

## THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA-FROM PARTNER TO ASSOCIATE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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**Abstract:** *The European Union through the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) wishes to elaborate an alternative method in terms of the EU-neighbouring countries relationship, a relationship based on common values that are shared by both parties of the partnership. At first, the article will present to the reader the influence of the EU, based on the ENP, in its Eastern borders. Then, to observe how the EU relationship evolved during the years with one of the Eastern countries we have chosen to study its relations with Moldova, mainly because this country and its European vocation might represent an example to other members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) that would like to approach the European Union. In the end the research will bring forward a comparative analysis of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) and of the Association Agreement (AA) signed by the EU and Moldova.*

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