

“Reforms for European integration require not just the support of the political management of the country but the involvement of all people – third sector, opposition, political parties not represented in parliament and businesspeople – including the dissemination of extensive and reliable information to the public,” emphasised the President, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, at a meeting with the Moldovan Prime Minister, Vladimir Filat.

“Your reforms are indispensable, especially for Moldova and the European Union, which is interested in increasing democracy, openness and success within our immediate neighbourhood,” told President Ilves, in confirming Estonia’s support for Moldova’s closer political and economic integration with the European Union.

The Estonian Head of State also affirmed that faster progressing partner countries, Moldova certainly included, will receive more support and opportunities from the European Union.

“Therefore, I do hope that Brussels and Chisinau will soon embark upon extensive DCFTA free trade convention negotiations,” President Ilves said, and he also highlighted the good progress made in the area of association agreements and visa dialogue as important.

Moldova is still one of the most important development co-operation target countries for Estonia.

“There is no doubt that e-governance and e-solutions would be an important sphere of our co-operation; I am not talking about solely technical issues, but a set of technical, organisational and legal changes, which would make governance more open, transparent, understandable for people and easier,” the Estonian Head of State explained.

President Ilves and Prime Minister Filat discussed the attempts to reach a solution in the Transnistria conflict and Moldova’s relations with its closest neighbours.

## **Estonian Head of State met with Moldovan Prime Minister**

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