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MOLDOVA – EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICY – STATE OF PLAY

This Commission working document accompanies the Commission's communication on strengthening the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP). This document reports on overall progress made on the implementation of the EU-Moldova Action Plan. As such, it concentrates primarily on the development of EU-Moldova bilateral relations and on issues involved in implementing the Action Plan.

The report highlights that Moldova is faced with a difficult internal and external situation, implementation of the Action Plan in Moldova is well underway.

The Action Plan has become the central point of reference in the domestic reform process. Good progress has been made on:

- trade-related issues;
- co-operation with international financial institutions (IFIs);
- poverty reduction.

Bt more needs to be done on the investment and business climate.

Good progress has also been made on Moldova-Ukraine border management, which has positive implications for the Transnistria issue.

Democratic reforms are underway and some progress is being made on governance issues, with first steps being taken also on the reform of the judiciary, the fight against corruption and organised crime, which are particular challenges.

Overall, Moldova is showing commitment, but the implementation of reforms requires greater attention, including in areas with good legislative progress.