

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002284/25
to the Commission
Auke Zijlstra (PfE)
(5 June 2025)**

Subject: Who decides on aid to Moldova?

On 5 June, Moldpress, the Moldovan Government's official news agency, published an article quoting the Romanian chair of the EP delegation to the EU-Moldova Parliamentary Association Committee: 'We will stand by the Republic of Moldova, just as they have stood by us. We will defend together the European path of the Republic of Moldova and Romania's European path.' In addition, the article states: 'The official assured that our country will continue to receive support in the European integration process.' ⁽¹⁾

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission also consider the European future of Romania and Moldova to be inextricably linked? How does this view fit with both historical and recent (political) developments in the two countries and their relations?
2. What is the Commission's take on the second statement above? This statement appears to be at odds with the nature of the facility for Moldova, which is based on conditional support.
3. Can the Commission confirm that the decision on whether to grant financial assistance to Moldova indeed lies with the Commission?

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**Answer given by Ms Kos on behalf of the European Commission
(13 August 2025)**

Good neighbourly relations are a fundamental principle of the EU's engagement with neighbouring countries, as set out in Article 8 of the Treaty on European Union. Hence, the Commission welcomes the close and constructive relationship between Romania and Moldova.

The Commission is committed to supporting Moldova on its European path. This support takes many forms, such as political support, technical assistance, and indeed financial assistance.

As an example of the latter, the Commission is providing EUR 1.9 billion under the Moldova Growth Plan ⁽¹⁾, which will help the country implement essential reforms and has the potential to double the Moldovan economy over the next 10 years.

The disbursement of this — and other — financial assistance is conditional on agreed reform targets. The compliance assessment and decision to disburse or not is performed by the Commission.

The Commission does not see a contradiction between its solidarity with Moldova and commitment to supporting the country on the one hand, and the principle of conditionality, which continues to guide the disbursement of financial assistance, on the other hand.

¹ <https://www.moldpres.md/eng/politics/mep-the-republic-of-moldova-will-receive-300-million-euros-pre-financing-from-the-growth-plan-shortly>.
⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2025/535 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 March 2025 establishing the Reform and Growth Facility for the Republic of Moldova, OJ L, 2025/535, 21.3.2025.