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Moldova was granted EU candidate status in June 2022 and accession negotiations opened in June 2024. However, the current rate of economic growth and convergence with the EU risks holding the country back from progressing rapidly on its EU track¹. The Commission proposal for a regulation establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for Moldova aims to address the underlying structural deficiencies holding back Moldova's growth potential, accelerate alignment with EU laws and standards and facilitate the progressive integration of Moldova in the EU single market.

The Commission defines disinformation as 'false or misleading content that is spread with an intention to deceive or secure economic or political gain and which may cause public harm'².

Moldova has a very active and vibrant civil society, and their organisations are operating in a broadly enabling environment, as the Commission assessed in its Enlargement report of October 2024³. EU financing of civil society organisations is regulated by the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the EU⁴.

¹ Communication on the Moldova Growth Plan, eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:52024DC0470.

² COM/2020/790 final: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52020DC0790>.

³ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/news/commission-adopts-2024-enlargement-package-2024-10-30_en.

⁴ https://commission.europa.eu/publications/eu-financial-regulation_en.