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QUARTERLY SNAPSHOT · Q1 2026

# Moldova at a Glance

Investment, trade and economic momentum for the first quarter of 2026. All figures in EUR · National Bank of Moldova.

> Moldova opened 2026 on a firm footing for investors. **GDP grew +0.4% YoY in real terms in Q1** - a positive reading even as the EU, Romania and Ukraine each contracted. Foreign investors kept committing capital: **gross FDI inflows reached €128.5 million**, and reinvested earnings of €62.5 million made up 59.6% of direct-investment liability inflows - a clear signal that established investors are choosing to grow here. On the trade side, the **services surplus hit a Q1 record of €271.8 million (+38.2% YoY)**, anchored by IT services and propelled by fast-growing transport and travel exports.

01 - OVERVIEW

## Economic & Investment Overview

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| GDP · Q1 2026<br>**€3,864M**<br>+0.4% real growth YoY | EXCHANGE RATE<br>**20.05**<br>MDL / EUR, Q1 average | INFLATION · MAR 2026<br>**5.8%**<br>Within NBM target band |
| GROSS FDI INFLOWS<br>**€128.5M**<br>Fresh capital entering Moldova | REINVESTED EARNINGS<br>**€62.5M**<br>59.6% of FDI liability inflows | FDI STOCK · 31.03<br>**€5.11B**<br>85.8% of equity EU-sourced |

Foreign investors continued to back Moldova in Q1 2026, with **reinvested earnings making up 59.6% of direct-investment liability inflows** - profits earned in Moldova being put straight back to work. The accumulated FDI stock stood at €5,105.5 million, with equity capital of €3,417.7 million (66.9%). The base is firmly European: **EU-sourced equity totalled €2,932.2 million, 85.8% of the total**. Leading sectors were financial & insurance (36.1%), wholesale & retail (24.0%) and manufacturing (17.7%) - a diversified footprint with room for new entrants. Official reserve assets rose to €5,266.5 million, covering 5.8 months of imports and meeting all IMF adequacy criteria.

SUCCESS STORIES & RESOURCES

### Fineguide.ai - Moldovan AI used by 500+ companies worldwide

A Moldovan AI company helping 500+ businesses worldwide automate customer interactions - a showcase of Moldova's innovation ecosystem, expanded through the Bridge Missions programme. **Read ›**

### TÜV AUSTRIA expands to Moldova

Internationally recognised testing, inspection and certification services now on the ground - helping local firms across industry, agri-food, IT and energy meet global standards. **Read ›**

### MS Projects brings complex-logistics expertise to Chișinău

The Romanian project-logistics and oversized-transport specialist has opened an office in Chișinău - strengthening local capacity for large-scale infrastructure and energy projects, including Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) delivery. **Read ›**

• **OPEN CALL**

### Moldova HiTech Park - first call for investors, residents & partners

Inaugural Expression of Interest for Phase 1 (2026–2029): developers, tenants and virtual knowledge partners. Priority sectors: IT, AI, cybersecurity, healthtech, R&D and green tech. Window: **1 June – 31 December 2026**. **See the call ›**

• **NEW PUBLICATION**

### Investor Guide 2026 - Moldova, a strategic business destination

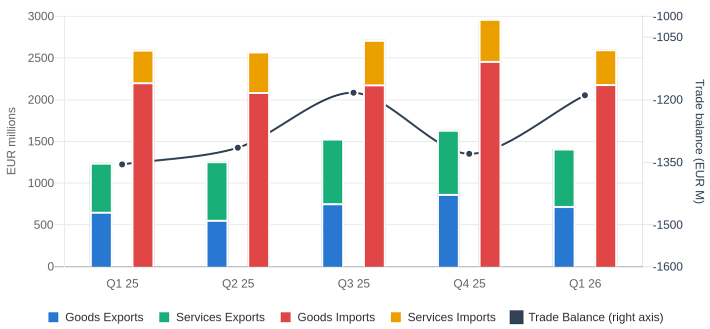
A consolidated reference for investors: registration procedures, fiscal framework, labour market and sector opportunities across ICT, renewable energy, manufacturing and agriculture, plus access to 47 free trade agreements covering 870M+ consumers. Available in English and Romanian. **Download the guide ›**

**02 - TRADE**

## Trade Performance: Q1 2026

**Quarterly Goods & Services Trade**

Q1 2025 – Q1 2026 · EUR millions




Stacked bars show quarterly goods and services flows; the line captures the combined trade balance. Source: NBM International Accounts, Q1 2026 (provisional).

**Goods exports totalled €726.6 million, up +10.5% year-on-year**, led by agri-food (61.1% of exports). Imports eased to €2,187.7 million (−1.0%), narrowing the goods deficit to €1,461.1 million (−5.8%). Services provided a powerful offset: exports reached €689.1 million (+17.2%), generating a **record Q1 services surplus of €271.8 million (+38.2% YoY)**, around 7.0% of GDP. Transport exports jumped +34.5% and travel +19.2%, while IT services delivered a €157.7 million surplus.

**Top export markets:** Romania 23.6% · Turkey 18.2% · Ukraine 9.9% · Czechia 8.9% · Italy 6.0%. **Top import origins:** Romania 27.5% · Ukraine 9.2% · China 9.2% · Germany 6.6% · Turkey 6.2%.

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TRADE & EXPORT STORIES

### Prograin Organic - Moldovan organic agriculture goes global

A competitive organic export model built on innovation and sustainability, with the BRIDGE Export programme supporting internationalisation. **Read ›**

**EXPORT PORTAL**

The Invest Moldova export hub - your gateway to grants, market studies, trade missions and export events across target markets.

**Visit portal ›**

**BUY DIASPORA**

Placing Moldovan products with diaspora retail abroad - 14 projects live, reaching 13 countries across 3 continents.

**Explore ›**

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03 - NEWS

## What's New

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### Over €1 billion in new investment partnerships and financing announced for Moldova

Announced 4 June in Chișinău at the EU–Moldova Investment Conference, where Government and the European Commission took stock one year on from the EU Growth Plan: combined partnerships and financing with the European Commission, EBRD, EIB and AFD, alongside private commitments including Renovatio/Greenvolt (€280M) and Holcim (€50M) across energy, logistics, pharma and agriculture. President Maia Sandu: investors gain „rules aligned with Europe's largest market". **Read ›**

### Moody's upgrades Moldova to B2

Long-term issuer rating raised to **B2, stable outlook** (up from B3, April 2026), citing stronger institutions, resilient external accounts and rapid EU-accession progress. **Read ›**

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### BENELUX–Moldova Business Forum

Second edition in Maastricht: 120+ participants and 30 Moldovan companies, focused on agriculture and logistics. **View ›**

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### Moldovan–Polish Economic Mission

Around 10 Polish companies explored opportunities in manufacturing, agri-food, energy, healthcare and infrastructure. **Read ›**

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**Economic Diplomatic Club - Bucharest**

15+ diplomatic missions convened on investment, export promotion, country branding and Moldova Business Week 2026. **Details ›**

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**Moldova Economic Outlook Session at the 35th EBRD Annual Meeting - Riga**

Held 5–7 June: a dedicated Moldova Investment Outlook Session drew around 200 international investors, with officials highlighting the 7% single tax rate for IT Park residents, 78% digitalised public services and state aid of up to 75% for strategic projects. **Read ›**

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**Digital Summit Moldova 2026**

Held 5–7 June in Chișinău: a regional gathering on digital innovation, AI, cybersecurity and the future digital economy. **View ›**

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**Ringturm Wrapping 2026 - Vienna**

Invest Moldova supported the unveiling of Pavel Brăila's artwork on one of Central Europe's most visible public-art platforms - culture as economic diplomacy. **View ›**

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**Launch of Moldova.md**

The country's official digital platform for international promotion - investment, economy, culture and tourism in one place, with a Media Toolkit. **Explore ›**

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**Tree of Life × Porsche**

Moldova's Tree of Life Country Brand featured on a special Porsche 911 GT3, marking 15 years of Porsche in Moldova. **Read ›**

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**International Press Trip**

On 4–7 May, journalists from Romania, Poland, Germany, Italy and the UK met public officials and visited leading companies, cultural landmarks and creative industries - first-hand insight into Moldova's investment climate.

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**BIMX - Moldova's international stock exchange**

Built in partnership with the Bucharest Stock Exchange, the go-live event is planned for **28 September 2026 during Moldova Business Week**. **Learn more ›**

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**Digital government progress - EVO 2.0**

Over 78% of business public services (425 services) are now online via the EVO platform, with EVO 2.0 launched in 2026 - cutting bureaucracy for investors. **Explore ›**

04 - INVEST NOW

## State Assets Open for Privatization

Moldova's Public Property Agency (APP) is opening state assets to private investors under the 2026 privatization programme. Two flagship opportunities lead the list - international investors are eligible.

PUBLIC AUCTION

INVESTMENT COMPETITION

### Î.S. „Hotelul Zarea", Chișinău

A landmark hotel complex in central Chișinău, offered by public auction - a strategic downtown site with strong redevelopment potential.

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| Start price | **106M MDL** |
| Bids until | **19 Aug 2026** |
| Auction | **20 Aug 2026** |

**View auction details ›**

### Î.S. „Fabrica de Sticlă din Chișinău"

Glass maker with ~300 product types, exports to 24 countries and 331 employees. APP is running an open competition to attract a modernising investor.

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| Est. value | **773M MDL** |
| Min. investment | **€20.5M** |
| Status | **Open competition** |

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ALSO ON THE AUCTION LIST

**Î.S. Editura „Știința"**
Editorial & printing house
**6.3M MDL**
Auction · 20 Aug 2026

**Î.S. Editura „Lumina"**
State didactic publisher
**0.53M MDL**
Auction · 20 Aug 2026

**Î.S. „Izomer"**
Experimental chemical plant
**9.5M MDL**
Auction · 20 Aug 2026

Prices, methods and deadlines are set by the Public Property Agency and may be updated. Confirm current details on app.gov.md/privatizare before applying.

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05 - CALENDAR

## Upcoming Events

**20 Jul 2026**

**Moldova–India Business Forum**
Chișinău · Trade & investment cooperation across infrastructure, manufacturing, IT, renewables, pharma and agri-food.

**28 Sep– 2 Oct 26**

**Moldova Business Week 2026** FLAGSHIP
Three pillars: European Economic Integration, Sectoral Investment Profiles, and Export of Services. **Pre-register ›**

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Data is preliminary, based on the National Bank of Moldova International Accounts report, Q1 2026 (30 June 2026). Inflation from the National Bureau of Statistics. All monetary figures in EUR.

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