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Moldova is moderately prepared in the area of free movement of capital¹, which includes the fight against money laundering and terrorist financing (AML/CFT). The Commission recommends the country to continue strengthening the institutional capacity of the Office for Prevention and Combating of Money Laundering. Addressing technical deficiencies identified in the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) Recommendations remains essential, alongside reforms to facilitate AML/CFT regulation and supervision of virtual asset service providers.

In June 2025, MONEYVAL² upgraded Moldova's ranking for recommendations 22, 24 and 25 from partially compliant to largely compliant. Moldova is now rated compliant or largely compliant on 37 out of the 40 FATF Recommendations. However, Moldova's monitoring of compliance by non-profit organisations with requirements of recommendation 8 is not risk-based³. Moldova should continue implementing MONEYVAL's recommendations and further strengthen its system for the detection, investigation and prosecution of latent financial crimes, including money laundering, to ensure an effective and proactive response to financial criminality.

The Commission monitors closely Moldova's reforms on financial crime and compliance with EU and FATF standards, notwithstanding MONEYVAL's decision to cease enhanced monitoring. Regular EU accession reporting continues, guided by policy recommendations from annual enlargement reports and specific benchmarks on financial crime. In addition, the Moldova Reform Agenda outlines steps for each disbursement tranche related to Chapter 32 – Financial Control. The Commission will evaluate the progress of Moldova towards these steps twice a year.

¹ Commission's assessment, conducted in context of the EU accession process, see Commission Staff Working Document Republic of Moldova 2025 Report - Accompanying the document Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions 2025 Communication on EU enlargement policy, SWD/2025/758 final: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52025SC0758&qid=1773248999590>.

² <https://www.coe.int/en/web/moneyval/>.

³ According to the MONEYVAL's report.