
PROTOCOL

between

the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania

and

the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of the Republic of Slovenia

on co-operation in the field of agriculture

The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania

and

The Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food of the Republic of Slovenia

(hereinafter "Participants"),

having regard to the close conditions of the development of agriculture in transition period towards market economy,

guided by the efforts to develop and strengthen co-operation between the two ministries,

desiring to create and promote direct and mutually advantageous relationships between businesses, institutions, agricultural farms, co-operatives and other entities of the Republic of Lithuania and the Republic of Slovenia, (hereinafter the "Partners")

agreed as follows:

ARTICLE 1

The Participants undertake to promote and facilitate within their responsibilities and in accordance with the legislation in force in their states the development of direct contacts between the Partners from both countries in the field of agriculture.

ARTICLE 2

The co-operation shall be mainly focused on the following:

1. Rural Development Program and Social Problems Salvation Sharing of Experience in the Process of Integration into EU and Preparation for Negotiations in Agricultural Sector: creation of legal harmonisation, preparation of accession strategy, preparation for "screening" and negotiations.

2. Plant production: plant selection, seed production, agricultural plant production including the use of highly productive plant genetic material and modern, environment-friendly technologies and means for plant protection.

3. Animal husbandry: breeding and rearing of pure-bred and fattening livestock, fodder production, selection, reproduction, herd book keeping, milk yield and meat production control, new technologies and new know-how in animal husbandry.

4. Establishment, Management and Operation of Efficient Farms.

5. Processing and use of agricultural products, organising of the activities of businesses and possibilities for establishing of working contacts between Partners.

6. Organisation of systems of use and maintenance of agricultural machinery.

7. Support to programmes of co-operation between the interested research institutes and other organisations.

ARTICLE 3

The Participants shall regularly hold mutual consultations aimed at the policy and development of agriculture and foodstuff industry, on environmental protection and on securing national needs for agricultural and foodstuff products.

ARTICLE 4

The Participants shall, for the sake of the fulfilment of the Protocol, promote:

a) co-operation of research institutes and centres in working out common research themes, in exchange of results of research and in organizing of seminars, symposiums, consultations, etc.

b) the Partners interested in commercial co-operation or in the establishment of joint ventures to manufacture products of common interest,

c) adequate services focused on the exchange of normative acts, laws, implementation decrees and statistical data.

ARTICLE 5

The exchange of seed samples, technology and other production and also of published information will be carried out on the basis of reciprocal exchange free of charge or under other conditions, agreed upon among the Partners.

Mutual exchanges of scientific workers, specialists and visiting fellows shall be carried out under the conditions agreed upon between the two Participants or negotiating Partners.

ARTICLE 6

The co-ordination of specific activities that are the subject of co-operation, shall be ensured by the empowered representatives of the Participants who will monitor and co-ordinate the progress and fulfilment of the joint agreed upon projects in keeping with the present Protocol.

ARTICLE 7

The Participants pledge not to disclose information they got from the other Participant on the basis of this Protocol without permission and proper reference.
The use of the outcome of joint researches will be carried out following mutual agreement of the Participants.

ARTICLE 8

The Protocol allows for other directions and forms of co-operation on which the Participants will agree within the framework of powers of the two Participants.

ARTICLE 9

The Protocol takes effect on the day of its signature.
The present Protocol has been concluded for a period of 5 years and shall be automatically extended for further 5 years unless one of the Participants denounces it six month before its expiration.

Done..... *in Lodenai*in two original copies in the Lithuanian, Slovene, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of difference in interpretation the English text shall prevail.

Date: *August 23, 1998*

For the Ministry of Agriculture
of the Republic of Lithuania



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