

**STATEMENT FROM MR. TÁNCZOS Barna, EBRD GOVERNOR FOR ROMANIA****EBRD Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors - London, 14-15 May 2025**

Mr. Chair, Ms. President, Excellences, Governors, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We wish to express our gratitude to the United Kingdom for hosting this strategic gathering, and to the EBRD for its continued leadership in advancing inclusive, sustainable, and resilient economies.

Romania and the EBRD share a long-standing partnership built on the foundation of market-driven reforms, regional cooperation, and sustainable development. In 2024, the Bank's investment of over €700 million across a record number of projects in Romania underscores the strength and depth of this relationship.

We view the EBRD not only as a financial partner, but as a strategic ally in the implementation of transformative reforms. Romania's priorities — resilient infrastructure, capital market deepening, green transition, and private sector competitiveness — are fully aligned with the Strategic and Capital Framework 2026-2030. We strongly support its adoption and welcome its integrated approach to economic resilience, geopolitical stability, and climate leadership.

Furthermore, Romania supports the Strategic and Capital Framework dual enablers — digital technology and private capital mobilization — and encourages the Bank to operationalize these levers through product development, risk-transfer mechanisms, and capacity-building.

We also commend the Bank's commitment to maintaining sound banking principles while growing its sustainable annual investment capacity toward €20 billion — an ambition that reflects the confidence of shareholders and the strength of the Bank's financial and governance model.

Romania is a cornerstone of stability in the region. As a committed EU and NATO member with deep ties to Moldova and Ukraine, we act as a bridge — economically, politically, and logistically. While we recognize and appreciate EBRD's robust support to Ukraine and Moldova, we believe more visibility is needed regarding Romania's catalytic role.

We encourage the Bank to formalize regional interdependencies, particularly with Moldova, through enhanced policy coordination and the design of integrated, cross-border programmes that reflect the geopolitical realities on the ground.

We commend the EBRD's leadership in scaling up green financing. Romania fully supports the Bank's ambition to raise the green share of its portfolio above 50% annually. Our joint work on the Green Cities initiative, energy efficiency, and circular economy projects is instrumental in meeting our national and EU climate targets.

We welcome EBRD's increasing involvement in the private equity and venture capital ecosystem and we foresee a prominent and strategic role of EBRD in the innovative financial instruments.

We support the governance and policy reforms proposed at this meeting – including the revised ethical codes and election rules. These steps reinforce the EBRD's role as a modern, credible, and high-impact institution.

In closing, Romania reiterates its strong commitment to the EBRD's mission and values. As we navigate a decade marked by uncertainty and transformation, the Bank's role as a strategic investor, trusted advisor, and multilateral leader has never been more vital for a more inclusive, and resilient Europe and beyond.