

EU Says Moldova and Georgia Reforming Well

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BRUSSELS — New EU reports offer praise for reforms made last year by Moldova and Georgia, but other countries, including Israel, were criticized.

The annual reports by the European Commission evaluate the progress of various EU neighbors and the extent to which they comply with recommendations the bloc has made for each country. The commission is the EU's executive branch.

The aim is to use closer cooperation with the EU in areas such as free trade and visa liberalization as an incentive to reform.

Moldova's report said the country "addressed most of the key recommendations" in the 2012 report, and Georgia, too, "acted on" most of the key points. Israel, though, made no significant changes. Among other things, the country must do more to curb settler violence, Wednesday's report said.

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