RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

Priorities for reform and European cooperation

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A synthesis of the recommendations recorded in the seminar volume. It presents the seminar's academic conclusions and does not constitute an official European Union position.

For the European Union

Retain the Eastern Partnership as a flexible regional framework complementing enlargement. Apply transparent, merit-based differentiation. Provide sustained support for democratic resilience, green and digital transformation and regional cooperation. Communicate accession requirements and evaluation criteria clearly.

For governments of associated countries

Maintain reforms beyond political cycles; strengthen public administration and policy coordination; and make greater use of research, evaluation and impact assessment. Practical cooperation in energy, transport, digitalisation, education and research should be accompanied by transparent communication with citizens.

Priorities for the Republic of Moldova

Consolidate administrative capacity and sustain progress in justice, anti-corruption and the rule of law. Involve local authorities in implementing European standards and managing projects. Expand participation in European education and research programmes and explain the practical implications of integration.

For universities and civil society

Develop European studies and applied research, international academic cooperation, and student participation in projects and debate. Support public consultations and informed dialogue between academia, institutions and communities.

Shared principle

Results depend on implementation capacity, institutional accountability and continuity of reforms, as well as on clearly formulated objectives.

Main source: seminar volume, Policy Recommendations, pp. 121–127.