# The representative of the Bureau presented the current situation on the Transnistrian issue during the 9th meeting of the Association Committee Republic of Moldova - European under trade context



Eugen Cara, head of the Assistance Projects Section of the Reintegration Policies Bureau, participated on November 29, 2022 to the 9th meeting of the Association Committee Republic of Moldova - European Union (RM-EU) under trade context, under the auspices of the Ministry of Economy, national coordinator on behalf of the Republic of Moldova.

On the Committee's platform, the achievements and difficulties in the implementation, on both banks of the Nistru river, of the commitments that derive from the EU-Moldova Association Agreement, the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area, were discussed in order to facilitate trade and ensure preferential access for goods and services originating in the EU.

With regard to technical barriers to trade, the representative of the Bureau presented the current situation in the field, as well as some topics on the agenda of the Working Groups on economy, attended by experts from the both banks of the Nistru river (interaction in the sanitary and phytosanitary field, elimination of technical barriers to trade and protecting consumer rights, etc.).

Again, it was pointed out that due to the implementation of the agreements between Chisinau and Brussels and the facilities offered in the sphere of trade, the number of legal entities and individual entrepreneurs from the Transnistrian region registered in the State Register is constantly increasing - 2334 as of the third quarter of 2022, and more than 54% of the total exports of goods from the Transnistrian region are directed

to EU member states, etc.

The participants stressed the importance of completing the commitments undertaken through the Moldova-EU partnership and the implementation of the Association Agenda throughout the country, including in the Security Zone and the Transnistrian region, especially at this stage of pre-accession to the European Union, which will allow the application of European practices of sustainable development in the Republic of Moldova and the re-establishment of a sole space between both banks of the Nistru river.

