
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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BETWEEN

**THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
LITHUANIA,**

**THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
AND**

THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

REGARDING JOINT IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT

**“FORTHCOMING MODIFICATIONS OF EU
AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY FROM
BALTIC PERSPECTIVE“**

**THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA,
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA,
AND
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA**
(hereinafter referred to as Co-operating Partners)

recognizing the growing importance of the discussions on EU CAP reform and its future implications for agriculture in the Baltic states, as well as across the EU; noting the need of co-ordinated decisions in this field; and acting within their competence, as well as with due respect to international obligations and national legislation, the Co-operating Parties have concluded a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the joint implementation project “Forthcoming modifications of EU Agricultural and Rural Development Policy from Baltic perspective”.

**ARTICLE 1
PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

1.1 The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of the Republic of Latvia (hereinafter referred as Co-operating Partners) within their competence, agree:

1.1.1 To cooperate towards seeking common position in regard to decree EU agriculture and rural affairs sectors, and negotiations with the WTO and global market development.

1.1.2 Make current policy evaluations, forecast its future reviews and assess the results of a new policy.

1.1.3 Identify national interests of countries in the EU agricultural and rural development policy: define national aims of agriculture and food policy implementation and appropriate means, prepare justified proposals and methods of implementation.

**ARTICLE 2
OBLIGATIONS OF CO-OPERATING PARTNERS**

2.1 The Co-operating Partners shall implement a joint project “Forthcoming modifications of EU Agricultural and Rural Development Policy from Baltic perspective” according to all Partners agreed and approved work plan (the co-ordination of the project will be

supervised and the workplan will be accepted by the Advisory Committee, composed of the representatives appointed by all three Ministries of Agriculture and chaired by the Ministry of the Co-ordinating country, according to this Memorandum of Understanding. The Advisory Committee will meet at least every six months to ensure the adequate co-ordination of both administrative and scientific matters).

ARTICLE 3

CO-OPERATING PARTNER RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 The Co-operating Partners undertake to avoid actions violating the modalities of the Memorandum and potentially causing damage to the interests and inter-relations of the Co-operating Partners.

3.2 In case the Co-operating Partners are prevented from fulfilling their contractual obligations due to circumstances which could not have been foreseen at the time of conclusion of this Memorandum of Understanding, they shall immediately notify each other in writing thereof.

ARTICLE 4

SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES

4.1 The Co-operating Partners shall take possible measures to amicably resolve any disputes and disagreements arising out of this Memorandum or related to its fulfilment, by way of inter-negotiations.

ARTICLE 5

COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

5.1 This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force as of the date of its effective signature and shall expire upon total fulfilment of contractual obligations by the Co-operating Partners.

5.2 The Memorandum of Understanding can be terminated at a written agreement by the parties. Co-operating Partner initiating a termination of the Memorandum of Understanding shall give the other two partners at least 30 calendar days' written notice thereof.

ARTICLE 6

GENERAL

6.1 Done on*September 13*.....2007, in three copies (3), in the English language, being equally authentic, a copy for each partner.

6.2 Any expenses of each Co-operating Partner, related to the work of experts from co-operating countries, shall be covered by the country represented by the expert.

6.3 The Co-operating Partners shall appoint national coordinators for the duration of the Memorandum of Understanding.

6.4 The Co-operating Partners agree that during the implementation period of the Memorandum other interested countries may join it.



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