

Question for written answer E-000186/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Reform and Growth Facility for Moldova

There are currently strong calls for Moldova to join the EU as soon as possible. To this end, the Commission has proposed a regulation on establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova¹. The following questions arise in this regard:

1. It is stated on page 4 of the regulation that ‘a formal stakeholder consultation could not be carried out due to the urgency of preparing the proposal’. Page 5 further mentions that an ‘impact assessment’ will be carried out only after adoption of the regulation. Also at the meeting of the Moldova delegation on 10 December, DG NEAR appeared to be in a great hurry. What is the reason for all of this?
2. Moldova is required to ‘fight disinformation’². Can the Commission explain what is meant exactly by ‘disinformation’?
3. EU financial assistance to Moldova may be reduced in case of problems, except if such assistance concerns ‘civil society’³. Can the Commission clarify which ‘civil society organisations’ in Moldova are the intended interlocutors/partners and/or final recipients of EU funds?

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¹ COM(2024)469final.

² CONF-MD 2, AD11/24, p.16.

³ CONF-MD 2, 21 June 2024, AD 11/24, p. 15.