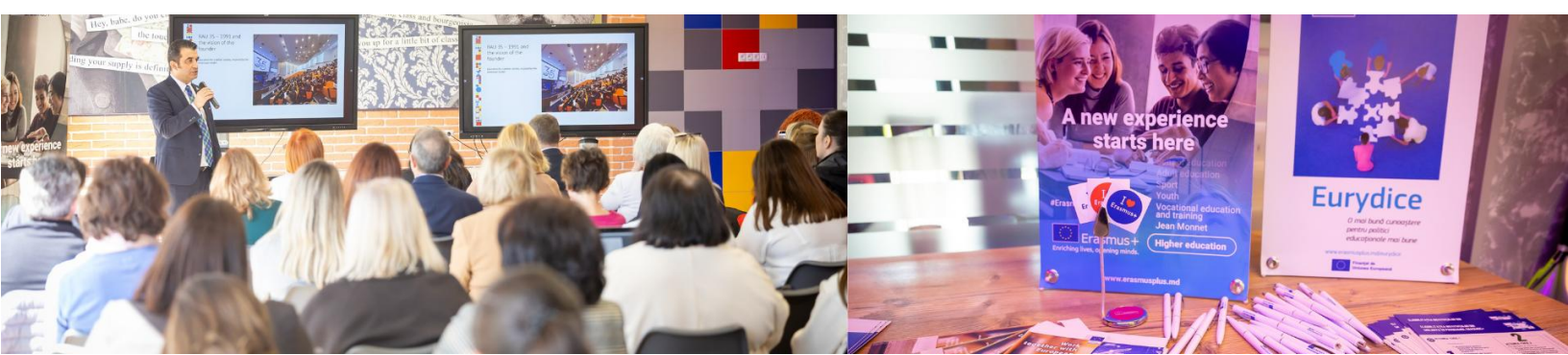




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Internationalisation of higher education in focus at an Erasmus+ seminar in Chișinău

On 22 April 2026, the National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova (NEO), with the support of the Ministry of Education and Research and in cooperation with the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova, organised the event *"From Local to Global: Promoting the Internationalisation of Higher Education in the Republic of Moldova"*.

Held at the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova, the event was dedicated to national reforms supporting the internationalisation of higher education, in the context of the Republic of Moldova's European integration path. The activity was part of the [Higher Education Reform Experts initiative](#) under the Erasmus+ Programme and was organised with the support of the SPHERE Consortium. The consortium brings together experts from the European University Association, a pan-European university organisation representing over 800 universities in the European Higher Education Area, as well as 33 national rectors' councils.

The invited expert, Dr Mihai Sebea, Director of the International Relations Department at the Romanian-American University in Bucharest, facilitated discussions on the challenges and opportunities of internationalisation, with a focus on enhancing the global visibility and attractiveness of higher education institutions in the Republic of Moldova.

The programme featured thematic sessions and presentations of good practices, including experiences from universities in Moldova. The event brought together over 65 representatives of higher education institutions in the country, as well as representatives of the Ministry of Education and Research, the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie, the Development Foundation, ANACEC, etc.

In addition, on 21, 23 and 24 April, Dr Mihai Sebea and NEO met with representatives of five Moldovan universities to discuss participation in international forums as a tool for internationalisation and partnership development for aligning Moldova's higher education with European standards.



Study and academic cooperation opportunities promoted in Chişinău during “Study in Europe 2026”



Between 4–6 May 2026, the Republic of Moldova hosted the “Study in Europe” series of events, bringing together experts, higher education institutions, and European organisations to promote academic cooperation and study opportunities in Europe. The events were organised by the European Commission, through the Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture (DG EAC), in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Research of the Republic of Moldova, the Delegation of the European Union, and European partners.

The National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova actively participated in all three components of the programme, providing information and guidance on study, research, and funding opportunities available through European Union projects.

The programme started on 4 May with the “**Study in Europe – EU Policy Event Moldova 2026**”, organised in a hybrid format. Discussions focused on recent developments in European higher education, with particular emphasis on quality assurance and the revision of the Standards and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in the European Higher Education Area. The event brought together policymakers and experts from European Union Member States and countries from the Neighbourhood East.

On 5 May, the **Contact-Building Seminar** took place, aiming to facilitate the development of new partnerships between higher education institutions from Erasmus+ Programme countries, the Republic of Moldova, and other Neighbourhood East countries. Participants discussed cooperation opportunities within Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility, Erasmus Mundus, and Capacity Building in Higher Education. On the same day, participants also attended a networking session, which provided an informal setting for exchanging experiences and establishing new academic and institutional contacts.

The programme culminated with the “**Study in Europe**” **Education Fair**, held on 6 May at the Chişinău Summit Events & Conference Center. The event brought together 33 exhibitors from 12 European countries, including universities and Erasmus+ National Agencies. Visitors had the opportunity to engage directly with representatives of participating institutions and obtain information about study programmes, scholarships, and academic mobility opportunities in Europe.

During the fair, the National Erasmus+ Office was present at the joint “Study in Europe / Erasmus+” booth, which served as an information and consultation point on European Union-funded study and research opportunities. Representatives of the Office provided guidance to students interested in academic mobility, scholarships, and European programmes dedicated to young people and higher education institutions.

In addition, presentations dedicated to the Erasmus+ Programme and European funding opportunities were organised during the fair, followed by presentation sessions delivered by participating agencies and institutions., etc.





Education Days 2026: Erasmus+ for the modernisation and internationalisation of education



The National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova participated, on 21–22 May, at Education Days 2026, organised by the Ministry of Education and Research, contributing to discussion panels dedicated to vocational education and training (VET) and higher education.

Within the event *“Competitive and Inclusive Vocational Education and Training,”* participants addressed the main reforms and development perspectives of the VET system in the Republic of Moldova. The discussions focused on the internationalisation of educational institutions, the development of dual education, and the strengthening of cooperation between educational institutions and the business sector. The Erasmus+ Programme was highlighted as an important tool for the modernisation and internationalisation of vocational education and training. Additionally, the

Eurydice platform in the Republic of Moldova was presented, emphasizing its role in providing information and comparative analyses on European education systems and policies.

Furthermore, within the *Panel dedicated to the modernisation of higher education*, representatives of universities and development partners discussed the transformation of the educational process, the internationalisation of universities, and the alignment of skills with the current demands of the labour market. Participants underlined the contribution of the Erasmus+ Programme to the development of international academic cooperation, mobility opportunities, and the exchange of best practices.

Education Days 2026 brought together teachers, experts, students, representatives of educational institutions, and the business community to discuss the priorities and transformations of the education system in the Republic of Moldova.

National Erasmus+ Office hosted the annual meeting of the HERE team in Moldova

On June 12, 2026, the National Erasmus+ Office organised the annual meeting of the HERE (Higher Education Reform Experts) team in the Republic of Moldova.

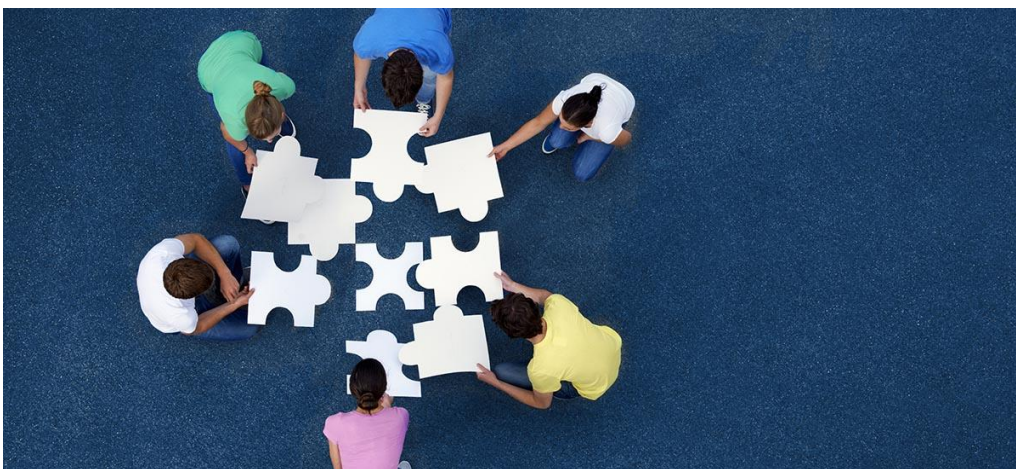
The meeting focused on reviewing activities implemented in 2026 and setting priorities for 2027. Participants discussed international HERE activities, including seminars, study visits and conferences, as well as national initiatives such as Technical Assistance Missions (TAMs) and follow-up events, assessing results, challenges and future plans.

The [HERE Expert Team](#) plays a key role in higher education reform in the Republic of Moldova, contributing to international projects and supporting the planning and implementation of Technical Assistance Missions together with international experts. comprehensive internationalisation of higher education and explore the added value of Moldova’s potential participation in European University Alliances, especially in strengthening cooperation, quality, and integration within the EHEA.





All about education in the Republic of Moldova on the European Commission's online platform – Eurydice



The description of the education system in the Republic of Moldova is fully available since April 2026 on the European online platform Eurydice – [Eurypedia](#), offering a detailed and up-to-date overview of all levels of education in the country.

Eurypedia is the online encyclopedia of education systems in [40 European countries](#). The information covers the entire educational pathway – from early childhood education to higher

education and adult education – as well as aspects related to quality assurance, financing, academic mobility and ongoing reforms. Thus, users can access data on educational cycles according to the International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED-2011), the principles underpinning education in the country and the legislative framework regulating the functioning and development of the education system. The national description of the education system in the Republic of Moldova is available in two languages: Romanian and English. Each version comprises approximately 350–400 pages and follows a common structure organised into 14 chapters.

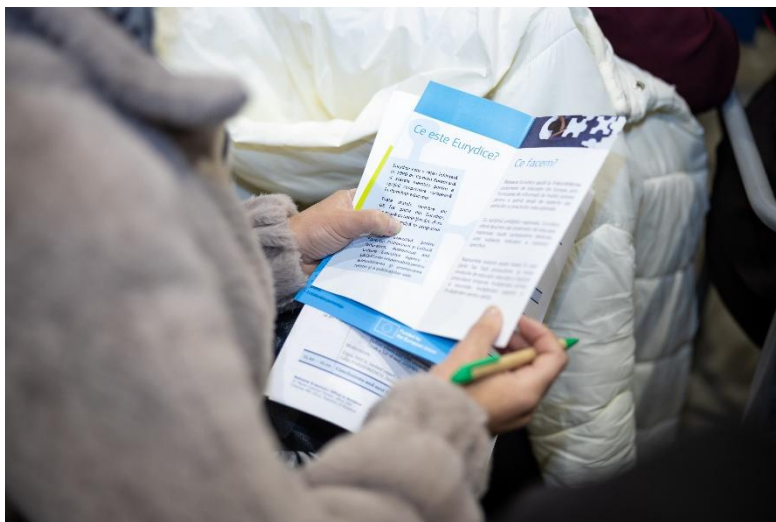
The full publication of the description strengthens the visibility of the education system in the Republic of Moldova at the European level and facilitates access to relevant information for researchers, decision-makers, teachers and the general public.

At the same time, the Republic of Moldova is currently contributing to the development of Eurydice comparative studies and reports on specific topics, such as academic mobility, the structure of the education system, the academic calendar or salaries in education.

Starting with 2024, the Republic of Moldova, together with Ukraine and Georgia, became part of the Eurydice network, contributing to a better mutual understanding of education systems in Europe.

The Eurydice network was established in 1980 by the European Commission and the Member States to support European cooperation in the field of education. All EU Member States are part of Eurydice, along with some non-EU countries. The Eurydice network helps to improve education systems in Europe by providing high-quality information on a wide range of aspects of education policy and practice. It provides descriptions of national education systems, comparative studies dedicated to specific topics, indicators and statistics.

The Eurydice network is part of the Erasmus+ programme since 2024. The National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova manages the Eurydice National Unit, which is responsible for developing, updating and disseminating information on the education system in the Republic of Moldova. Through this platform, the Republic of Moldova reaffirms its commitment to promoting transparency and cooperation in the field of education at European level.





Erasmus+ opportunities promoted at Europe Day celebrations in Chişinău



National Erasmus+ Office contributed to raising awareness about the programme's impact and the opportunities available for Moldovan citizens.

On 9 May, 2026, Europe Day was celebrated across the continent, bringing together citizens around the values of peace, freedom, solidarity and prosperity. In Chişinău, the European Town opened its doors to the public, showcasing projects and initiatives supported by the European Union.

The National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova joined the celebrations with an information stand, where visitors learned more about Erasmus+ opportunities and the benefits of international mobility for students, young people and teachers. The event provided an opportunity to connect with the public, share success stories and highlight the role of Erasmus+ in fostering cooperation, learning and personal development.

Throughout the day, visitors discovered how Erasmus+ supports education, youth and sports organisations in Moldova, offering opportunities for international partnerships, skills development and exchange of experience with European peers. The participation of the

Annual working meeting with the International Relations Departments of Moldovan universities

On July 2, 2026, at the premises of the National Erasmus+ Office of Moldova, the reunion of the International Relations Departments of higher education institutions in Moldova was held. During it, recent developments and future prospects of international partnerships within the Erasmus+ programme were discussed and analyzed.

During the meeting, the participants addressed the following topics:

- Partnerships of universities in the Republic of Moldova within international mobility projects for students and higher education staff (KA-171, KA-131), implemented in the period 2021-2026.
- Management of Key Action 2, Jean Monnet, etc. projects, from the perspective of the International Relations Departments of Moldovan HEIs, cooperation with institutional/national project coordinators.
- Visibility of Erasmus+ projects: communication, dissemination of results, visual identity and logos.
- ERASMUS+ News: 35 Programme Countries in the Erasmus+ 2027 call.
- Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE).
- EURYDICE in Moldova – objectives, achievements and perspectives.
- Discussions on the topics addressed during the seminar (Technical Assistance Mission “From local to global: Promoting the internationalisation of higher education in the Republic of Moldova” on April 22, 2026.
- Institutional support for project implementation – exchange of experiences and good practices.

The event aimed to become a platform for sharing experiences, but also to emphasize the role of international relations departments in the internationalisation, modernisation and adaptability of higher education in Moldova.





Memorable moments from the Gala of Native Students from the Republic of Moldova 2025

At the end of the year 2025, the Gala of Native Students from the Republic of Moldova brought together talented young people with international study experiences, celebrating their achievements and contributions.



As part of the traditional Erasmus+ category, outstanding students who took part in Erasmus+ mobility programmes were recognised for their dedication and commitment to international learning experiences. This year's laureates are:

- **Andreea Grigoriu** — student at the Technical University of Moldova (mobility at the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Czech Republic)
- **Nicolina Muntean** — PhD student at Alecu Russo Bălți State University (mobility at Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania)
- **Iustina Rotaru** — student at the Technical University of Moldova (mobility at the University of Córdoba, Spain)

The National Erasmus+ Office was pleased to take part in the award ceremony and the GSORM job fair, where dozens of young people discovered more about Erasmus+ opportunities.

Erasmus+ promotes sport cooperation opportunities in Moldova

The National Erasmus+ Office in Moldova organised two [online events](#) dedicated to Erasmus+ opportunities in the field of sport. The Information Session on 9 January 2026 presented the Erasmus+ 2026 Call for Proposals, national priorities in sport, and opportunities for international cooperation, with a focus on Capacity Building in the field of Sport (CB Sport) projects.

Supported by the Ministry of Education and Research and the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova, the session brought together over 180 representatives of sports organisations, educational institutions and public authorities. A follow-up workshop on 19 February 2026 provided practical guidance for organisations preparing Erasmus+ sport project proposals.



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