Supporting confidence building initiatives on the agenda of discussions between the acting Deputy Prime Minister Olga Cebotari and the Head of the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Moldova



21.05.2021, Chisinau – The acting Deputy Prime Minister Olga Cebotari had a working meeting with the Head of the European Union (EU) Delegation to the Republic of Moldova Peter Michalko.

The officials addressed various issues related to the Transnistrian file: recent evolutions in the existing dialogue platforms, current items on the negotiations agenda and priority activities to be promoted in the near future. They also mentioned the prodigious cooperation between the Republic of Moldova and EU in the field of the Transnistrian settlement process.

Based on the EU's participation in the "5+2" negotiating format, it was highlighted that the Moldovan side relies on an active contribution of the EU to addressing issues from the so-called Berlin Plus Package that are current: full restoration of free movement in the Transnistrian region, including for officials/civil servants of the Republic of Moldova, solving the difficulties encountered by farmers in Dubasari district, improving the human rights situation, etc.

The acting Deputy Prime Minister Olga Cebotari highly appreciated the long-term support provided to our country by the EU partners, and noted the importance of the humanitarian assistance provided during the pandemic to the residents throughout the country, including to those in the Transnistrian region and the Security Zone. Due to this assistance, the quality of the provided medical services and fast recovery of the affected persons increased.

In turn, the Ambassador Peter Michalko mentioned that the EU is open to continue offering full support to our country on implementing projects and reforms undertaken for the benefit of the citizens, as well as to assist with the regulatory process.

At the end of the meeting, the officials agreed to maintain an active dialogue on all current issues.

