



THE EUROPEAN UNION AND MOLDOVA



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Ties between the EU and the Republic of Moldova have been in place for over 20 years. Since 2014, relations have been based on the [EU-Moldova Association Agreement](#), which provides the foundations for stronger political association and economic integration between the EU and Moldova. The Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) is an integral part of this Agreement. The EU's assistance and support for democratic reforms [have delivered tangible benefits to Moldovan citizens](#).

On **2 June 2021** the European Commission announced an [Economic Recovery Plan for the Republic of Moldova](#). The Commission will mobilise up to €600 million between 2021 and 2024 to [promote investments in Moldova and support recovery from the COVID-19 crisis](#) in the country, in exchange for structural reforms.

On **3 March 2022**, Moldova presented its application for EU membership.

On **17 June 2022**, the Commission delivered its opinion.

The [Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe \(NDICI\)](#) is the main instrument for the EU's cooperation with external partners, including Moldova. The EU's indicative grants to Moldova for 2021-2024 amounts to €260 million and will be complemented by other regional and thematic programmes as well as funding in the forms of loans and guarantees.

ECONOMIC & INVESTMENT PLAN

The EU supports Moldova with concrete investments to help post-pandemic recovery and improve the lives of Moldovan citizens. In the coming years, the EU will invest in the following [five flagship projects](#):

The EU is Moldova's largest trading partner and biggest investor. In 2020, the EU accounted for approximately 67% of Moldova's total exports and 53% of its total trade

Thanks to visa free travel, Moldovan citizens have taken more than 2.5 million trips to the EU without a visa.



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Direct support for 50,000 Moldovan SMEs



Construction of an Inland Freight Terminal in Chisinau



Refurbishment of district heating systems in residential buildings in Chisinau and Balti



Anchoring Moldova in the Trans-European Network for Transport



Modernising school infrastructure

EU RESPONSE TO THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE



Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has particularly affected Moldova with over 450,000 refugees entering the country and around 80,000 still on Moldovan territory. Relative to its population of just over 2.5 million, Moldova is the country with the most refugees per capita.

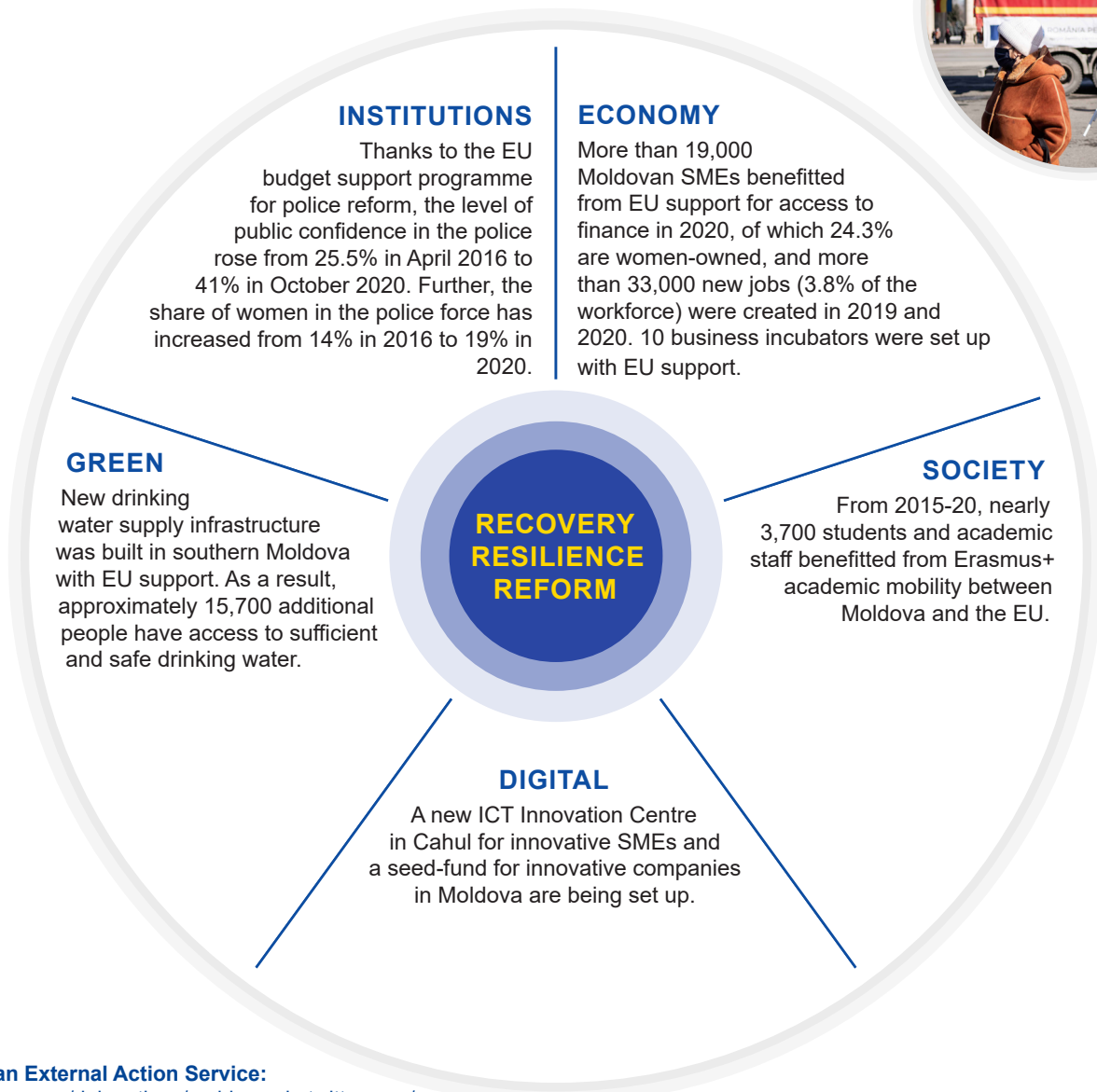
EU support has focused on humanitarian aid (€13 million), support to people fleeing the invasion (€15 million), and border management management (€15 million).

The EU had also provided €60 million in budget support and €15 million in grant assistance to support energy security and efficiency in Moldova.

To strengthen Moldova's resilience, the EU also supports cybersecurity and the fight against disinformation (€8 million), modernisation of the armed forces to help civilians in crisis through the European Peace Facility (€7 million) and independent media (€5 million).

Macro-financial assistance (€150 million) and budget support (€53 million) will contribute to the country's efforts to cope with the repercussions of the invasion, as well as an additional €52 million to advance Moldova's long term resilience, recovery and reforms.

The EU continues its firm support of Moldova's sovereignty and territorial integrity within its internationally recognised borders.



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