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Question for written answer E-002278/25
to the Commission
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Subject: EU support for a trilateral Romania-Ukraine-Moldova Chamber of Commerce

In May 2022, the Commission launched the EU-Ukraine Solidarity Lanes, a strategic initiative to ensure the swift export of agricultural goods from Ukraine via EU transport routes. As then Transport Commissioner Adina Vălean noted, the goal was to move 20 million tonnes of agricultural products within three months. By February 2025, the Solidarity Lanes had become essential, facilitating 70% of Ukrainian imports, 40% of non-agricultural exports and 20% of grain-related trade — demonstrating their ongoing role as a secure alternative to Black Sea routes.

The cooperation between Romania, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova within this framework has proven key to Ukraine's economic resilience and future reconstruction. Given the shared European perspective of Moldova and Ukraine, it is important to explore how this cooperation might be deepened.

1. Is the Commission open to supporting the establishment of a trilateral Chamber of Commerce between Romania, Ukraine and Moldova to strengthen economic ties under the Solidarity Lanes framework?
2. Could the Commission consider targeted support — financial, logistical or technical — for structured exchanges and working visits among businesses and institutions in the EU, Ukraine and Moldova, to foster long-term cooperation and promote regional stability?

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Answer given by Ms Kos on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission acknowledges the valuable role that enhanced economic cooperation between Romania, Ukraine and Moldova can provide to Ukraine's economic resilience and reconstruction as well as for the EU integration process for Ukraine and Moldova.

The Commission encourages the self-organisation of entrepreneurs, including initiatives that strengthen cross-border economic cooperation.

The creation of a trilateral Chamber of Commerce could be an example of such an initiative, jointly designed and implemented by the business communities of Romania, Ukraine and Moldova. Entrepreneurs from these countries are uniquely positioned to understand and take advantage of the specific needs and opportunities for furthering cross-border economic cooperation.

In parallel, the Commission is actively supporting efforts to enhance long-term economic cooperation in the Eastern Partnership countries through technical assistance projects such as the EU4Business Programme ⁽¹⁾.

These programmes provide financial, logistical and technical support for structured exchanges and working visits to the business community from Eastern Partnership countries, including from Ukraine and Moldova.

Moreover, the Commission is mobilising Member States' expertise via the Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX) instrument ⁽²⁾, which facilitates exchange of best practice between public administrations in the EU, Ukraine and Moldova contributing to improving the regulatory environment for businesses.

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⁽¹⁾ <https://old.eu4business.eu/moldova>.

⁽²⁾ https://enlargement.ec.europa.eu/funding-technical-assistance/taix_en.