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COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2026/898

of 21 April 2026

implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/888 concerning restrictive measures in view of actions destabilising the Republic of Moldova

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2023/888 of 28 April 2023 concerning restrictive measures in view of actions destabilising the Republic of Moldova [1], and in particular Article 13 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

(1) On 28 April 2023, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2023/888.

(2) The Council has reviewed the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2023/888. On the basis of that review, the information concerning the entries for seven persons should be amended.

(3) Regulation (EU) 2023/888 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2023/888 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 21 April 2026.

For the Council

The President

K. KALLAS

[1] OJ L 114, 2.5.2023, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/888/oj.

ANNEX

In Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2023/888, under heading ‘A. Natural persons’, entries 1, 5, 8, 10, 12, 15 and 21 are replaced by the following corresponding entries:

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
‘1.	Ilan Mironovich SHOR a.k.a. Ilan Mironovici ȘOR	Function: businessman, president of the political party “SHOR” (“ȘOR”) DOB: 6.3.1987 POB: Tel Aviv, Israel Gender: male Nationality: Republic of Moldova, Israeli State Identification Number (IDNP): 0971007884125 (Republic of Moldova)	Ilan Shor is a Moldovan politician (leader of the ȘOR political party) and businessman from the Republic of Moldova who is involved in the illegal financing of political parties in the Republic of Moldova and in incitement to violence against the political opposition. Before being declared unconstitutional in June 2023, the ȘOR Party, which Ilan Shor leads, was involved in the payment and training of persons in order to provoke disorder and unrest during the protests in the Republic of Moldova. By a decision dated 13 April 2023, the Court of Appeal of Chișinău sentenced Ilan Shor for being guilty of fraud and money laundering in the “Bank Fraud” case to 15 years of imprisonment and the confiscation of assets for a value of EUR 254 million. Funds from this large-scale banking fraud and connections to corrupt oligarchs and Moscow-based entities have been and are still being used, according to authorities of the Republic of Moldova, to artificially create political unrest in the country. His actions directed towards subverting democracy in the Republic of Moldova include providing illegal funding to support pro-Kremlin political activity in the Republic of Moldova. An example of the use of such funds is the organisation of violent protests and rallies, primarily in the capital Chișinău, with the help of protestors paid by the ȘOR Party, throughout 2022 and 2023. After the ȘOR Party was declared unconstitutional, Ilan Shor continued to facilitate Russian influence on the political scene of the Republic of Moldova by illegally financing other parties and attempting to bribe politicians. Through financing vote buying and disinformation campaigns, he has also interfered with the 2024 presidential elections, the constitutional referendum on Union accession and the 2025 parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova.	30.5.2023

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			Through the Russia-based non-governmental association Evrazia and the Victory/Pobeda Political Bloc, Ilan Shor promotes Russian propaganda narratives and coordinates financing activities aimed at influencing the political situation in the Republic of Moldova. By directing and planning violent demonstrations and through his serious financial misconduct concerning public funds and the unauthorised export of capital, and by attempting to overthrow the constitutional order, Ilan Shor is responsible for actions which undermine and threaten the sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Moldova, and democracy, the rule of law, stability and security in the Republic of Moldova. Furthermore, he is associated with Evrazia.	
5.	Vladimir Gheorghe PLAHOTNIUC a.k.a. Vladimir ULINICI a.k.a. Vladimir PLAKHOTNYUK a.k.a. Vladislav Vladimir NOVAK a.k.a. Mihail TAUȘANOV / Mikhail TAUSHANOV (Владимир (Влад) Георгиевич ПЛАХОТНЮК)	Function: businessman, politician DOB: 1.1.1966 or 25.12.1965 POB: Pituşca, Călăraşi, former USSR (now Republic of Moldova) Gender: male Nationality: Republic of Moldova, Romanian, Russian State Identification Number (IDNP): 0962706018030 (Republic of Moldova) Passport no: AB 0671328; AA 1203658 (Republic of Moldova)	Vladimir Plahotniuc is subject to numerous criminal proceedings in the Republic of Moldova related to crimes in connection with the embezzlement of State funds of the Republic of Moldova and their illegal transfer outside the Republic of Moldova. He was accused in the Republic of Moldova in the “Bank Fraud” case, the economic effects of which are still affecting the country. He is also being investigated for bribing the former president of the Republic of Moldova with a bag of cash in exchange for political favours. Furthermore, he has held meetings with the Kremlin to gain support for his interference in the 2025 parliamentary elections in the Republic of Moldova. Through his serious financial misconduct concerning public funds and the unauthorised export of capital and undermining the democratic political process in the Republic of Moldova, Vladimir Plahotniuc is responsible for actions and implementing policies which undermine and threaten democracy, the rule of law, stability or security in the Republic of Moldova.	30.5.2023

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
8.	Arina Evgheni CORȘICOVA	DOB: 28.12.1974 Gender: female Nationality: Republic of Moldova State Identification Number (IDNP): 0962011898118	Arina Corșicova has led several communications media trusts in the Republic of Moldova, one of which owns two television channels, “Accent TV” and “Primul în Moldova”, the broadcasting licences of which were suspended by the Republic of Moldova, for disseminating incorrect information concerning the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine and current political events in the Republic of Moldova. Despite losing its television broadcasting licence, “Primul în Moldova” continues to disseminate false statements aimed at destabilising the constitutional order of the Republic of Moldova. In this context, Arina Corșicova is responsible for undermining the democratic political process in the Republic of Moldova by leading a disinformation campaign and by being politically backed by listed person Ilan Shor. Furthermore, she is a long-time associate of Ilan Shor, having funded his electoral campaigns in the past and being an indirect shareholder of the “Banca Socială”, involved in the “Bank Fraud” case. By undermining the democratic political process and destabilising the constitutional order, Arina Corșicova is responsible for and is supporting actions and policies which undermine and threaten democracy, the rule of law and stability in the Republic of Moldova. Furthermore, she is associated with Ilan Shor.	22.2.2024

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
10.	Maria ALBOT	External relations advisor to the Bashkan of Gagauzia Administrator of the “Miron Shor” Foundation Shareholder of the “Banca Socială” DOB: 21.1.1986 Gender: female Nationality: Republic of Moldova State Identification Number (IDNP): 2000088038487	Maria Albot is a long-time trusted associate of listed person Ilan Shor. She currently has a leading role in one of his foundations, the “Miron Shor” Foundation, and she is involved in the “Bank Fraud” case that affected the financial stability of the Republic of Moldova. Previously, she held positions in other companies or foundations owned by or associated with Ilan Shor. She is currently involved in operations led by Ilan Shor to finance coordinated propaganda, mobilisation and protests aimed at destabilising the Republic of Moldova. Therefore, she is associated with Ilan Shor.	22.2.2024

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12.	Evghenia GUȚUL	Function: former Governor of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia DOB: 5.9.1986 POB: Etulia, Vulcănești, SSR Moldova (now Republic of Moldova) Gender: female Nationality: Republic of Moldova	Evghenia Guțul is the former Governor (Bashkan) of the Autonomous Territorial Unit (ATU) of Gagauzia in the Republic of Moldova. She previously worked for Ilan Shor's political party "SHOR" ("ȘOR"), which is now banned, and was involved in its illegal financing. She has proposed several of Shor's associates to fill positions in Gagauzia's Executive Committee, despite the fact that those individuals lack ties to Gagauzia. Despite lacking the constitutional competence to do so, as Governor she engaged in a formal visit to the Russian Federation and met Russian President Vladimir Putin. She asked Putin for and received assurance of Russia's support to Gagauzia's rights, authority and positions. Since her detention in March 2025, her deputy, Ilia Uzun has been acting Bashkan of ATU Gagauzia, and has been publicly declaring that all matters pertaining to the functioning of the Executive Committee are being coordinated with Evghenia Guțul through her lawyers, even though the law of the Republic of Moldova does not provide for procedures that would allow matters to be coordinated with a former Bashkan once she is no longer performing her duties. By promoting separatism in ATU Gagauzia and close ties to the Russian Federation, Evghenia Guțul is attempting to overthrow the constitutional order, thereby threatening the sovereignty and independence of the Republic of Moldova, and democracy, stability and security in the Republic of Moldova.	14.10.2024

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	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
15.	Ilia UZUN	Function: Deputy President of the Executive Committee of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia, member of the People's Assembly of Gagauzia DOB: 16.5.1967 POB: Chioselia Rusă, Comrat, SSR Moldova (now Republic of Moldova) Gender: male Nationality: Republic of Moldova State Identification Number (IDNP): 0961607975268	Ilia Uzun is a member of the People's Assembly of Gagauzia and Deputy President of the Executive Committee of the Autonomous Territorial Unit (ATU) of Gagauzia. He met Ilan Shor in Israel to discuss the implementation in Gagauzia of the electoral plans of Governor (Bashkan) Evghenia Guțul. Since Evghenia Guțul's detention in March 2025, Ilia Uzun has been acting Bashkan of ATU Gagauzia, and has been publicly declaring that all matters pertaining to the functioning of the Executive Committee are being coordinated with Evghenia Guțul through her lawyers, even though the law of the Republic of Moldova does not provide for procedures that would allow matters to be coordinated with a former Bashkan once she is no longer performing her duties. Ilia Uzun is engaged in spreading Russian propaganda, launched by Ilan Shor's team. He planned, attended and led demonstrations against the authorities of the Republic of Moldova organised by Ilan Shor or his associates. He publicly gave support to Ilan Shor or his actions. He is therefore associated with Ilan Shor and Evghenia Guțul.	14.10.2024
21.	Alexei LUNGU	Function: Journalist, President of "Șansă" (Chance) Political Party DOB: 19.11.1983 POB: Republic of Moldova Gender: male Nationality: Republic of Moldova	Alexei Lungu is the leader of the "Șansă" political party, which is one of the successors of the outlawed ȘOR political party, led by listed person Ilan Shor. In April 2024, Ilan Shor launched in Moscow the Victory/Pobeda political bloc, which unites the successors of his party, including Șansă. As the leader of Șansă, Alexei Lungu represents the party and coordinates its activities. He is therefore associated with the Victory/Pobeda Political Bloc. He is also associated with Ilan Shor.	15.7.2025'