Meeting of the Deputy Prime Minister for Reintegration with the State Secretary for European Affairs of Croatia, Andreja Metelko-Zgombić



On 27 October 2026, Deputy Prime Minister for Reintegration Valeriu Chiveri met with the State Secretary for European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, Andreja Metelko-Zgombić, who is on a working visit to the Republic of Moldova.

The discussions focused on current developments in the Transnistrian settlement process, the dynamics of the dialogue between Chișinău and Tiraspol, as well as the efforts of national authorities aimed at bringing the two banks of the Nistru River closer together.

In this context, Chișinău's actions to advance sectoral reintegration policies were highlighted, aiming at the gradual integration of the Transnistrian region into unified national spaces, so that the regulatory framework of the Republic of Moldova is applied throughout the country. Among the measures undertaken in this regard is the expansion of the fiscal regime regarding the application of VAT and excise duties on goods imported by economic operators from the region, to ensure uniform tax treatment within the national tax system.

The officials also addressed the Convergence Fund, which will serve as an additional instrument to facilitate the gradual reintegration of the country and will become operational at the beginning of 2027. In this regard, the importance of utilizing Croatia’s experience in the field of peaceful reintegration, including convergence instruments, was emphasized.

Along with this, the concerning human rights situation in the Transnistrian region was addressed, with an emphasis on the importance of international partners supporting the efforts of the constitutional authorities aimed at improving it.

The Deputy Prime Minister for Reintegration expressed appreciation to the Croation side for the ongoing support provided to the Republic of Moldova in promoting a peaceful and sustainable settlement of the Transnistrian conflict, while respecting the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the country within its internationally recognized borders.

