme was expanded nationwide and implemented by CNED through multiple sessions in 2024–2025. During the 2025 sessions, 25,564 vouchers were redeemed, enabling the replacement of 12,018 refrigerators and 13,546 energy-efficient washing machines. The estimated cumulative energy savings reached approximately 6.5 GWh, exceeding the annual target of 6 GWh.

The report was updated and published on the CNED website at the end of December, in both Romanian and English. It will subsequently be incorporated into CNED’s broader Annual Activity Report for 2025 ([step 6.4.19](#)).

#### Reporting fiche for step 6.4.19.

<b>The step under review</b>	<b>Pillar:</b> 6. Energy security and efficiency <b>Subarea:</b> Energy <b>Reform:</b> 4. Advancing Energy Efficiency <b>Payment condition:</b> Eco-voucher programme scaled up. <b>Description of the step:</b> 19. Savings realized with distribution of EcoVouchers as of 31/12/2024 compared to savings realised with the distribution of ecoVouchers between 1/01/2025 and 31/12/2025. <b>Source of Verification:</b> CNED reports on provided eco-vouchers <b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 3; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 7 739 644,97 EUR
<b>Baseline</b>	Savings realized with the distribution of Eco-Vouchers as of 31/12/2024.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025

<p><b>Actual results</b></p>	<p>The Voucher Program for Household Appliances (EcoVoucher Programme), represents a rapid and targeted response instrument to the energy crisis. The initiative aims to reduce household energy consumption, improve affordability for vulnerable families, and support the transition towards more energy-efficient consumption patterns.</p> <p>The Programme was initially launched as a pilot phase during the period November 2023 - July 2024.</p> <p>Following the successful piloting phase, the programme was scaled up nationwide in July 2024 through <i>Government Decision No. 533/2024 approving the Regulation on the operational framework of the Programme for granting financial assistance to improve energy resource efficiency (Voucher Program for Household Appliances)</i>.</p> <p>In <b>2024</b>, the National Centre for Sustainable Energy implemented <b>two voucher sessions</b>, financed from the state budget, under which <b>17,305 vouchers</b> were issued to eligible beneficiaries. These supported the replacement of <b>3,223 old refrigerators</b> and <b>4,000 washing machines</b>.</p> <p>In <b>2025</b>, the Programme was significantly expanded through the launch of <b>9 additional voucher sessions</b>, with a total budget of <b>approximately EUR 7.45 million</b>, financed by the Government of Norway through GIZ. During this period, 25,564 vouchers were redeemed, enabling the replacement of 12,018 energy-efficient refrigerators and 13,546 energy-efficient washing machines.</p> <p>Energy savings were estimated by CNED using a standardised internal methodology, based on the energy efficiency classes of the new equipment, average consumption profiles of the replaced household appliances, and the commissioning dates of the equipment.</p> <p>Table 1. Estimated total annual energy savings for vouchers redeemed in 2025</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="448 1547 1469 1917"> <thead> <tr> <th>Equipment type</th> <th>Energy efficiency class</th> <th>Units</th> <th>Assumed consumption of replaced equipment (kWh/year)</th> <th>Energy savings generated (kWh/year)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="4">Refrigerator (including combined fridge-freezer)</td> <td>A</td> <td>66</td> <td>350</td> <td>23 100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B</td> <td>121</td> <td>340</td> <td>41 140</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C</td> <td>1 344</td> <td>310</td> <td>416 640</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D</td> <td>10 487</td> <td>270</td> <td>2 831 490</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total refrigerators</td> <td><b>12 018</b></td> <td>-</td> <td><b>3 312 370</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Washing machine</td> <td>A</td> <td>13 546</td> <td>154</td> <td>2 086 084</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total washing machines</td> <td><b>13 546</b></td> <td>-</td> <td>2 086 084</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Total refrigerators and washing machines</td> <td><b>25 564</b></td> <td>-</td> <td><b>5 398 454</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>In 2025, energy savings resulted from the use of household appliances purchased under the EcoVoucher Programme, covering the pilot phase (2023-</p>	Equipment type	Energy efficiency class	Units	Assumed consumption of replaced equipment (kWh/year)	Energy savings generated (kWh/year)	Refrigerator (including combined fridge-freezer)	A	66	350	23 100	B	121	340	41 140	C	1 344	310	416 640	D	10 487	270	2 831 490	Total refrigerators		<b>12 018</b>	-	<b>3 312 370</b>	Washing machine	A	13 546	154	2 086 084	Total washing machines		<b>13 546</b>	-	2 086 084	Total refrigerators and washing machines		<b>25 564</b>	-	<b>5 398 454</b>
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Table 2. Estimated total annual energy savings in 2025 (for all programme sessions: pilot phase, 2024 sessions, and 2025 sessions)

Session	Calculation period	Vouchers redeemed	Equipment operating period	Energy savings, GWh
S UNDP	November 2023 - July 2024	7 246	annual	1 241 837
S 2024	September - November 2024	7 223*	annual	1 511 120
S1 (2025)	26.02.2025 - 23.03.2025	5119	From the moment of voucher redemption	862 374
S2 (2025)	14.04.2025 - 04.05.2025	5957	From the moment of voucher redemption	860 848
S3 (2025)	26.05.2025 - 15.06.2025	4294	From the moment of voucher redemption	515 448
S4 (2025)	07.08.2025 - 31.08.2025	5209	From the moment of voucher redemption	410 545
S5 (2025)	12.09.2025 - 29.09.2025	2223	From the moment of voucher redemption	132 003
S6 (2025)	03.10.2025 - 19.10.2025	1967	From the moment of voucher redemption	93 290
S7 (2025)	23.10.2025 - 09.11.2025	414	From the moment of voucher redemption	14 575
S8 (2025)	21.11.2025 - 07.12.2025	290	From the moment of voucher redemption	5 376
S9 (2025)	10.12.2025 - 21.12.2025	91	From the moment of voucher redemption	1 241
<b>Total</b>		<b>40 033</b>		<b>5 650 933</b>

\* Note: The estimated savings presented in this table refer exclusively to household appliances replaced under the EcoVoucher Programme. Savings generated through the replacement of lighting bulbs are not included, indicating a higher overall impact.

Table 3. Implementation progress

	2024	Additional savings (2025)	Final results (31.12.2025)
Energy savings generated	0,9 GWh	+5,65 GWh	<b>6,55 GWh</b>
Reporting period	up to 31.12.2024	01.01–31.12.2025	<b>up to 31.12.2025</b>

By the end of 2025, approximately 40,033 vouchers had been redeemed by eligible households. As a result, the replacement of old or inefficient household appliances with modern, energy-efficient models generated estimated cumulative energy savings of 6.55 GWh.

The scaling up of the eco voucher program from 2024 to 2025 was ensured through an increase in resources linked to the state budget. In parallel,

	<p>beneficiary contribution and donor contribution also increased, ensuring a further scale up. Beneficiary contribution amounted to up to 30% of the value of the equipment. As to the external support, Norway provided support that was implemented by the GIZ. This included financial support and supervision.</p> <p>Moldova took full responsibility for institutionalizing and running the program through Ministry of Energy and CNED, ensuring that the secondary legislative framework was in place, applying fiscal incentives, including VAT exemptions, implementing program management effectively and without interruption, establishing and applying appropriate internal control and audit mechanisms, and ensuring continuous monitoring and reporting on program implementation. Program contributed to raising public awareness regarding the use of energy-efficient equipment by supporting the dissemination of information on energy efficiency measures and available support schemes, thereby increasing public familiarity with energy-efficient solutions.</p>
<b>Evidence provided</b>	<p>Annual Report under the Voucher Program for Household Appliances 2025 (preliminary)</p> <p><a href="https://cned.gov.md/ro/ecovoucher">https://cned.gov.md/ro/ecovoucher</a></p> <p>Government Decision No. 533/2024 approving the Regulation on the operation and functioning of the Programme for granting financial assistance to improve energy resource efficiency (Voucher Program for Household Appliances), published on 09.08.2024 in the Official Gazette, No. 347–349, Article 681</p> <p><a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/2944#page=27">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/2944#page=27</a></p>
<b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Energy ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</p>
<b>Double funding</b>	<p>Contributions from third parties in support of the achievement of this step were <b>reported</b> as follows:</p> <p>The step benefitted from assistance under the project ‘Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energies for Moldova (E4M)’ implemented by GIZ together with</p>

	<p>the Government of the Republic of Moldova, financed by the German Government and co-financed Norway, that provided inputs limited to programme-level oversight and partial financial contribution, without responsibility for programme ownership, decision-making, or implementation. The formal operationalisation of the step was implemented by the Moldovan government.</p> <p>Overall, implementation of the reform step was completed by the government of Moldova.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="448 555 1469 1182"> <thead> <tr> <th>Voucher Program – Sources of financing</th> <th>2024, million Euro</th> <th>Share, 2024</th> <th>2025, million Euro</th> <th>Share, 2025</th> <th>2026, million Euro</th> <th>Share, 2026</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>State budget, excluding VAT</td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td>2,58</td> <td></td> <td>0,19</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beneficiary contribution</td> <td>0,88</td> <td></td> <td>5,39</td> <td></td> <td>0,39</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>State budget, allocation</td> <td>2,04</td> <td></td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td>0,92</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Republic of Moldova:</b></td> <td><b>2,9</b></td> <td><b>44%</b></td> <td><b>7,97</b></td> <td><b>52%</b></td> <td><b>1,5</b></td> <td><b>61%</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Norway, through GIZ</td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td>7,47</td> <td></td> <td>-</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>European Union, through GIZ</td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td>0,95</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>European Union, through UNDP</td> <td>3,66</td> <td></td> <td>-</td> <td></td> <td>-</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Partners:</b></td> <td><b>3,7</b></td> <td><b>56%</b></td> <td><b>7,5</b></td> <td><b>48%</b></td> <td><b>0,9</b></td> <td><b>39%</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total</b></td> <td><b>6,6</b></td> <td><b>100</b></td> <td><b>15,4</b></td> <td><b>100%</b></td> <td><b>2,4</b></td> <td><b>100%</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Voucher Program – Sources of financing	2024, million Euro	Share, 2024	2025, million Euro	Share, 2025	2026, million Euro	Share, 2026	State budget, excluding VAT	-		2,58		0,19		Beneficiary contribution	0,88		5,39		0,39		State budget, allocation	2,04		-		0,92		<b>Republic of Moldova:</b>	<b>2,9</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>7,97</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>1,5</b>	<b>61%</b>	Norway, through GIZ	-		7,47		-		European Union, through GIZ	-		-		0,95		European Union, through UNDP	3,66		-		-		<b>Partners:</b>	<b>3,7</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>7,5</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>0,9</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,6</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>15,4</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>100%</b>
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### Reform 6.5. Thriving market for renewable energy

For the implementation of Reform 6.5 - 2 reform steps have been achieved.

The Action Plan for the deployment of renewable energy, and energy storage was put into effect through the approval of the institutional and regulatory framework required for organising the new tenders. *The 2025–2026 Action Plan on the organisation of tenders* was approved, capacity limits were set (170 MW wind), and the obligation for energy storage was introduced.

The tender framework was expanded to include storage installations, and the Tender Commission was established and approved the relevant documentation. The tender announcement and complete documentation were published in the Official Gazette and on the Ministry of Energy’s website on 19 December 2025 (step 6.5.20).

**Reporting fiche for step 6.5.20.**

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar:</b> 6. Energy security and efficiency  <b>Subarea:</b> Energy  <b>Reform:</b> 5. Thriving market for renewable energy  <b>Payment condition:</b> The Action Plan for the deployment of renewable energy, and energy storage continue to be implemented.  <b>Description of the step:</b> 20. The Action Plan is implemented by will be monitored to make sure that it includes: - reflecting on the outcomes of the first auction; - launching of the new renewable (and energy storage*) auctions in 2025, specifying the allocated capacities for each technology, with a view to fast-track renewables energy deployment;  <b>Source of Verification:</b> Publish the announcement of the auction, including tender documentation, on the official website of the Ministry of Energy.  <b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 3; <b>Disbursement amount:</b>7 739 644,97 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	580 MW of renewable capacities at the end of 2024
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>On 16 April 2025, the <i>Action Plan on the organisation of tenders for granting the status of large eligible producer for 2025–2026</i> was approved by Government Order No. 64/2025.</p> <p>On 17 September 2025, <i>Government Decision No. 599/2025</i> was approved regarding the approval of capacity limits and maximum capacity quotas in the field of electricity from renewable sources, valid until 31 December 2030. The Decision allocated 170 MW for wind capacities to be offered in the tender for granting the status of large eligible producer 2025–2026, with the obligation to install an electricity storage system of at least 0.25 MWh/MW of the wind plant’s installed capacity.</p> <p>To ensure the applicability of the new framework, on 1 October 2025, <i>Government Decision No. 648/2025</i> was adopted regarding the amendment of the Regulation on the conduct of tenders for granting the status of large eligible producer, approved by Government Decision No. 690/2018. The amendment extended the scope of application to include renewable energy power plants that are equipped with storage facilities.</p> <p>Through the approval of <i>Government Order No. 176-d of 4 December 2025</i>, the Tender Commission was established to organise and conduct the tender for granting the status of large eligible producer for the period 2025–2026. The Tender Commission met on 15 December 2025 and approved the tender documentation.</p> <p>The tender concerns projects for the construction of wind power plants with a total estimated capacity of up to 170 MW, together with the obligation to install a minimum electricity storage capacity of 0.25 MWh per MW of the supported capacity of each wind power plant. For the first time, the tender also includes energy storage components, aimed at increasing the flexibility and reliability of the energy system.</p> <p>On 19 December 2025, the Announcement on the initiation of the tender procedure for granting the status of large eligible producer – onshore wind</p>

	<p>power plants with storage capacities was published in the Official Gazette, and the corresponding tender documentation was published on the website of the Ministry of Energy (<a href="http://www.energie.gov.md">www.energie.gov.md</a>). The period for submitting applications, technical, and financial offers will begin on 19 February 2026 and continue until 31 March 2026, inclusive.</p>
<b>Evidence provided</b>	<p>Government Order No. 64/2025 on the approval of the Action Plan on the organisation of tenders for granting the status of large eligible producer for 2025–2026, published on 17.04.2025 in the Official Gazette No. 187-189 art. 64 <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3068#page=78">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3068#page=78</a></p> <p>Government Decision No. 599/2025 regarding the approval of capacity limits and maximum capacity quotas in the field of electricity from renewable sources, valid until 31 December 2030, published on 19.09.2025 in the Official Gazette No. 494-497 art. 615 <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3158/part/2#page=4">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3158/part/2#page=4</a></p> <p>Government Decision No. 648/2025 regarding the amendment of the Regulation on the conduct of tenders for granting the status of large eligible producer, approved by Government Decision No. 690/2018, published on 03.10.2025 in the Official Gazette No. 519-522 art. 658 <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3164/part/2#page=14">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3164/part/2#page=14</a></p> <p>Government Order No. 176-d/2025 regarding the establishment of the Tender Commission for organising and conducting the tender for granting the status of large eligible producer for the period 2025–2026, published on 05.12.2025 in the Official Gazette No. 601-604 art. 176 <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3187#page=44">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3187#page=44</a></p> <p>Announcement on the initiation of the tender procedure for granting the status of large eligible producer – onshore wind power plants with storage capacities, published on 19.12.2025 in the Official Gazette No. 623-625 <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3194/part/4#page=16">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3194/part/4#page=16</a></p> <p>Tender documentation for granting the status of large eligible producer – onshore wind power plants with storage capacities, published on the website of the Ministry of Energy <a href="https://energie.gov.md/ro/documentatia-de-licitatie">https://energie.gov.md/ro/documentatia-de-licitatie</a></p>
<b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Energy ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</p>

<b>Double funding</b>	Contributions from third parties were <b>not reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

The national electronic register for the issuance, transfer, use, and cancellation of guarantees of origin (GO) for electricity was established and made operational. For this purpose, ANRE approved the *Regulation on guarantees of origin* through Board Decision no. 402/2025 and, on 19 September 2025, signed a contract with the service provider designated by the Energy Community to operationalise the GO registry.

The electronic GO registry became operational on 27 November 2025, enabling electricity market participants to issue, transfer, and manage guarantees of origin in accordance with the approved regulatory framework ([step 6.5.23](#)).

#### Reporting fiche for step 6.5.23.

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar:</b> 6. Energy security and efficiency  <b>Subarea:</b> Energy  <b>Reform:</b> 5. Thriving market for renewable energy  <b>Payment condition:</b> Electronic registry for issuance, transfer and cancellation of guarantees of origin for electricity is established.  <b>Description of the step:</b> 23. Moldova joined the Energy Community initiative to establish a regional system for guarantees of origin (GO). The national electronic registry for GO in Moldova was created and can be utilised as soon as energy regulator, the designated issuing body, signs an agreement with the service provider.  <b>Source of Verification:</b> Agreement with the service provider is signed and electronic registry is operational.  <b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 4; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 3 869 822,49 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	No registry in place.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>For the purpose of establishing an electronic register for the issuance, transfer, use, and cancellation of guarantees of origin (GO) for electricity, on 15 July 2025, the Regulation on guarantees of origin was approved by the Decision of the Board of Administration of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 402/2025.</p> <p>At the same time, on 19 September 2025, ANRE signed the contract with the supplier selected by the Energy Community for the operationalisation of the information system/register of guarantees of origin.</p> <p>The guarantees of origin register became operational on 27 November 2025. Accordingly, any electricity market participant interested in the issuance, transfer, and use of guarantees of origin may consult the GO Regulation and undertake the necessary actions to obtain and manage these guarantees through the GO Register.</p>

	At the time of reporting, all applicants who submitted registration requests had been registered in the Register, and participants from the Republic of Moldova can be viewed in the Register’s public reports by selecting “Moldova” under the “Country” filter.
<b>Evidence provided</b>	Decision of the Board of Administration of the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) No. 402/2025 approving the Regulation on guarantees of origin, entered into force on 18.07.2025, published on 18.07.2025 in the Official Gazette No. 375-378 art. 577 <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3125/part/3#page=4">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3125/part/3#page=4</a>  Guarantees of Origin Register <a href="https://grex.grexel.com/en/public/reports/accountholderstatistics">https://grex.grexel.com/en/public/reports/accountholderstatistics</a> ;  Press Release: “The Republic of Moldova Launches the Electronic Register of Guarantees of Origin for Renewable Energy”, dated 27.11.2025 <a href="https://anre.md/republica-moldova-lanseaza-registru-electronic-al-garantiilor-de-origine-pentru-energia-regenerabila-3-1181">https://anre.md/republica-moldova-lanseaza-registru-electronic-al-garantiilor-de-origine-pentru-energia-regenerabila-3-1181</a>
<b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b>	The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Energy ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.  The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement. The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).
<b>Double funding</b>	Contributions from third parties were <b>reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.  The support provided by the Energy Community Secretariat (ESC) consisted exclusively of limited technical assistance, through the organisation of training sessions on the use of the Electronic Guarantees of Origin (GO) Register platform, intended for electricity market participants and the relevant institutional staff involved.
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

## Reform 7.2. Strengthening independence, accountability, and integrity of the justice system

The Vetting Commission has completed the preparation and submission of all 26 evaluation reports to the Superior Council of Magistracy (CSM). 100% of sitting judges of three Courts of Appeal were vetted. This step is considered achieved. (step 7.2.7).

**Reporting fiche for step 7.2.7.**

<p><b>The step under review</b></p>	<p><b>Pillar:</b> 7. Fundamentals  <b>Subarea:</b> Judiciary and prosecutorial system reform  <b>Reform: 2.</b> Strengthening independence, accountability, and integrity of the justice system  <b>Payment condition:</b> 100% of sitting judges of three MD Courts of Appeal are vetted to be subsequently appointed.  <b>Description of the step:</b> The vetting process verifies the ethical and financial integrity of top judges and prosecutors in Moldova. The vetting of Courts of Appeal judges follows the <i>law 252 of 17.08.2023</i>. The vetting is carried out by the Judicial Vetting Commission, with international and national members, and the evaluation report is then examined by the Superior Council of Magistracy.  <b>Source of Verification:</b> Decisions of the Judicial Vetting Commission on vetting, and the decisions of the SCM (organised competition and selected candidates).  <b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 1  <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 15479289,94 EUR</p>
<p><b>Baseline</b></p>	<p>As of February 2025, 1 Court of Appeal judge is sitting and has already been vetted, out of 27 sitting judges to be vetted in total. 18 judges in the Central Court of Appeal are being vetted and 8 judges are in other two Courts of Appeal.</p>
<p><b>Deadline of the step</b></p>	<p><b>12/31/2025</b></p>
<p><b>Actual results</b></p>	<p>The mechanism for verifying the ethical and financial integrity of Courts of Appeal judges is established and regulated by <i>Law No. 252/2023 on the external evaluation of judges and prosecutors and the amendment of some regulatory acts</i>. In accordance with this law, sitting Courts of Appeal judges as of the date of entry into force of the law are subject to vetting, namely <b>26 evaluation subjects</b>.</p> <p>The vetting procedure of Courts of Appeal judges was launched in <b>April 2024</b> and was carried out by the <b>Judicial Vetting Commission (Vetting Commission 2 – VC2)</b>, composed of national and international members. All 26 judges subject to vetting have undergone the vetting procedure, and the Commission’s reports were submitted to the Superior Council of Magistracy (SCM) for examination and approval.</p> <p>In the exercise of its duties, the <b>SCM examined the VC2 reports and, in cases provided by law, ordered the resumption of the vetting</b>, in accordance with Article 18 of Law No. 252/2023, where factual circumstances or procedural errors were identified that could affect the outcome of the vetting. Thus, for <b>7 evaluation subjects</b>, the initial reports were returned to Vetting Commission 2, and the re-evaluation exercise was carried out in line with the legal framework.</p> <p>As of <b>31 December 2025</b>, the reports of <b>Vetting Commission 2 for 24 judges, out of a total of 26 evaluation subjects</b>, were approved by the Superior Council of Magistracy. In the case of <b>two judges</b>, the vetting procedure had not been finalised by that date, for objective and distinct reasons, as described below.</p> <p><b>Individual situations in the process of completion</b></p>

	<p>(A) Evaluation path of <b>Judge A.B.:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 March 2025 – VC2 report proposing a positive evaluation outcome;</li> <li>• 17 April 2025 – SCM decision rejecting the report and ordering a repeated evaluation;</li> <li>• 27. November 2025 – VC2 report proposing a positive outcome, issued following the repeated evaluation;</li> <li>• 16 December 2025 – SCM decision suspending the examination of the report.</li> </ul> <p>The suspension of the examination of the report is determined by <b>circumstances external to the vetting process</b>, namely the existence of relevant evidence administered within an ongoing criminal investigation, information protected by the confidentiality of the criminal investigation. At present, <b>12 criminal cases</b> concerning acts of active bribery, passive bribery, and influence peddling are under investigation, which creates an objective impossibility to present the evidence to the evaluation subject at this stage.</p> <p>(B) Evaluation path <b>Judge of I.B.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 June 2025 – VC2 report proposing a negative evaluation outcome;</li> <li>• 09 September 2025 – SCM ordered the suspension of the examination of the report pending the resolution of an appeal by the Supreme Court of Justice (SCJ) in a related case;</li> <li>• 19 September 2025 – SCJ dismissed the appeal, however, the reasoning of the decision was not immediately available;</li> <li>• By SCM Decision No. 693/50, the VC2 report was rejected and <b>resumption of the evaluation</b> was ordered, pursuant to Article 18(3)(b) of Law No. 252/2023</li> </ul> <p>The re-evaluation of this subject is being carried out <b>as a priority</b> by Vetting Commission 2.</p> <p>The consistent and uniform application of vetting standards is an essential element for ensuring the efficiency and credibility of the procedure for verifying the ethical and financial integrity of judges. This exercise represents an extraordinary reform instrument, distinct from ordinary control mechanisms, established for the purpose of evaluating the integrity and professionalism of key categories of public system personnel, with the ultimate goal of restoring and consolidating public trust in the justice system.</p> <p>At the same time, ordering the resumption (repetition) of the evaluation is an express solution provided for and guaranteed by Law No. 252/2023, and this option has already been applied consistently by the Superior Council of Magistracy with respect to six (6) other evaluation subjects, which confirms its legal, predictable, and non-discriminatory character.</p> <p>The <b>quantitative indicator</b> of the measure, <i>100% of the judges in office of the three Courts of Appeal are verified</i>, <b>was achieved</b> through the completion of the ethical and financial integrity assessment procedures for <b>all 26 judges</b> subject to vetting.</p>
<b>Evidence provided</b>	25 Decisions of the Superior Council of Magistracy regarding the Report of the Judicial Vetting Commission for Courts of Appeal judges

	<p>MINUTES of the Plenary Session of the Superior Council of Magistracy No. 48 of December 16, 2025 (regarding the suspension of the evaluation procedure concerning one Judge)</p> <p>Press Release “All revaluations at the Centre Court of Appeal – completed. Follows the examination by SCM”  <a href="https://www.vettingmd.eu/en/comunicate-de-presa/toate-reevaluarile-la-curtea-de-apel-centru---finalizate-urmeaza-examinarea-de-catre-csm">https://www.vettingmd.eu/en/comunicate-de-presa/toate-reevaluarile-la-curtea-de-apel-centru---finalizate-urmeaza-examinarea-de-catre-csm</a></p>
<b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Justice ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement..</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</p>
<b>Double funding</b>	<p>Contributions from third parties were <b>reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.</p> <p>In accordance with Article 22(5) of Law No. 252/2023, the Government (Ministry of Justice) ensures the payment of monthly allowances for the national members of Vetting Commission 2, from the funds approved in the budget for the external/extraordinary evaluation of judges and prosecutors.</p> <p>The Government provides the premises for the activity of Vetting Commission 2 and covers administrative and logistical expenses necessary for the functioning of the Commission (utilities, courier services, telecommunication services). The Ministry of Justice manages and reports these expenses in the budget execution reports.</p> <p>The exercise of verifying the ethical and financial integrity of Courts of Appeal judges is co-financed by the European Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, through the “Vetting and Justice Reform in the Republic of Moldova” Project, implemented by the Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC).</p> <p>Development partners ensure: a) payment of monthly allowances for the international members of Vetting Commission 2; b) salaries for the members of the Secretariat of Vetting Commission 2; c) operational expenses not covered by the Government, related to technical and administrative support for the organisation of the evaluation process (IT platforms, procedures, documentation, etc.).</p> <p>The extension of the implementation period of the vetting exercise also entailed the need for additional financing for the vetting exercise (including the vetting of Courts of Appeal judges).</p>

	<p>Accordingly, the Ministry of Justice has initiated the necessary internal procedures for the approval of the signing of the following instruments:</p> <p>1) Amendment No. 1 to the Financing Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the European Commission on the “EU for Recovery and Resilience” Programme (Unique No. 494/MoJ/2025), in parallel with Amendment No. 1 to the Financing Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the European Commission on the “EU for Reforms” Programme (Unique No. 463/MoJ/2025) – reallocation and increase of external assistance by 2 million EUR for vetting;</p> <p>2) Amendment No. 1 to the Financing Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the European Commission on the “Support for EU Integration” Programme (Unique No. 967/MoJ/2025) – increase of external assistance by 2.008.335 EUR for vetting.</p>
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Achieved.</b>

#### **Reform 7.4. Creating level playing field for business by fighting economic crime and money laundering**

For the implementation of reform 7.4, the Public Services Agency carried out institutional and regulatory actions that ensured the effective functioning of the registry and the achievement of the established objectives.

Access to data on beneficial ownership is provided for 29 public entities and 33 private entities, with unrestricted access.

The Central Register of Beneficial Ownership (BO) is fully operational and up to date, providing access to beneficiary data for 29 public entities and 33 private entities. Compliance among legal entities stands at 92.75% of all active entities, supported by simplified reporting procedures and the removal of the electronic filing fee, thereby facilitating legal compliance for the business environment. (step 7.4.12).

#### **Reporting fiche for step 7.4.12.**

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar:</b> 7. Fundamentals</p> <p><b>Subarea:</b> Anti money laundering and financial crime investigations</p> <p><b>Reform:</b> 4. Creating level playing field for business by fighting economic crime and money laundering.</p> <p><b>Payment condition:</b> The central register of beneficial ownership (BO) is fully operational and updated, including effective sanctions for breaches, ensuring a transparent access for competent authorities, FIUs, and obliged entities. 90% of active businesses filed the BO declaration. Access granted to (i) all competent authorities and FIU, (ii) obliged entities in the framework of CDD and (iii) any person/organisation that can demonstrate a legitimate interest.</p> <p><b>Description of the step:</b> 12. Active entities are legal entities who register lucrative activities. The inactive ones are those without activity. Access granted to 18 public competent authorities and reporting entities and 18 private and non-</p>
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	<p>governmental entities (financial institutions, investigative mass-media) according to 308/2017 law on AML.</p> <p><b>Source of Verification:</b> Registry of Legal Entities (SRLE)</p> <p><b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 3; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 7739644,97 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	<p>As of December 2024, about 75% of active legal entities declared the BO and 88% of large tax payers have declared BO. 164.905 for profit legal entities were registered, while 89378 already filed the BO declaration. As of Dec 2024, more than 43.000 of companies have no cash-flow.</p>
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	<p>12/31/2025</p>
<b>Actual results</b>	<p><b>”The Central Register of Beneficial Ownership,, (BO) module is fully operational and updated</b></p> <p>The operationalisation of the Central Register of Beneficial Ownership was achieved through the development and implementation of the “Beneficial Owners” module as an integral part of the new Information System “State Register of Legal Entities” (SRLE2).</p> <p>For the expansion and consolidation of functionalities related to beneficial owners, the PSA initiated an adaptive maintenance contract aimed at automating processes and enhancing the electronic beneficial owner declaration module, completed on 31.12.2025.</p> <p>IS SRLE2 is operational, functional, secure, and accessible online; all public services are delivered at the service counter.</p> <p>On 29 December 2025, the new IS SRLE2 was launched in all territorial offices of the PSA. IS SRLE2 has been developed on a modern platform that inherently enables the development and delivery of electronic (online) services, provided remotely.</p> <p>At present, IS SRLE2 includes functionality for declaring beneficial owners through two channels: “at the counter” at ASP offices and an online service provided remotely.</p> <p>The online beneficial ownership declaration service has been developed on the Digital Services Development Platform (PDSE) and is available to the general public via the Public Services Portal and through the PSA portal, at the following access links: <a href="https://servicii.gov.md/ro/service/008001960">https://servicii.gov.md/ro/service/008001960</a> and <a href="https://rsud.asp.gov.md/">https://rsud.asp.gov.md/</a>. The service is also available in electronic form, in accordance with <i>Government Decision No. 707/2025 amending Government Decision No. 966/2020 on the services provided by the Public Services Agency.</i></p> <p>In order to increase the level of compliance of legal entities with regard to the registration and/or updating of beneficial ownership data in SRLE, a dedicated information module was developed and published (<a href="https://www.asp.gov.md/ro/servicii/persoane-juridice/beneficiar-efectiv-juridice">https://www.asp.gov.md/ro/servicii/persoane-juridice/beneficiar-efectiv-juridice</a>), which provides a detailed explanation of the procedure for the online submission of the documents required for registering beneficial ownership data.</p>

	<p><b>Operational access enabled for 36 entities (18 public competent authorities and reporting entities and 18 private and non-governmental entities)</b></p> <p>On 31 December 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-access to beneficial ownership data through both platforms is granted to the following entities: public entities – 29; private entities – 33, including 8 commercial banks, 20 financial institutions and other private entities, 5 media and investigative institutions, as well as self-employed professionals in the field of justice (law firms and notaries).</li> <li>-operational access to beneficial ownership data is ensured for more than 100 entities, including public authorities, financial institutions, reporting entities, media organisations and self-employed professionals, exceeding the minimum requirement set out in the step description.</li> </ul> <p>Access to information on beneficial owners has been operationalised for competent authorities, reporting entities, and other persons with a legitimate interest, in accordance with Law No. 308/2017. Access is provided through two functional tools: the governmental interoperability platform MConnect and the “Acces-Web” Search Information System.</p> <p><b>90% of active businesses filed the BO declaration (definition of the active/inactive status of entities)</b></p> <p>On 31 December 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-out of a total of 136,511 legal entities required to declare beneficial ownership, based on information provided by the State Tax Service, 65,460 are active entities, defined as legal entities with a profit-making purpose that have recorded cash flow in the past 12 months.</li> <li>-SRLE contains beneficial ownership information for 60,713 active entities, representing 92.75% of all active entities, thereby exceeding the 90% threshold set out in the payment condition.</li> <li>-SRLE contained beneficial ownership information for 549 out of a total of 550 legal entities (large taxpayers, <a href="https://sfs.md/ro/catalogul-datelor-deschise/xi-contribuabili-mari">https://sfs.md/ro/catalogul-datelor-deschise/xi-contribuabili-mari</a>), representing 99.8% of all registered large taxpayers.</li> </ul> <p>With regard to the level of compliance of legal entities, the calculation methodology was applied in strict correlation with the description of the step and the consolidated data provided by the State Tax Service.</p> <p>To facilitate compliance, Government Decision No. 707 of November 5, 2025 eliminated the fee for electronic filing of the beneficial owner declaration.</p> <p>In addition, the Public Services Agency published a dedicated informational module on the beneficial ownership declaration procedure and carried out awareness-raising activities, which led to an increase in the number of applications submitted within a short period, including during November–December 2025. Consequently, from the adoption of Government Decision No. 707/2025 until 31 December 2025, approximately 7,500 applications for the registration of beneficial ownership data in SRLE were submitted.</p>
<b>Evidence provided</b>	1. The Tripartite Contract No. MD-EGA-268047-CS-QCBS-2 on the design, development and implementation of the Information System “State Register

	<p>of Legal Entities” (SRLE); and Amendments No. 2, 3 and 4 to Contract No. MD-EGA-268047-CS-QCBS-2.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Acceptance and Handover Act of Deliverables for the SRLE Information System dated 23.06.2025.</li> <li>3. Handover Act for the Information System “State Register of Legal Entities”, transferring it from the management of the Public Institution “Agency for Electronic Governance” to the management of the Public Institution “Public Services Agency”, dated 18.08.2025.</li> <li>4. List of authorities with access to beneficial ownership data.</li> <li>5. Order of the Agency for Electronic Governance No. 3005-010 of 14.02.2025 on the approval of the model data exchange agreement via the interoperability platform (MConnect).</li> <li>6. List of active entities that have declared their beneficial owner as of 31.12.2025.</li> <li>7. The online beneficial ownership declaration service is accessible to the general public: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) via the Public Services Portal (servicii.gov.md), Beneficial Ownership Declaration- <a href="https://servicii.gov.md/ro/service/00110000012">https://servicii.gov.md/ro/service/00110000012</a>;</li> <li>b) via the IS SRLE2 Start Page - <a href="https://rsud.asp.gov.md/">https://rsud.asp.gov.md/</a>.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Public Services Agency ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</p>
<b>Double funding</b>	<p>Contributions from third parties <b>were reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.</p> <p>Based on the Modernization of Government Services Project (MGSP) funded by the World Bank, on 03.07.2023 a tripartite contract No. MD-EGA-268047-CS-QCBS-2 was concluded between the Public Services Agency, the Agency for Electronic Governance, on one side, and the development company Esempla, on the other, regarding the design, development, and implementation of the Information System “State Register of Legal Entities” (SRLE).</p>
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>

## Reform 7.8. Asset recovery and management

For the reform on the *recovery and management of assets*, all registered authorities have ensured the online entry of relevant data regarding the enforcement of seizures into the Registry. To guarantee continuity and efficiency of the process, clear obligations have been established for prosecutors and courts, alongside administrative measures for monitoring and accountability. The system is interoperable with the *Population Registry, the Registry of Legal Entities, the Vehicle Registry, and the Cadastral Registry*, enabling the generation of statistical data across all modules and effectively supporting the monitoring and recovery of criminal assets. **(step 7.8.20).**

**Reporting fiche for step 7.8.20.**

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar:</b> 7. Fundamentals  <b>Subarea:</b> Fight against organised crime  <b>Reform:</b> 8. Asset recovery and management  <b>Payment condition:</b> The centralized electronic Register of Seized Criminal Assets is populated with data, fully functional and generates and disseminates relevant statistical data on assets.  <b>Description of the step:</b> 20. 100% of frozen, seized and confiscated assets are registered in the registry with information being accessible by all authorised users. A system to generate statistical data on the number of restraining and confiscation orders is operational, estimated value of seized and recovered property, number of requests formulated/executed in another Member State, and the value of goods reused for social purposes. Registry to be populated with access to be provided to all relevant law enforcement bodies.  <b>Source of Verification:</b> The annual activity report of the National Anticorruption Center.  <b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 2; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 11609467,46 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	<p>In 2024, registry of seized assets was established but not populated; links to law enforcement bodies are not established and relevant data is not produced/disseminated.</p>
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	<p>12/31/2025</p>
<b>Actual results</b>	<p>During 2025, the Register of Seized Criminal Assets (SIA RBII) was used online by registered authorities, ensuring the entry and updating of relevant data regarding seizures/freezes and other categories of unavailable assets, within the scope of each institution’s competence.</p> <p>To ensure the continuity and efficiency of the data entry process, the following actions were undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>by Order of the Acting Attorney General dated 18.08.2025, and by Order of the Deputy Attorney General dated 27.10.2025, chief prosecutors were tasked with ensuring the continuity and efficiency of the process for entering data on seizures and confiscations into SIA RBII;</i></li> </ul> <p>Additionally, by the Letter of the General Prosecutor’s Office dated 16.12.2025, it was communicated that the body of prosecutors had been reminded of the need to ensure the continuity and efficiency of the data registration process in the Register. This objective aims at the complete and prompt recording of such information in order to develop a comprehensive database.</p>

- *the courts have entered and continue to enter information into the system based on the Superior Council of Magistracy notification No. 622m/i of 15.04.2025. In each court, two persons were designated as responsible for data entry, with clear obligations established for transmitting information from criminal case files and sending the enforceable documents related to confiscations or compensation for damages to the State Tax Service.*

In this context, situations may arise where court rulings have not yet been fully reasoned or communicated, as the reasoning is completed within the legal timeframe following the pronouncement. Therefore, information related to ongoing or recently resolved cases may only become available for entry or updating in the Register after the expiry of the drafting and reasoning period, which constitutes an objective factor affecting the timing of registration in the Register.

To ensure the coherent and timely completion of information in the Register, the following actions were undertaken:

A user manual was developed, and to facilitate the process, a YouTube channel was created containing video tutorials on data processing and entry.

Access to SIA RBII was granted to all institutions involved in the recovery of criminal assets as follows:

- a) *Courts;*
- b) *Prosecutor's Offices of the Republic of Moldova;*
- c) *Bailiffs;*
- d) *State Tax Service;*
- e) *Asset Recovery Agency within the National Anticorruption Centre.*

Each institution, through its designated user, has access to information corresponding to its competencies. Data can be exported in various formats and analysed. The user interface includes two charts displaying the number of assets, the number of documents entered, and the value of seizures applied at the level of the connected institutions.

The system is interoperable with:

- 1. *Population Register;*
- 2. *Register of Legal Entities;*
- 3. *Vehicle Register;*
- 4. *Cadastral Register.*

The statistics module is operational and generates the following categories of data:

- a) the estimated value of seized assets (the value is entered manually by the user);
- b) the number of requests formulated/executed in another Member State, the responsible institutions being those tasked with entering the data;
- c) frozen assets – detailed statistics;

	<p>d) asset register – statistics on seized assets, including history and supporting documents;</p> <p>e) assets/adopted solution – measures applied to the assets;</p> <p>f) court ruling – statistics filterable by time, user, and processing;</p> <p>g) document list – generation of lists based on period, creation, tracking, or enforcement;</p> <p>h) user activity – analyses of the activity of each user or institution;</p> <p>i) MConnect audit – record of accesses to personal data;</p> <p>j) user list – generation of user lists by role, institution, or individual.</p>
<b>Evidence provided</b>	<p>Government Decision No. 34 of 22.01.2020 <i>on the approval of the Technical Concept of the Automated Information System “Register of Seized Criminal Assets” and the Regulation on the Operation of the State Register of Seized Criminal Assets, consisting of the Automated Information System “Register of Seized Criminal Assets”</i>.</p> <p>link: <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/2181/part/2#page=1">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/2181/part/2#page=1</a></p> <p><b>Link to the system:</b> <a href="https://rbi.md/#/login">https://rbi.md/#/login</a></p> <p>Order No. 68 of 31.12.2025 of the Director of the National Anticorruption Centre regarding the management and use of the Automated Information System “Register of Seized Criminal Assets,” by which the Regulation on the Management and Use of the Automated Information System “Register of Seized Criminal Assets” was approved, as well as the User Guide for the Register of Seized Criminal Assets.</p> <p><b>User Guide:</b> <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/1prgSQ6a5MRC0XH0dV-9FDRFLW5TL0ZO5/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/1prgSQ6a5MRC0XH0dV-9FDRFLW5TL0ZO5/view?usp=sharing</a></p> <p><b>YouTube channel with online lessons:</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@SIARBII">https://www.youtube.com/@SIARBII</a></p> <p>List of courts and prosecutor’s offices from which responses were received to the letters sent regarding the level of information completion in SIA RBII.</p> <p>2025 Activity Report of the National Anticorruption Centre</p>
<b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the National Anticorruption Center ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).</p>
<b>Double funding</b>	<p>Contributions from third parties were <b>not reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.</p>

<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Fully achieved.</b>
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**During the reporting period, the achievement of 2 reform steps was not completed;** these will be reported in the first semester of 2026.

For the implementation of **Reform 6.2 - Open and competitive gas market**, and with the aim of strengthening a competitive gas market in line with EU principles, through increasing market liberalisation and competition in the gas sector, eliminating distortions caused by preferential regimes for certain categories of customers, ensuring a balanced regulatory framework that protects both suppliers and consumers, maintaining market stability, and facilitating enterprises' access to a wider range of suppliers, as well as organising a competitive procedure for selecting the universal service supplier and the supplier of last resort, and creating a predictable and transparent framework for new suppliers wishing to enter the natural gas supply market in the Republic of Moldova, the Parliament adopted Law no. 152/2025 amending certain legislative acts (security of natural gas supply and other aspects related to the natural gas sector). This law establishes the legal framework for the gradual elimination of the public service obligation (PSO) for large industrial consumers, introducing the ANRE's obligation to set a liberalisation schedule based on market analysis and consultations.

At the same time, ANRE approved Decision no. 564/2025, which provides for the elimination of the public service obligation (PSO) for large industrial consumers starting **1 April 2026**, and for medium-sized consumers starting **1 April 2027**. The consumer categories were established according to consumption thresholds (ANRE Decision no. 425/2025).

Although the legal and regulatory framework for the liberalisation of the natural gas market for large industrial consumers was fully established by the end of 2025, the payment condition under the Reform Agenda is not considered fulfilled by that date, as the actual elimination of the public service obligation (PSO) is scheduled for 1 April 2026 (**step 6.2.8**).

#### Reporting fiche for step 6.2.8

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar:</b> 6. Energy security and efficiency</p> <p><b>Subarea:</b> Energy</p> <p><b>Reform:</b> 2. Open and competitive gas market</p> <p><b>Payment condition:</b> Large industrial gas consumers procure gas on open gas market.</p> <p><b>Description of the step:</b> 8. Moldova government phases out the existing PSO for large industrial consumers. Moldova Gas market opened as of 1 October 2025 to all large industrial gas customers. There are 452 big customers, out of which 87 switched so far (19%), so there is room for further market opening.</p> <p><b>Source of Verification:</b> The amendments/amendment is adapted by the Parliament.</p> <p><b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 1; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 15 479 289,94 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	Existing legal framework: Gas law 2016/108
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025

<p><b>Actual results</b></p>	<p>Through the adoption of Law No. 152/2025 amending Law No. 108/2016 on natural gas (security of natural gas supply and other aspects related to the natural gas sector), the legal framework was established for the gradual restriction of access for certain categories of consumers to the supply of natural gas under the public service obligation regime.</p> <p>In this regard, the law provides that, following an analysis of the retail natural gas market and the organisation of public consultations with natural gas market participants, the National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) shall establish, by decision, a timetable for the gradual restriction of access of large final consumers to the supply of natural gas under the public service obligation, as well as that, starting no later than 1 April 2026, the public service obligation shall no longer apply in relation to large industrial consumers.</p> <p>In implementation of these legal provisions, ANRE approved Decision No. 564 of 30 September 2025, which established the timetable for the gradual restriction of access for large and medium non-household/industrial consumers to the supply of natural gas under the public service obligation set out in Article 89(1) of Law No. 108/2016 on natural gas. According to this timetable, from 1 April 2026, large industrial consumers will no longer benefit from regulated tariff protection and will be required to procure natural gas at prices negotiated on the competitive market.</p> <p>It should also be noted that a significant portion of large industrial natural gas consumers are already operating on the competitive market, having concluded contracts at negotiated prices.</p> <p>In accordance with point 1 of ANRE Decision No. 425/2025 on the establishment of natural gas consumption thresholds for the identification and categorisation of industrial consumers, large industrial consumers are those consuming over 100,000 m<sup>3</sup> of natural gas per year.</p> <p>Based on information provided by the distribution system operators (DSOs) regarding the natural gas consumption of industrial consumers, ANRE has identified 189 large industrial consumers who, starting 1 April 2026 (the date established in ANRE Decision No. 564/2025), will be required to procure natural gas at negotiated prices, outside the public service obligation regime. The list of these consumers is published on ANRE's official website and can be accessed at the following link: <a href="https://anre.md/schimbarea-furnizorului-3-319">https://anre.md/schimbarea-furnizorului-3-319</a>. According to data provided by natural gas suppliers, as of 31 December 2025, 68 of the 189 identified large industrial consumers (approximately 36%) already had contracts at negotiated prices, thus being effectively integrated into the competitive natural gas market.</p>
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<b>Evidence provided</b>	<p>1. Law No. 152/2025 amending certain legislative acts (security of natural gas supply and other aspects related to the natural gas sector)  <a href="https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=149356&amp;lang=ro">https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=149356&amp;lang=ro</a>  In force as of 04.07.2025. Published: 04.07.2025 in the Official Gazette No. 346-349, art. 437  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3116/part/1#page=1">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3116/part/1#page=1</a></p> <p>2. ANRE Decision No. 564/2025 on the establishment of the timetable for the gradual restriction of access for large and medium industrial consumers to the supply of natural gas, within the context of the public service obligation provided for in Article 89(1) of Law No. 108/2016 on natural gas  <a href="https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=151054&amp;lang=ro">https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=151054&amp;lang=ro</a>  In force as of 03.10.2025. Published: 03.10.2025 in the Official Gazette No. 519-522, art. 903  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3164/part/3#page=10">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3164/part/3#page=10</a></p> <p>3. ANRE Decision No. 425/2025 on the establishment of natural gas consumption thresholds for the identification and categorisation of industrial consumers  <a href="https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=149637&amp;lang=ro">https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=149637&amp;lang=ro</a>  In force as of 21.07.2025. Published: 21.07.2025 in the Official Gazette No. 385, art. 583  <a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3128/part/3#page=1">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/3128/part/3#page=1</a></p>
<b>Checks performed in the verification of the step and related findings</b>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Energy ensures the quality of the step's implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p> <p>The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.</p>
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	<p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.</p> <p>The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the 'Do No Significant Harm' principle (DNSH).</p>
<b>Double funding</b>	<p>Contributions from third parties were <b>reported</b> in support of the achievement of this step.</p> <p>For the amendments to Law No. 108/2016 on natural gas, the impact assessment process was carried out with the support of the MESA (Moldova Energy Security Activity) Program, implemented by USAID through Tetra Tech, in partnership with the Government of the Republic of Moldova.</p>
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<p><b>Not achieved.</b></p>

For the implementation of Reform **6.3 - Guaranteeing energy security**, in order to achieve the objective of enhancing the energy security of the Republic of Moldova by establishing the legal and regulatory conditions for natural gas storage, further promoting market unbundling requirements in the gas sector, implementing the ongoing Moldova–Romania electricity interconnection project and launching a new one, as well as rapidly deploying additional domestic energy generation capacities, the necessary legal framework was ensured through the adoption of Law no. 120/2022, which declares the construction works for the 400 kV Vulcănești–Chișinău transmission line and the Vulcănești Back-to-Back substation to be of public utility and national interest, thereby facilitating the project’s implementation.

The construction of the 400 kV Vulcănești–Chișinău overhead transmission line (157 km) has been completed. The modernization of the 330 kV Chișinău substation is approximately 79% complete, while the extension of the 400 kV Vulcănești substation is around 59% complete, with works currently ongoing.

The testing and acceptance procedures preceding commissioning are scheduled for early 2026, with the 400 kV Vulcănești–Chișinău transmission line expected to become operational by the end of **March 2026**. (step 6.3.12).

**Reporting fiche for step 6.3.12.**

<b>The step under review</b>	<p><b>Pillar: 6.</b> Energy security and efficiency  <b>Subarea:</b> Energy  <b>Reform: 3.</b> Guaranteeing energy security  <b>Payment condition:</b> Moldova finalise the construction of 400 kV line Vulcanesti – Chisinau to secure its power system.  <b>Description of the step: 12.</b> New internal line 400 kV from Vulcanesti to Chisinau allows direct transmission of electricity imported from Romania to reach Moldovan capital and secure the system in a case of possible outages of 400 kV line Vulcanesti – MGRES (partially crossing the border with Ukraine) or 330 kV line MGRES – Chisinau.  <b>Source of Verification:</b> Power line is functional and compliant with all necessary regulations.  <b>Ambition Level:</b> Category 1; <b>Disbursement amount:</b> 15 479 289,94 EUR</p>
<b>Baseline</b>	No power line.
<b>Deadline of the step</b>	12/31/2025
<b>Actual results</b>	<p><b>1. Law No. 120/2022 on the declaration of public utility and national interest of the construction works of the 400 kV overhead power transmission line (OHTL) Vulcanesti–Chisinau and the Vulcanesti Back-to-Back substation, adopted by Parliament.</b></p> <p>Through the adoption of Law No. 120/2022, the above-mentioned construction project was recognised as being of public utility and national interest, which enabled the acceleration of the development of strategic energy infrastructure essential for the energy security of the Republic of Moldova. The law also facilitates access to land, simplifies administrative procedures related to expropriation, and supports the secure integration of the country into the European electricity network, thereby contributing to the stability of the national power system.</p>

	<p><b>2. Construction of the single circuit high-voltage overhead power transmission line (400 kV) on the Vulcanesti– Chisinau route completed.</b> As of 31 December 2025, the transmission line and the associated equipment have been fully completed from a construction perspective and are ready for energisation and the initiation of acceptance testing, with the following progress recorded: 507 foundations constructed - 100%; 507 pylons assembled/installed - 100%; conductors installed - 100% (157 km). Complementary works for finalisation, inspections, and remediation of any non-conformities, where applicable, are currently ongoing. Acceptance testing and commissioning represent subsequent and distinct stages following construction completion and are conditional upon meteorological factors, as well as the completion of the planned works at the Chisinau and Vulcanesti substations.</p> <p><b>3. Modernisation of the Chisinau 330 kV substation – the overall implementation progress (design, supply, construction, and installation) is approximately 79%.</b></p> <p><b>4. Extension of the Vulcanesti 400 kV substation – the overall implementation progress (design, supply, construction, and installation) is approximately 59%.</b></p> <p><b>5. Acceptance tests preceding and authorising the taking-over and commissioning of the facilities (subject to the possibility of energisation), indicative timeline:</b> Overhead Power Transmission Line (OPTL) – during January 2026; Chisinau Substation – March-April 2026; Vulcanesti Substation – April-May 2026.</p>
<p><b>Evidence provided</b></p>	<p>1. Law No. 120/2022 on the declaration of public utility and national interest of the construction works of the 400 kV overhead power transmission line (OHTL) Vulcănești–Chisinau and the Vulcanesti Back-to-Back substation (<a href="https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=140853&amp;lang=ro">https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=140853&amp;lang=ro</a> ).</p> <p><i>Published on 24 May 2022 in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, No. 158 (8202), Article 278</i> (<a href="https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/2450/part/1#page=1">https://monitorul.gov.md/ro/monitorul/view/pdf/2450/part/1#page=1</a>)</p> <p>2. <i>Report of the Ministry of Energy on the construction of the 400 kV power transmission line on the Vulcanesti–Chisinau route and the modernisation and extension of the related substations</i> (<a href="https://drive.cloud.gov.md/s/HiTMnLPJy6AHypK">https://drive.cloud.gov.md/s/HiTMnLPJy6AHypK</a>).</p>
<p><b>Checks performed in the verification of the step</b></p>	<p>The managerial internal control system within the Ministry of Energy ensures the quality of the step’s implementation and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process.</p>

<b>and related findings</b>	The implementation of the reform step was verified by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning.
<b>Compliance with general principles and DNSH principle</b>	The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the general principles outlined in Article 4 and 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535 and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement. The implementation of the step <b>does not contravene</b> the ‘Do No Significant Harm’ principle (DNSH).
<b>Double funding</b>	<b>Contributions from third parties in support of the achievement of this step were reported:</b> The implementation of the project is ensured through financing provided by the International Development Association (IDA), part of the World Bank Group, on the basis of Financing Agreements No. 6380-MD and 6381-MD, with a total value of EUR 61 million. The expropriation procedure is financed from the State Budget (Government contribution).
<b>Clear conclusion on the achievement of the step</b>	<b>Not achieved.</b> The construction of the power transmission line has been completed, with pre-energisation tests scheduled to be carried out during January. The primary equipment at the Chişinău substation has been installed, and works for the installation of secondary circuits are currently ongoing, with the first tests planned for March 2026. However, the Vulcanesti substation does not yet have all the primary equipment, which is scheduled to be delivered to the site by February. Nevertheless, commissioning is most likely to be completed only towards April–May 2026.

The **26 reported reform steps** have been reviewed for compliance with the principles underpinning the support provided by the European Union under the Reform and Growth Facility,<sup>1</sup> ensuring adherence to the “do no significant harm” (DNSH) and “leave no one behind” principles, as well as an integrated approach to sustainability.

For **24 of the fulfilled reform steps**, no cases of double funding were reported, in compliance with the principles of transparency, complementarity, and efficient use of financial resources. Additionally, for **11 reform steps**, contributions from third parties were reported, which were complementary in nature and supported their implementation without creating overlaps or conflicts with the primary sources of funding.

Internal managerial control within the public authorities responsible for implementing the reform steps was organised in accordance with a robust set of national standards aligned with internationally recognised principles. The heads of the public authorities assumed responsibility for implementing the steps under the Reform Agenda, ensuring the quality of execution and the accuracy of the information presented in the reporting process. The internal management and control mechanism of the public authorities, responsible for implementing the steps and reporting on their achievements, allowed for the management of risks associated with the steps undertaken through the application of appropriate control activities, maintaining implementation progress, and ensuring the full and timely delivery of the steps.

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with Article 4 and Article 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535, and Article 3 of the Facility Agreement.

## 2. Reforms previously approved and for which disbursements have already been made.

In the first semester of 2025, 4 reform steps were reported as fully achieved, approved by the European Commission, and the corresponding disbursements were made, of which 1 reform step had a June 2025 implementation deadline, while 3 reform steps were completed in advance, their deadline being December 2025:

- 6.1.4. Nominated Electricity Market Operator was designated (*June 2025*);
- 6.1.7. Moldova VAT Law harmonized with the EU legislation was adopted by the Parliament (*December 2025*);
- 6.2.9. The supplier of the last resort/universal gas supplier was appointed by ANRE, based on the transparent and non-discriminative procedure (*December 2025*);
- 6.3.11. ANRE took a decision concerning re-submitted Opinion of the Ministry and considers re-opening of the certification on Vestmoldtransgaz in regards the transmission system ownership (*December 2025*).

### *Reporting fiche for previously approved reforms*

No.	Reform title	Date of approval by the EC	Reform description	Current status confirmation	Description of changes, if applicable	Implementation description
1.	6.1.4. Open and competitive electricity market	02.09.2025	NEMO is designated to perform tasks related to single day-ahead and single intraday coupling in line with Commission Regulation (EU) 2015/1222 establishing a guideline on capacity allocation and congestion management (CACM).	The reform is in force and has not been suspended, repealed, or significantly amended	No changes have been made	By Decision No. 370 of 29 June 2025 of the Board of the National Agency for Energy Regulation "On the Designation of SRL 'Operatorul Pieței de Energie M' as the Designated Electricity Market Operator (OPEED)" (Annex 1), SRL 'Operatorul Pieței de Energie M' was designated as the electricity market operator, responsible for implementing the international coupling of the day-ahead and intraday electricity markets.
2.	6.1.7. Open and competitive electricity market	02.09.2025	Harmonization of Moldovan VAT legislations with those of the EU is necessary to eliminate, to the maximum extent possible, factors which may distort conditions of	The reform is in force and has not been suspended, repealed, or significantly amended	No changes have been made	Law No. 139/2025 was adopted to amend certain legislative acts (Fiscal Code No. 1163/1997 and Law No. 1417/1997 on the Implementation of Title III of the Fiscal Code). The fiscal procedures were

			<p>competition in the market, and which may lead to legal uncertainty. In particular, integration into SDAC, SIDC and EU Balancing platforms requires a high level of harmonization of applicable regimes of VAT in order to prevent non-taxation, double taxation, tax evasion and tax fraud. This harmonized VAT reverse taxation regime is also envisaged by the EU-Moldova Association Agreement as one of the preconditions to create a level playing field between all market participants in the Moldovan electricity and gas market</p>			<p>simplified through the introduction of the reverse charge mechanism, which reduced the administrative burden for participants in the energy market and contributed to increased compliance. Additionally, the amendments facilitated integration into the European SDAC platforms (day-ahead market coupling), SIDC (intraday market coupling), and balancing platforms, helping to prevent risks of non-taxation and fraud related to double taxation.</p>
3.	6.2.9. Open and competitive gas market	02.09.2025	<p>ANRE organises a tender, in a transparent and non-discriminatory manner, with price of the activity as the main input; for a supplier of last resort/universal gas supplier, and select the winner.</p>	<p>The reform is in force and has not been suspended, repealed, or significantly amended</p>	<p>No changes have been made</p>	<p>The National Agency for Energy Regulation (ANRE) approved Decision No. 248/2025 <i>on the imposition of public service obligations</i>, under which the Joint Stock Company “Energocon” is designated, for a period of three (3) years, to carry out the public service obligations set out in Articles 89 and 90 of Law No. 108/2016</p>

						on natural gas. It is required to ensure the supply of natural gas to certain categories of final consumers, in compliance with the established quality parameters and applying regulated, transparent, non-discriminatory, and easily comparable prices, within the territorial limits covered by the licences of the distribution system operators.
4.	6.3.11. Guaranteeing security of supply	02.09.2025	ANRE take a decision by Quarter 3 2025. on transferring the ownership of the network from Moldovagaz, Moldovatrangaz to an entity not related to supply, trade, or distribution of gas.	The reform is in force and has not been suspended, repealed, or significantly amended	No changes have been made	The opinion of the Ministry of Energy was submitted through Letter No. 07-606 of 4 March 2025 regarding the status of natural gas supply security (Annex 4). ANRE Board Decision No. 178 of 8 April 2025 was approved to <i>amend Decision No. 513 of 23 August 2024 concerning the certification of the natural gas transmission system operator SRL "Vestmoldtransgaz," IDNO 1014600024244, with its registered office at MD-2088, Șoseaua Balcani 7/E, Ghidighici, Chișinău Municipality.</i>

The reforms corresponding to the steps approved by the European Commission on 2 September 2025 remain fully in force. They have not been suspended, repealed, or amended in any way that would affect the committed objectives or the agreed implementation trajectory. The commitments remain applicable in their approved form.

The maintenance of these reforms reflects the authorities' strong commitment to continue modernising the energy sector, ensuring convergence with European Union legislation and practices, and strengthening the functioning of competitive markets. Any deviation from these

steps would pose significant risks to sector stability, the credibility of international commitments, and the protection of final consumers.

Their sustainability is reinforced through alignment with European standards, the transparency of decision-making processes, and their integration into a broader strategic vision for the development of the energy sector.

### 3. Projects implemented through the Neighbourhood Investment Platform.

No.	Project title	Implementing beneficiary	Implementation status	Implementation process	Disbursement date	Contribution of the Republic of Moldova, EUR million	Total budget, EUR million
1.	Balti Regional Hospital	Ministry of Health	<b>Ongoing.</b> The feasibility study was completed in 2016 and updated in 2022, and the social and environmental impact assessment was carried out in 2023. The application for the NIP 2 investment grant under the Growth Plan (EUR 6 million) was approved on 01.10.2025.	Implementation is being carried out in phases, starting with the completion of the design phase and continuing with procurement procedures for the execution of works. The first procurement procedure for the preparation of the conceptual design (October 2024 – January 2025) was cancelled following appeals, after which the terms of reference were revised and resubmitted to the financier (CEB) for approval in October 2025. As a result of the appeals and additional technical clarifications with the financier, an extension of the project until 2032 was proposed. All these aspects are being coordinated between the responsible institutions and the financier.	12 June 2024 - NIP 1  1 October 2025 - NIP 2	21,0	116,98
2.	Project "PEEB (Program for Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings) "	The National Center for Sustainable Energy / Ministry of Energy	<b>At an advanced preparation stage.</b> The project has been approved at national level (CCDD and CIPS), and the engagement letter was	Programme implementation is planned to be carried out in phases, combining technical assistance to strengthen the institutional framework with investments in energy efficiency in public and residential buildings. The implementation timeline	To be determined, following final approval of the project under the NIP mechanism.	21,7	103,4

			<p>issued by the Ministry of Finance on 15 October 2025. The project has been submitted for assessment under the NIP mechanism, and the start of construction and renovation works is planned for 2027.</p>	<p>is aligned with the stages of financing approval and mobilisation and is continuously coordinated between the responsible national institutions and the financial partners. At this stage, the PEEB project in Moldova is in the approval phase and preparation of documentation. During the period January–May 2026, AFD will prepare the Contribution Agreement in cooperation with the EU. In parallel, The National Center for Sustainable Energy will provide the responses and information requested by AFD and, if necessary, short clarification meetings will be organised during December 2025 – January 2026.</p>			
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*The project “Construction of the Balti Regional Hospital”*, implemented on the basis of the Framework Loan Agreement between the Republic of Moldova and the Council of Europe Development Bank, ratified by Law No. 328/2023, represents a major strategic investment in the healthcare system of the Republic of Moldova. The project is to be implemented by the Ministry of Health and is financed through a loan of EUR 86 million provided by the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), complemented by a national contribution of EUR 21 million from the Government of the Republic of Moldova, as well as by grants, as follows: (i) under the NIP mechanism, in a total amount of EUR 9 million, including EUR 3 million for technical assistance (NIP 1 TA), approved on 12 June 2024, and EUR 6 million as an investment grant (NIP 2), approved on 1 October 2025, intended to support the design stages and co-finance the construction works; (ii) additionally, the project benefits from an EIB EPTATF grant in the amount of EUR 498 thousand, providing support for the operation of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU); and (iii) a CEB SDA grant of EUR 0.5 million for the operation of the Project Implementation Unit.

The overall objective of the project is to ensure access to modern and safe medical services for the population of the Northern Region of the Republic of Moldova, through the construction of a new tertiary-level regional hospital in Balti, with an estimated total area of 38,000 square meters, comprising **340 inpatient beds, 78 beds for outpatient services, and 55 beds within the neonatal care unit.**

The new hospital will provide specialised services, including in the field of oncology, as well as other diagnostic and treatment services based on minimally invasive technologies and outpatient care, for the benefit of approximately 900,000 people from the northern part of the Republic of Moldova. In addition, the new hospital will include training activities for approximately 150

students, who will benefit from favourable working and learning conditions. The new regional hospital will consist of the following three “modules”:

- **Module 1: Ambulatory Care Centre (construction and equipping)** – This center, dedicated exclusively to outpatient care, will include tertiary diagnostic and treatment services, a day-surgery unit, two laparoscopic operating theatres, and all necessary support services. Two fully equipped operating theatres will be available. The Ambulatory Care Centre will focus on minimally invasive surgical interventions requiring less than 24 hours of hospitalization, with all patients treated on an outpatient basis. It is estimated that the Centre will record annually approximately 60,000 emergency visits, 5,000 day-surgery procedures, 12,500 hemodialysis sessions, and 199,750 outpatient consultations.
- **Module 2: Inpatient wards, support services and operating block** (construction and equipping) – This module will include maternity wards (pre- and post-natal), medical care wards, admission and reception areas, the main reception desk, main lobby, amphitheatre, kitchen/cafeteria, laundry and linen storage facilities, all connected to the Ambulatory Care Centre. The operating block is expected to host an estimated 7,400 surgical procedures per year, as well as approximately 5,000 births within the obstetrics department. This module is expected to record around 19,500 hospital admissions and 97,500 inpatient bed-days per year.
- **Module 3: Oncology Centre** (construction and equipping) – The construction of the Oncology Centre will complete the hospital’s profile, representing a major improvement and marking the start of a new partnership between the Oncology Institute and the Balti Regional Hospital for the treatment of cancer patients from the northern region.

With regard to the implementation status, the feasibility study was completed in 2016 and updated in 2022, while the social and environmental impact assessment was carried out in 2023. The first procurement procedure for conceptual design services, launched during the period October 2024 – January 2025, was cancelled following appeals submitted by two participating economic operators, which required a revision of the terms of reference and the relaunch of the procedure. The revised terms of reference were submitted to the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) for approval in October 2025. As a result, the relaunch of the procedure is envisaged for the second quarter of 2026. In accordance with the updated Procurement Plan, by the end of 2025 two procurement procedures are envisaged to be initiated during the fourth quarter, targeting contracts for design and construction services, as well as project management consultancy services, necessary for the launch of the investment project implementation. In parallel, disbursements have already been made from European grants allocated to the operation of the Project Implementation Unit, including a first tranche of EUR 130,000 disbursed in April 2025, reflecting the commitment of the national authorities to ensuring implementation capacity. The first disbursement under the NIP 1 grant, in the amount of EUR 1.15 million, is planned for May 2026, subject to possible adjustments.

#### **Constraints:**

- *The Project Implementation Unit is not yet fully operational, with the positions of Project Manager and Financial Specialist still vacant.*
- *The implementation timeline has been shifted from 2028 to 2032 due to the cancellation of procurement procedures.*

The implementation process has undergone adjustments to the initial schedule, driven by the relaunch of the procurement procedure for conceptual design services and the need for additional technical clarifications with the financier, as outlined above. In this context, the implementation timeline has been revised in coordination with the financiers, with an extension until 2032 proposed. All these adjustments are being managed through continuous coordination between the responsible institutions and the financiers, and the project continues to progress in line with the revised schedule.

*The “Programme for Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings (PEEB Moldova)”* represents a strategic national-level intervention in the field of energy efficiency, with central public authorities as the responsible beneficiaries, under the coordination of the Ministry of Energy. The project aims to improve the energy performance and climate resilience of public and residential buildings, contributing to reduced energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, as well as to improved quality of public services, particularly in the education and health sectors.

The main beneficiaries of PEEB Moldova include line ministries (the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of Education and Research, and the Ministry of Health), local public authorities, and homeowners through the “Green House” scheme. The programme targets more than 40 public buildings, with a total surface area exceeding 150,000 m<sup>2</sup>, including schools, universities, hospitals, and administrative offices, as well as individual residential buildings. Direct beneficiaries include pupils and students, teachers, patients and medical staff, civil servants, households, and local contractors, who will benefit from reduced energy costs, enhanced capacity in energy efficiency policymaking, and skills development, generating wide-ranging social, economic, and environmental benefits.

PEEB Moldova projects are distributed across the entire territory of the country. A significant share is located in Chişinău; however, regional centres and smaller towns are also targeted, including Balti and Nisporeni in the north, Orhei and Hincesti in the central region, and Cahul in the south, ensuring that at least one third of the buildings are located outside the capital.

From a financial perspective, PEEB Moldova has an estimated total budget of approximately EUR 103.4 million, structured as follows: EUR 12 million in grants from the European Union; EUR 30 million in concessional loans provided by the French Development Agency (AFD); EUR 21.7 million as a contribution from the Government of the Republic of Moldova; EUR 14.7 million contributed by final beneficiaries (primarily households under the residential component); and EUR 25 million in co-financing from other international financial institutions and development finance institutions.

With regard to the implementation status, the project has completed the strategic and institutional preparation stages and was reviewed and approved at the meeting of the National Coordination Council for Sustainable Development (CCDD) on 13 October 2025, as well as at the meeting of the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning (CIPS) on 15 October 2025. In addition, the Ministry of Finance issued the engagement letter on 15 October 2025, confirming the project’s financing framework. According to the current planning, construction and renovation works are **expected to commence in 2027**.

The next steps for the PEEB Programme in Moldova are as follows:

- During the period January–May 2026, AFD will prepare the Contribution Agreement in cooperation with the EU. In parallel, short clarification meetings will be organised with The National Center for Sustainable Energy (CNED) during December 2025 – January 2026.
- The AFD appraisal process is planned for January–April 2026, with approval of the PEEB Moldova programme by the AFD Board expected at the end of April 2026.
- The signing of the Contribution Agreement between the European Union and AFD is scheduled for mid-May 2026.
- During January–March 2026, Expertise France will carry out the inception phase to identify the activities of the Technical Assistance Facility and synergies with activities implemented by GIZ. The signing of the service contract between AFD and Expertise France is planned for May 2026.
- During April–June 2026, the Grant Agreement between AFD and the Ministry of Energy will be prepared, with its signing scheduled by mid-June 2026.

- Subsequently, during the period from mid-June to mid-July 2026, the Ministry of Energy and CNED will ensure the fulfilment of the conditions required for the first disbursement.
- The first and only disbursement to CNED is expected to be made by AFD by mid-July 2026.

**Constraints:**

- *Potential delays in the preparation of energy audit reports;*
- *Potential delays in the preparation of technical documentation, as well as delays in the process of identifying and selecting companies within the procurement procedure, given the organisation of an international tender.*

#### 4. Outlook on the implementation of reform steps required for the next payment tranche and on the development of investment projects through the Neighbourhood Investment Platform

For the first semester of 2026, the Government of the Republic of Moldova is to ensure the implementation of 15 reform steps with a deadline in June 2026 and the full completion of 2 reform steps that were not finalised by 31 December 2025.

As of 31 December 2025, all 15 planned reform steps are in the process of implementation, and the 2 reform steps not completed in 2025 show a high degree of progress. Analysing the technical and institutional aspects of the implementation process for the planned reforms, it can be concluded that, for the most part, they are following the correct implementation trajectory and are expected to be completed within the established deadlines and in accordance with the approved indicators.

Furthermore, analysing potential bottlenecks and constraints that could affect the full implementation of the steps, administrative constraints and potential risks of double funding are anticipated. Addressing these issues may require mobilising institutional support, inter-institutional coordination, and additional expertise to prevent overlaps in funding and to ensure coherent implementation in compliance with the applicable requirements.

Additionally, in assessing potential bottlenecks and constraints in the implementation of the commitments, administrative difficulties and capacity gaps in auditing the implementation of reform steps have been identified.

In this regard, the lack of human resources in internal audit represents an obstacle, limiting the capacity to audit the implementation of reform steps. Therefore, it is necessary to accelerate the filling of vacant internal audit positions and to develop the professional capacities of staff in these units, in order to ensure a credible, comprehensive, and timely assessment of the implementation of the steps set out in the Reform Agenda.

To improve the situation, in 2025 the process of restructuring internal audit units was completed across all 14 ministries based on minimum sizing criteria. As a result, the number of internal auditor positions within the ministries increased by 48% through the allocation of new personnel units and/or the centralisation of small internal audit units from subordinate authorities. Ministries have continued to intensify recruitment efforts for the newly created positions, while the professional capacity building of internal auditors is supported by the Ministry of Finance through the systematic organisation of training under the National Professional Certification Program.

From the perspective of 2026, the Government of the Republic of Moldova is planning a set of priority investment projects that are at more advanced stages of preparation. These projects were discussed during the meeting of the Investment Committee (Government – European Commission – IFIs) held on 27 November 2025, which brought together the State Chancellery, the European Commission, the relevant line ministries, and international financial institutions. The discussions focused on the maturity level of the projects, the steps required to advance them through the validation process, as well as cross-cutting issues relevant for implementation, including risks of double financing, the application of public procurement rules, and the need for early coordination between national authorities and financial partners. The main objective was to consolidate a realistic and implementation-ready project portfolio for 2026, with an estimated total value of **EUR 387 million**.

In the field of **education**, the continuation of investments in the modernisation of school infrastructure and in increasing the attractiveness of vocational and technical education is planned for 2026. The project “*Expansion of the Model Schools Network – Phase II*”, financed by the European Investment Bank (EIB), aims to enhance access to quality education, particularly for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, through the renovation and full equipping of 20 educational institutions, in line with the “Model School” concept. **The project has an estimated total budget of EUR 40 million in EIB loan financing, EUR 2 million in NIP grants, and EUR 8 million in co-financing from the Republic of Moldova through the Reform and Growth**

**Mechanism.** The project was validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning (CIPS) on 30 January 2026 and is planned to be presented in February 2026 within the TAM framework for the assessment and validation of projects proposed for financing under the NIP.

In parallel, the project “*Investments in infrastructure of vocational education institutions*”, financed by the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), aims to modernise 15 institutions (buildings and learning spaces, laboratories, workshops, etc.), renovated and equipped in line with Model School standards, as well as to refurbish and equip 10 dormitories of vocational education institutions through major rehabilitation works and furnishing, in close alignment with labour market needs. **The project has an estimated total budget of EUR 80 million, of which EUR 40 million represents the contribution of the Republic of Moldova and EUR 10 million is provided as an NIP grant.** The project has been submitted for validation to the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning (CIPS) and is planned to be presented within the TAM framework in April 2026.

In the **agricultural** sector, the priorities for 2026 include both investments in irrigation infrastructure and support for the development of value chains and small producers.

The project “*Moldova Sustainable Water Supply (Irrigation)*”, financed by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), aims to improve access to water for agriculture and increase productivity through the rehabilitation and modernisation of three centralised irrigation systems. **The project has an estimated total budget of EUR 97 million, of which EUR 11.5 million represents co-financing from the Republic of Moldova and EUR 7.6 million is planned as an NIP grant. In addition, an allocation of EUR 1 million is planned to support the operation of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) within National Agency for Land Improvement (ANIF).** At present, the final technical aspects are being completed with the support and coordination of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry. Following the completion of the feasibility study, the project will be submitted for approval to the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning (CIPS). The project is planned to be presented within the TAM framework in April 2026, with a view to being considered for inclusion under the NIP.

In this sector, the “*AGRI-M / IFAD IX Agricultural Development Project*”, financed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), aims to integrate small producers into competitive value chains through non-financial support, access to concessional financing, and public policy development measures. **The project has an estimated total budget of USD 43.39 million, comprising USD 20.75 million in loan financing provided by the International Fund for Agricultural Development, USD 12.77 million in grant financing to be allocated by the Adaptation Fund, USD 4.75 million in NIP grant financing, and USD 5.17 million in co-financing from the Republic of Moldova.** The project was validated in principle by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning (CIPS) on 30 January 2026 and is also planned to be presented within the TAM framework in April 2026.

In addition, support for small and medium-sized enterprises in the agri-food sector remains a priority, including through the continuation of the “*Fruit Garden – Phase II*” initiative, financed by the European Investment Bank (EIB), which aims to facilitate access to finance for SMEs in order to increase competitiveness and export potential. **The project has an estimated total budget of EUR 150 million in EIB loan financing and EUR 1.5 million in technical assistance.** The project was validated in principle by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning (CIPS) on 30 January 2026 and is to be implemented through guarantee instruments provided under the European Fund for Sustainable Development Plus (EFSD+).

The Progress Report on reform steps with the deadline in June 2026 is presented in Annex no. 3 of this Report.

## 5. Coordination, implementation, and communication mechanisms applicable to the Reform Agenda

To ensure a systematic, consistent, and accountable approach to the implementation, monitoring, and reporting of each step under the Reform Agenda of the Growth Plan for the Republic of Moldova for 2025–2027, the Government employed the national coordination mechanisms for the EU accession process and the mechanisms used in public policy coordination and strategic planning. Accordingly, the implementation, monitoring, and reporting of the steps included in the Reform Agenda were integrated into existing institutional and procedural structures, ensuring clear coordination among the responsible public authorities, a precise delineation of responsibilities, and a coherent flow of information. This approach allowed for periodic tracking of progress, early identification of risks, prompt correction of potential delays, and transparent and consistent reporting of results to the State Chancellery and external partners.

### **At the political level, coordination was carried out through:**

- **The Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning (CIPS)**, led by the Prime Minister, which during the reporting period held 5 meetings dedicated to the Reform and Growth Facility. During these meetings, the indicative list of investment projects was approved, the lists of investment projects included in Lots I, II, and III under the Reform and Growth Facility were endorsed, progress of ongoing investment projects was monitored, the two projects being implemented through the Neighbourhood Investment Platform were approved, and the Semi-Annual Report on the fulfilment of the payment conditions under the Reform Agenda was approved.
- **Working sessions of Government members dedicated to European integration processes** served as a periodic (monthly or as needed) discussion platform for progress, delays, and bottlenecks in the implementation of the Reform Agenda and investment projects. During the reporting period, 6 meetings dedicated to coordinating and monitoring the implementation of the Reform Agenda were held.

### **At the technical level, coordination was carried out through:**

- **The Council for Sustainable Development Coordination (CCDD)**, which during the reporting period held 11 meetings. During these sessions, periodic monitoring reports on the progress of steps under the Reform Agenda of the Growth Plan for the Republic of Moldova for 2025–2027 were reviewed, investment projects included in Lots I, II, and III under the Reform and Growth Facility were selected and validated, operational issues were addressed, and potential implementation bottlenecks were identified and reported to the political level.

In accordance with Article 25(6) of the Facility Agreement, during the reporting period, systematic coordination was carried out with representatives of the European Commission to ensure rigorous and continuous monitoring of progress. Solutions to problematic issues were identified during 30 meetings with DG ENEST, the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Moldova, and the responsible national authorities, as well as during the progress evaluation meeting on the implementation of the Reform and Growth Facility held on 2 December 2025.

As part of the joint coordination and monitoring exercise between the Republic of Moldova and the European Commission, the Republic of Moldova submitted periodic reports to the European Commission, at intervals of approximately two weeks, on the progress in implementing the steps set out in the Reform Agenda.

The monitoring process of the Reform Agenda was ensured by the State Chancellery and carried out continuously, so that each reform step was broken down into implementation stages with defined deliverables, start and completion deadlines, and responsibilities assigned at the level of Secretaries of State and implementing officers.

As a platform for coordinating and preparing investment projects, **the Trilateral Committee (Government, European Commission, and International Financial Institutions)** was

established. Its purpose is to review and accelerate the preparation of investment projects, including horizontal aspects related to the application of the provisions and requirements of the Reform and Growth Facility, as well as to align all efforts of the responsible/involved actors in project preparation and ensure the complementarity of resources.

Some of the measures already undertaken to strengthen the capacity for implementing the committed actions, in cooperation with the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Moldova, include:

(i) To strengthen long-term institutional capacity for implementing the Reform Agenda and managing investment projects, the Reform Support Team (**comprising 14 experts on the Growth Plan**), managed by the EBRD and funded by the European Commission, was expanded, providing legal, project management, and public policy support to the responsible institutions.

(ii) The conduct of a mapping exercise of urgent needs for the 2025-2027 period under the TAIEX instrument, aimed at streamlining access to expertise available from EU Member States and identifying the highest-priority needs for the period Q4 2025 - Q1 2026.

(iii) Accessing short-term (concrete deliverables) complementary expertise (non-key senior and junior) under the EU project “European Moldova - Support for EU Integration” to support the implementation of the reform steps.

(iv) The signing of the Financing Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Moldova and the European Commission on the Multiannual Action Plan for 2025-2027, which provides €214.8 million in technical assistance to achieve the objectives of the Growth Plan. The EU Delegation has identified **the first 14 projects/contracts with development agencies of the Member States, worth €87 million for 2025**, which will contribute to strengthening institutions for implementing reforms in public finance management, public administration reform, anti-corruption, the justice sector and vetting, border management and migration, state-owned enterprise reform, local development, confidence-building measures, education and vocational training (VET), customs reforms, and infrastructure improvement.

To ensure transparent communication and visibility of the reform implementation processes, the following mechanisms have been developed:

- **The Communication Strategy**, developed by the State Chancellery and submitted to the European Commission along with the first request for the release of funds;

- **The Communication Action Plan** is to be submitted for consultation with the European Commission, in order to align the operational actions with the guidance and expectations of the European institutions;

- **The dedicated website for the Growth Plan** - *moldovaeuropeana.md* - serves as the main public information platform on European Union support, the committed reforms, and the tangible benefits for citizens;

- **Public consultation** of all draft legislative acts related to the commitments in the Reform Agenda, in accordance with the provisions of the Law on transparency in the decision-making process.

In accordance with the provisions of Article 21 of the Facility Agreement and to ensure transparency and accountability in the implementation of the Reform and Growth Facility, the Republic of Moldova is in the process of elaborating the **List of final recipients**, to be published on the official website of the Government of the Republic of Moldova. This List will include up-to-date data on final recipients who, during 2025, received amounts of funding exceeding the equivalent of EUR 50.000 cumulatively over the period of 3 years, for the implementation of reforms and investments specified in the Reform and Growth Facility.

The origin of European Union funding for the reforms and investments under the Growth Plan for the Republic of Moldova is communicated clearly, coherently, and systematically, in line with the European Commission's Guidance on the visibility of EU external actions. The EU's financial support, amounting to €1.9 billion, is presented as a central element of the Growth Plan, highlighting its unprecedented nature, its conditionality on the implementation of structural reforms, and its focus on delivering tangible benefits for citizens, communities, and the business environment.

Communication on the origin of EU funding was primarily carried out through the umbrella campaign "Moldova Can," which ensured a unified narrative and clear visibility of European support. EU funding was explicitly communicated as the main source of support for reforms and investments, consistently integrated into key messages, informational materials, and visual products, with an emphasis on the direct link between EU support, the committed reforms, and the results achieved.

Visibility actions focused on key projects and reforms from the Reform Agenda, particularly those with a direct impact on daily life, such as infrastructure and connectivity, energy security, healthcare system modernisation, digitalisation of public administration, and support for SMEs. Their promotion was carried out through thematic campaigns, digital content, informational materials, and public events, all under the "Moldova Can" narrative, both in Chişinău and across all regions of the country, using a mix of communication channels: audiovisual media, outdoor advertising, online promotion, public transport information, and educational activities for children and youth. The budget for the "Moldova Can" campaign was 9.45 million MDL, funded from the State Chancellery's budget.

Additionally, in audiovisual media, the campaign included the broadcasting of TV spots in Romanian and Russian on four national channels and radio spots on six national stations, totaling over 1,500 radio broadcasts. Online, digital campaigns generated over 4.2 million impressions, a visibility rate of more than 70%, and over 16,000 direct accesses, confirming the public's interest in information regarding EU support and the reforms implemented.

Local visibility was strengthened through the placement of over 70 billboards, 20 bus shelters, more than 14 LED screens, and the involvement of 151 interurban public transport vehicles covering 85 routes, reaching over 153,000 passengers. In parallel, more than 53,000 printed informational materials, 3,700 posters, and 1,000 stickers were distributed across central and territorial public institutions.

Information was provided in an accessible, impact-oriented format, in accordance with European Union guidelines, and tailored to different target audiences: the general public, local communities, youth, families, the business environment, and other stakeholders. Special attention was given to local audiences through the use of relevant territorial channels and messages focused on tangible benefits.

## 6. Conclusions

In accordance with the requirements set out in Article 14 of the Facility Agreement, the level of completion of the qualitative and quantitative steps planned in the Reform Agenda, to be implemented by 31 December 2025, is as follows: of the 26 planned steps, 24 were fully achieved and two steps are scheduled to be finalised by the end of the first half of 2026.

The reform step related to the negotiation process for Chapter 32 – *Financial Control*: **3.7.18**. *The AFCOS network was established and implemented through formally assigning the national AFCOS coordinator, amending the regulatory framework to establish the Anti-Fraud Coordination Platform and signing 14 agreements between national public institutions of the Republic of Moldova on communication, interaction, and cooperation aimed at strengthening the mechanism for protecting the financial interests of the EU and external development partners*, was fully achieved.

It is confirmed that the achievement of the 24 steps complies with the general principles set out in Article 4 and Article 9(4) of Regulation (EU) 2025/535, as well as Article 3 of the Facility Agreement, without breaching the “do no significant harm” (DNSH) principle.

The necessary evidence demonstrating the completion of the qualitative and quantitative steps is included in Annexes no. 2 of this Report.

The 4 previously reported reform steps, for which disbursements have already been made, remain fully in force, without any suspensions or modifications affecting their objectives.

Investments mobilised so far through 2 investment projects have entered the operational phase: the Balti Regional Hospital, which will provide safe and high-quality medical services to the northern region of the country for approximately 900,000 people, and the Program for Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings (PEEB Moldova), which will improve the energy performance and climate resilience of over 40 public buildings, with a total area exceeding 150,000 m<sup>2</sup>, including schools, universities, hospitals, administrative offices, as well as individual residential houses. These investments will create jobs, stimulate local business activity, and reduce public expenditures through lower energy consumption, while also increasing workforce productivity and reducing social costs related to illness by providing access to high-quality healthcare services.

Although the Republic of Moldova has so far attracted a minimal level of investments through the Growth Plan, several investment projects are scheduled for implementation in 2026, primarily aimed at boosting economic development and enhancing connectivity through infrastructure investments. A continuing challenge is the accelerated preparation of investment projects and the alignment of stages between government authorities and financial institutions, in line with procurement rules conditioned by the Facility Agreement. The Government intends to allocate additional resources for the preparation of priority projects in the coming period, with a focus on major investments that will generate a direct and long-term impact on economic growth.

This report has been reviewed by the State Chancellery and the Ministry of Finance, submitted to the Parliament for consultation, and validated by the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning, chaired by the Prime Minister, during the meeting on 30 January 2026 (*Procès-verbal No. 3 of the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning (CIPS) meeting of 30 January 2026*<sup>2</sup>) [Annex no. 4].

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<sup>2</sup> <https://gov.md/ro/comitetul-interministerial-pentru-planificare-strategica>

## 7. Annexes

**Annex 1** – Reform steps reporting fiches – 24 fiches (*Annex 1\_26 reporting fiches\_zip*)

**Annex 2** - Necessary evidence for the achievement of the steps – 26 files (*Annex 2\_evidence provided\_26 folders*)

**Annex 3** – Progress Report on reform steps with the deadline in June 2026 (*Annex 3\_Report\_june 2026*)

**Annex 4** - Minutes No. 3 of the Interministerial Committee for Strategic Planning (CIPS) meeting of 30 January 2026 (*Annex 4\_CIPS.pdf*).