

**DECLARATION
ESTABLISHING A DIALOGUE ON REGIONAL POLICY
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION
AND THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA**

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Both the European Union and the Republic of Moldova face challenges of uneven development of the regions, urban development or restructuring of rural or other areas.

Regional policy, supporting social and economic development, is a key asset in meeting these challenges.

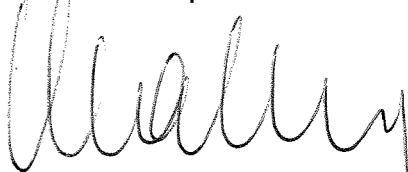
The European Commission and the Government of the Republic of Moldova hereby agree to establish a Dialogue on Regional Policy.

The dialogue will take place in the context of the objectives set out in the Commission's Communication on Eastern Partnership and in the forthcoming Association Agreement.

The dialogue will promote mutual understanding and enhance bilateral co-operation and the exchange of information on regional policy.

The dialogue will address issues of common interest for the European Union and the Republic of Moldova.

For the European Commission



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