

ALDE Party Call for Greater EU Support for Moldova Against Election Threats

The Council of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) Party, convening in Helsinki, Finland on June 27–28, 2025:

Acknowledges that:

- Moldova has shown exemplary commitment and steady progress with EU accession-related reforms, despite significant internal and external challenges, including Russia's full-scale war of aggression against Ukraine.
- A constitutional referendum on 20 October 2024, and presidential elections (20 October and 3 November 2024), confirmed the support of a majority of the Moldovan people for the country's EU membership goal, embedding it into its Constitution.
- These democratic processes occurred professionally despite a massive hybrid campaign by Russia and its proxies, involving manipulative interference, illicit financing of political actors, disinformation campaigns, cyberattacks, vote-buying, and the strategic exploitation of social media and AI-generated content.
- Moldova is a key contributor to regional and European security, providing unwavering support to Ukraine and contributing to the EU Civil Protection Mechanism; Moldova consistently cooperates on foreign policy issues, with its alignment with the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) positions.
- Moldova is the first country to sign a security and defence partnership with the EU, actively participating in EU missions and operations under the CSDP.

Underlines that:

- The upcoming parliamentary elections on 28 September 2025 will be of crucial importance for the continuation of Moldova's pro-EU trajectory, necessitating strong and genuine support from a parliamentary majority after these elections.
- The likely intensification of foreign, particularly Russian, malign interference and hybrid attacks ahead of the 2025 elections poses a serious concern for Moldova's democratic process.
- Strategic communication, debunking false, Russia-promoted narratives about the EU, and highlighting the concrete benefits of EU accession are essential.

Calls for:

- The EU and Member States to significantly increase their financial and technical support for the Moldovan Government's efforts to counter foreign interference in the country's democratic process ahead of the parliamentary elections on 28 September 2025.
- Additional sanctions listings against those involved in destabilising Moldova, an extension and consolidation of the mandate and resources of the EU Partnership Mission (EUPM) in Moldova, and the sharing of expertise in foreign information manipulation and interference (FIMI).
- Member States to progressively increase the European Peace Facility (EPF) funding for Moldova to further enhance the country's defence capabilities.

- The acceleration of Moldova's gradual integration into the EU and the single market by continuing to align its legal and regulatory framework with the EU acquis and associating the country with more EU programmes and initiatives.
- The EU to take swift and significant steps towards the permanent liberalisation of its tariff-rate quotas to ensure predictability and increase Moldova's attractiveness to investors.