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**MOLDOVA WEIGHS STAGED EU INTEGRATION BY 2027 TO BOLSTER NATIONAL SECURITY**

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Moldova stands to gain significant strategic advantages from a potential "staged accession" to the European Union, a scenario currently under discussion in Brussels for Ukraine, Moldova, and Albania.

Security experts suggest this mechanism would provide Chisinau with an immediate "normative security umbrella." This move aims to bypass political deadlocks, specifically Hungary's recurring veto regarding Ukraine's progress.

*The 2027 integration roadmap*

Brussels is reportedly developing a framework that could grant Moldova and Ukraine partial membership by 2027. Expert Andrei Curăraru notes that even a non-permanent status would be positive, anchoring the country within the EU's legal and security architecture.

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