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to the Commission**

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Subject: Pro-Europe victory in the Republic of Moldova

The pro-Europe and pro Romania candidate Maia Sandu won the second round of the presidential elections in Moldova in mid-November. The turnout was a record for that country, with over 57% of the electorate voting. Maia Sandu also registered a clear victory among the diaspora, obtaining over 92% of all the valid votes cast.

Her victory was welcomed by the major EU leaders and by the United States of America. The EU has long wanted to make the Republic of Moldova a stable partner and a genuine force for cooperation in Eastern Europe, and Maia Sandu has hence managed to initiate good relations between this neighbouring state and the EU.

What strategy will the Commission pursue to start bringing the Republic of Moldova closer to the European Union and what financial support programmes can be triggered to create decent healthcare conditions, public safety and infrastructure in that country?