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Moldova — a small country with significant geopolitical importance — has once again found itself in the international spotlight.



Following the defeat of pro-Russian candidate Ilan Shor in the 2024 presidential election, Moscow is reportedly searching for new proxies capable of destabilizing the country's political landscape. Shor, allegedly supported by networks linked to Roman Abramovich, was accused of attempting to bribe around 130,000 voters and undermine the referendum on EU membership, but the effort ultimately failed. Attention is now reportedly shifting toward the parliamentary elections scheduled for autumn 2025, with the Kremlin said to be seeking loyal political figures comparable to Viktor Orbán in Hungary and Robert Fico in Slovakia.

Key Figure — Boris Usherovich

At the head of this operation is criminal oligarch Boris Usherovich – a figure in corruption cases linked to Russian military intelligence. Through a network of controlled companies, including the Cypriot Mettmann Public Company Limited, he accumulates and launders funds aimed at subversive activities abroad.

A former co-owner of the largest Russian Railways contractor – the "1520" group of companies, Usherovich is known as a member of the "Solntsevskaya" organized crime group and is named in investigations concerning bribes to high-ranking Russian officials. Despite an international arrest warrant, he is hiding in Spain, developing schemes to bypass Western sanctions and supplying telecommunications equipment for the needs of Russian Railways and the Russian military-industrial complex.

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But his role extends far beyond business. As reported by [The Insider](#), Usherovich not only finances Kremlin political projects, including Vladimir Putin's campaign, but also works in the interests of the Main Intelligence Directorate of the Russian Ministry of Defence (GRU). This makes him an important tool of Russia in attempts to destabilize Europe.

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Cyprus plays a key role in financing pro-Russian forces in Moldova. One of Usherovich's main tools is [Mettmann Public Company Limited](#), registered in Cyprus in 2019. In November 2023, the company issued 500,000 bonds worth 50 million euros, listed on the Cyprus Stock Exchange. Officially, these funds are intended for [investments](#) in real estate in Spain and Montenegro, but investigations indicate



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