
MOLDOVA'S PRO-EU PARTY WINS PIVOTAL ELECTION IN SETBACK FOR RUSSIA

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Moldova's pro-European ruling party won a resounding victory over its Russian-leaning rival in a key parliamentary election, results on Monday showed, in a major boost for the country's bid to join the European Union and break away from Moscow's orbit.

The surprisingly strong performance on Sunday by President Maia Sandu's Party of Action and Solidarity (PAS) against the Patriotic Bloc was a relief for the government and its EU partners, who accused Moscow of seeking to influence the vote.

"This is not just a party's victory □ it is Moldova's victory. The European path is our way forward," Sandu said on X.

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