



# EU SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

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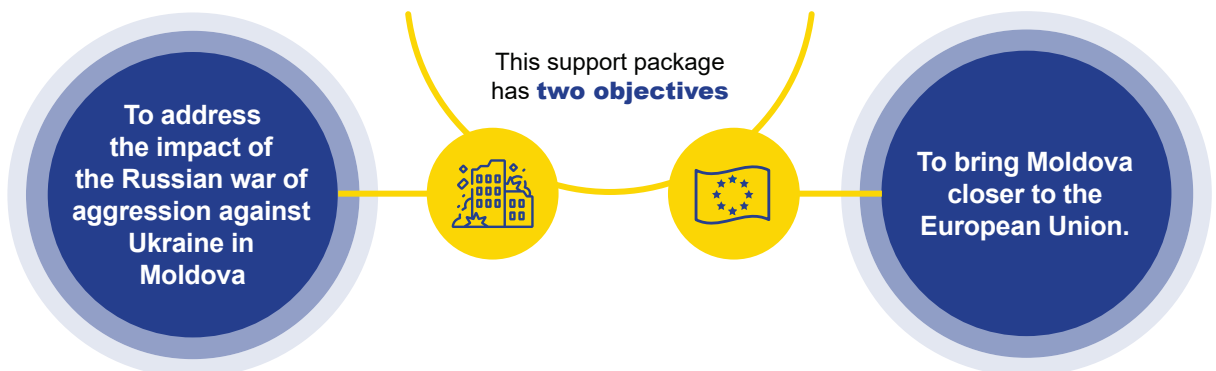
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Since the start of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine, Moldova has been tackling significant challenges, including large numbers of refugees, inflation, threats to its energy supplies, violations of its airspace, as well as a multitude of hybrid actions such as disinformation and cyber-attacks. The EU has already mobilised **€1.2 billion** to help Moldova face multiple crises since the autumn of 2021. Despite these challenges, Moldova has shown its resilience and commitment to advance on its pro-European reform agenda.

Following a request from the European Council, the Commission and the European External Action Service have put together a **package of support for Moldova**, as announced by President von der Leyen on 31 May in Chişinău.

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The challenges facing Moldova require targeted and coherent actions. The EIP will mobilise strategic investments to enhance Moldova’s resilience and bringing **tangible benefits to Moldova’s people**.

Following the Commission proposal on 20 June for a review of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), which includes a proposal for a Ukraine Facility, around **€600 million** under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) could be redeployed for 2024-2027 programmes to increase support for other neighbourhood countries, including Moldova.

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## FIVE PRIORITIES

to achieve these objectives, five priorities have been identified as part of this support package:



### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & CONNECTIVITY

Facilitating **economic development and connectivity** through the Priority Action Plan for trade under the DCFTA and the dedicated Flagships of the Economic and Investment Plan (EIP). These focus on support to SMEs, trade, energy efficiency, human capital development as well as connectivity.

- Under the EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes initiative, the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) for Transport will provide funding to projects addressing bottlenecks at key border crossing points. The priority is also aimed at addressing challenges faced by cross-border communities through strengthened Interreg programmes.
- Building on the recent achievement to reduce roaming prices, we are working towards a long-term roaming arrangement.



### ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY

Supporting Moldova's **reforms** through training courses, strengthening administrative capacity and increasing the participation of Moldova in EU programmes like Horizon Europe, Fiscalis, Customs, LIFE and EU4Health.



### ENERGY

Ensuring Moldova's **energy** security through increasing domestic electricity production, participating in the EU common gas purchasing mechanism, boosting renewables and focusing on energy efficiency.



### SECURITY

Enhancing Moldova's **security** by expanding cooperation through the newly-launched EU Partnership Mission to Moldova, the EU-Moldova Support Hub for Internal Security and Border Management, the EU Border Assistance Mission, as well as with European agencies notably Frontex, Europol, Eurojust and CEPOL; strengthening Moldova's defence sector through the European Peace Facility.



### STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION

Countering foreign information manipulation and interference, including disinformation, and enhancing **strategic communication** through technical support to the Moldovan government, and capacity building for independent media, civil society and youth.

**KEY INITIATIVES** that have already started and are delivering immediate results:

- First voluntary agreement to lower data and voice roaming charges.
- The Economic and Investment Plan (EIP) is delivering on flagship projects in key sectors such as: over €170 million in access to finance for SMEs', €50 million in investments in Solidarity Lanes and €90 million to increase energy efficiency in public buildings (kindergartens, schools & health infrastructure).
- Moldova's participation in the joint gas purchase platform.
- Launch of the EU Partnership Mission to Moldova and support through the European Peace Facility as well as enhancing Moldova's security through targeted actions by specialised EU agencies