

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-001247/26
to the Commission
Auke Zijlstra (P/E)
(25 March 2026)**

Subject: Moldova Growth Facility

On 24 March, an article appeared on the government information channel Moldpres ⁽¹⁾ regarding the recent disbursement of part of the Moldova Growth Facility, which is valued at EUR 1.9 billion. The sum in question amounts to EUR 289 million, which has been spent on ‘support for paying energy bills, infrastructure investments, economic development, jobs, and higher incomes for citizens’. In addition, substantial support for farmers and entrepreneurs is mentioned. The funds are being used ‘to provide compensation for electricity and heating for citizens and social institutions, repair roads in 100 localities, modernise regional and district roads... and implement more than 200 local and regional projects across the country’.

1. Is the financial support being distributed evenly across the country, and can the Commission provide an overview of this expenditure?
2. Is Transnistria also included in this round of funding, and for example, have the bridges connecting the region to Moldova — which were still found to be unsafe during the recent elections — been repaired?
3. Does the Commission consider that direct income support for farmers, entrepreneurs and citizens form part of the ‘growth’ required for accession?

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**Answer given by Ms Kos on behalf of the European Commission
(24 July 2026)**

The Moldova Facility is a performance-based financial instrument. This means that the Facility rewards the Republic of Moldova for the achievement of reform commitments, as spelled out in the Moldova Reform Agenda.

The payments from the EU to the Treasury of Moldova are made in line with the country’s compliance with these commitments. Related expenditure planning and execution are the responsibility of the Moldovan government.

The Commission would thus like to refer the Honourable Member to the Moldovan authorities for further information on expenditure and the specific investment projects referred to in his question. The Neighbourhood Investment Platform does not finance any investment projects in the Transnistrian region.

The reform steps included in Moldova’s Reform Agenda are closely aligned with Moldova’s accession process. Fulfilling the agreed reforms will not only support economic growth and economic convergence with the EU and deepen Moldova’s single market integration, but also help advance Moldova’s EU membership.

Furthermore, the EU’s offer of EUR 60 million for energy support to the population on the left bank remains on the table subject to conditions and concrete steps by the *de facto* authorities.

¹ <https://www.moldpres.md/eng/economy/eu-growth-plan-for-moldova-1-9-billion-to-modernize-local-communities-and-raise-citizens-living-standards>.