

**PLAN OF ACTION**  
**for the enhancement of cooperation between the**  
**Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova and**  
**the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania**

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With the aim of enhancing economical, scientific and technical cooperation by strengthening cooperation in the field of agriculture, food, veterinary and food safety, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova and the Ministry of Agriculture of Republic of Lithuania have agreed on the following:

Pursuant the article 5 of the *Agreement on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation in the sector of agriculture and food industry between the Ministry of Agriculture and Processing Industry of the Republic of Moldova and the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania* a joint working group consisting of representatives of the both Parties shall be established until 17 September 2010.

The place, date and the agenda of working group meetings will be agreed jointly.

The Parties, in the framework of their competence and according to their national legislation, will promote and strengthen bilateral cooperation in the following areas:

a) Agriculture:

- Exchange of experience in the field of legislation harmonization of the agro-food sector of the E U aquis:
  - o prioritizing European legal acts for the efficient harmonization of requirements for animal and non-animal products;
  - o assistance in development and implementation of technical regulations and European standards on food products production and trade;
  - o methods of development and approval of technical regulations and company standards.

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- Implementation of the measures of agriculture and rural development policies:
    - o Support management tools: internal operation documentation, IT solutions, integrated audit system of fund beneficiaries;
    - o Administration, allocation, monitoring and control of financial aid to agri-food businesses;
    - o regulation of quality, safety, presentation and labeling requirements, necessity of assessing the conformity of raw meat and milk in the EU in order to protect consumers, domestic producers and facilitate trade with respective products;
    - o assistance in operation of the Moldovan Agency for Intervention and Payments in Agriculture.
  
  - Exchange of experience in agricultural market organization (agriculture and food supply chain):
    - o Technical assistance for land management improvement (developing land fund information system and land register at the European level);
    - o consultation process between producers, traders and competent authorities on setting up the Regulatory Impact Analysis;
    - o establishing and enhancing new techniques and procedures of policy making and attracting investments in the sector;
    - o exchange the experience in field of enhancing the family farms competitiveness in domestic and global markets and stimulation of family farm cooperation ;
    - o exchange of experiences and adopting the best practices in promoting domestic products in domestic and global markets;
    - o exchange of experience in the field of organic farming and renewable energy resources (standards and terms for organic production labeling in the EU, the transfer of knowledge and know-how on ecological aspects of animal breeding);
    - o encouraging contacts between agricultural producers and experts in agro-food field to assure their participation in specialized exhibitions, trade fairs, symposiums, workshops, conferences organized in Moldova and Lithuania;
    - o assistance in conducting market studies and monitoring on categories of goods.
  
  - Technical assistance on the attracting and absorption of the EU funds for investment projects in rural areas.
  
  - Best practices and methods for developing and monitoring of TAIEX and Twinning projects, financed by the EC.

b) Crop production:

- Exchange of experience in the field of vegetable, fruit, cereal, seed and seedling growing technologies.

c) Animal Husbandry:

- Development of environment friendly technologies for producing competitive animal production on the basis of Research Institute of Biotechnologies in Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Medicine.
- Exchange of knowledge in establishment of a pilot cattle mini-farm on the basis of the College of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Medicine from Bratuseni.
- Methodological assistance for developing and implementing legislative and regulatory acts, Food Safety Programs, the National Strategy for implementing the Global Plan of Action in the field of animal genetic resources.
- Cooperation in animal breeding sector.
- Providing methodological support for creating breeding stock database in the Republic of Moldova.

d) Veterinary and food safety, phytosanitary:

- Technical support to the competent veterinary authority on implementing the quality management system ISO 17020.
- Technical assistance for developing and implementing the concept of milk traceability system, improving quality.
- Workshops and training courses on animal health and welfare and food safety.
- Assistance in improving phytosanitary inspection system at the border and within the country.
- Technical support on development and implementation of a veterinary, phytosanitary and seed information system.

e) Scientific research:

- Joint testing of varieties and high-performance hybrids of wheat, corn, sunflower etc.
- Creation of new fruit varieties (apple, pear, cherry, plum etc.), exchange of biologic material, research methods and specialists.
- Encouraging direct cooperation between agricultural research institutions in both countries.
- Establishment of partnerships between educational and consulting entities in agricultural sector of Moldova and Lithuania.

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- Establishment of Farm business survey based on the EU requirements (FADN) and Economic Accounts for Agriculture by Eurostart methodology (EAA).
  - Exchange of information on value chain calculation methodology for main agricultural products.

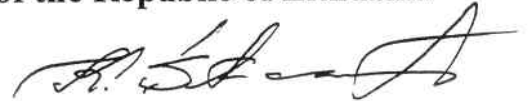
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