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Glenn Micallef visits Moldova to sign Creative Europe participation agreement

Moldova has been approved to participate in Creative Europe, starting from the 1st of January 2026. Signature of the relevant agreement is scheduled for the 2nd of September 2025. The agreement is expected to boost the country's path towards EU membership.

[Glenn Micallef](#), Commissioner for Intergenerational Fairness, Youth, Culture and Sport will visit Moldova next week, following the Commission's approval of the country's participation in Creative Europe.

The agreement between Moldova and the EU is expected to be signed during his visit to the city of Chisinau, scheduled for Tuesday, the 2nd of September.

"Moldova's joining of Creative Europe makes a significant boost in the country's path to EU membership" as [announced](#) by the Commission.

On the occasion of Moldova's Independence Day on the 27th of August, the Commissioner stated in his X account that "[Moldova's future is Europe](#)", adding that he looks forward to the visit and signature of the agreement. "This agreement places Moldova's people at the heart of the path towards EU membership. It sends a powerful signal: Moldovan culture is European culture", he had previously [commented](#).



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Happy Independence Day, Moldova 🇲🇩

Looking forward to engaging with youth culture, youth, and sport stakeholders next week!

We will also formally sign the agreement bringing Moldova into Creative Europe.

Moldova's future is Europe.

#MoldovaEU #CreativeEurope #EUYouth
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Signing ceremony and the press conference
[streamed live on EBS as of 11:30 EEST.](#)

EU in the Republic of Moldova and Creative Europe
[Commissioner will meet](#)

Minister of Culture, Sergiu Rodan. He will also visit Orhei veche Monastery, attend sports events and hold dialogues with young Moldovans and representatives of Moldova's cultural industries and artists.

Next Steps

After signature, artists and cultural organisations will have access to the actions under the Culture Strand of the Creative Europe programme. Moldovan cities will also be eligible to participation in the competition for the next European Capital of Culture competition for non-EU countries. Full participation of Moldova to the other two strands of Creative Europe, the Cross-sectorial and the MEDIA strands, will depend on compliance of the country's national legislation to the conditions set out in the [Audiovisual Media Services Directive](#). To enter into force, the

agreement has to be ratified according to the country's national procedures.

Background

Moldova had applied for EU membership and was granted a [candidate status in 2022](#). In March 2025, the European Parliament and the Council approved the EUR 1.9 billion Growth Plan for Moldova, as it had been announced in October 2024. In July 2025, the European Union and Moldova held the first-ever EU-Moldova Summit. In July the Commission announced a [New European Digital Media Observatory](#) hub to fight disinformation in Ukraine and Moldova.

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