



RÉPUBLIQUE
FRANÇAISE

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AFD Group AND

Moldova

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3,2 million

euros in grants since
2021

83 million

committed by AFD
in 2022

2022

opening of AFD's office
in February

The Republic of Moldova faces significant geopolitical, economic and social challenges, in a context of multiple crises, while counting on its many assets. AFD Group supports the country in its convergence towards European Union standards and its transition towards a fair and sustainable economy, by supporting public and private actors through financing and technical assistance.

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OUR ACTIONS IN Moldova

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1

STRENGTHENING ENERGY SECURITY

The Republic of Moldova is still largely dependent on gas and electricity imports, a dependency that exposes the country to market price fluctuations.

AFD focuses its action on universal access to efficient and low-carbon energy services and supports Moldova in its fair energy transition. AFD works with the Moldovan government to structure the electricity market by developing a regulating framework adapted to the promotion of renewable energies and energy efficiency.

A technical assistance program aims at helping the Moldovan electricity transmission system operator Moldelectrica to join the European electricity network. A 60 million euro budgetary loan broadly encourages the development of renewable energies. It will allow to increase the renewable energy capacities of Moldova up to 400MW by 2025, while excluding the use of forest biomass in order to combat deforestation.

2

SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE RAILWAY NETWORK

The Republic of Moldova wishes to benefit from its strategic position in Eastern Europe and has launched projects to restore, modernize and develop its transport infrastructure. The country is also aligning with European standards on rail transport. AFD supports these initiatives to develop reliable and sustainable transport infrastructure in Moldova.

In order to promote rail as a sustainable alternative to road for the transport of goods and people and in order to develop the Moldovan railway sector, AFD supports CFM, the National Railway Company, through a technical assistance program to establish a digitalization and investment roadmap.

In parallel, AFD supports the reform of the railway sector public policies via a 60 million euro budgetary loan.

3

RESPONDING TO CRISES

Faced with the Ukrainian crisis added to the health and energy crises, AFD provides a financial and humanitarian response to the Republic of Moldova. At the request of the French government, AFD implements a 15 million euro macroeconomic consolidation budgetary financing, covering some of the Moldovan State's social expenditures.

On the humanitarian front, AFD and Fondation de France support the solidarity activities of French civil society organizations in order to meet the challenges of welcoming young refugees and providing access to education.

4

SUPPORTING THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Proparco, subsidiary of the AFD group focusing on private sector, supports the Moldovan private sector which is facing major challenges due to the economic repercussions of the conflict in Ukraine, and which plays a crucial role for a fair transition.

Proparco funds the country's leading microfinance institution, Microinvest, to serve an increased number of microentrepreneurs and SMEs, in particular businesses in rural areas and in the agricultural sector and to further develop its loan portfolio.

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CONSOLIDATING THE RULE OF LAW

Expertise France, the international technical cooperation subsidiary, accompanies Moldova to strengthen its institutions.

An international technical expert, deployed by Expertise France, has been supporting the Presidency on the recovery of stolen assets, which is at the heart of the political agenda in Moldova. In parallel, Expertise France is implementing a project to support the judicial system to improve its transparency, accountability and access.

Moldova has benefited from a European project in the field of statistics, implemented by Expertise France in partnership with the Consortium of national statistics institutes. This project helped harmonizing its systems with international standards.

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