

**PLAN OF ACTION**  
**for the enhancement of cooperation between the Ministry of Agriculture of the**  
**Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and**  
**Environment of the Republic of Moldova**  
**for 2020-2022**

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With the aim of enhancing economic, scientific and technical cooperation by strengthening relations in the field of agriculture and food industry, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment of the Republic of Moldova have agreed on the following:

Having regard to the Agreement on Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation in the sector of agriculture and food industry between the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania and the Ministry of Agriculture and Processing Industry of the Republic of Moldova, signed on 20 September 1999 in Vilnius,

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

- a) Crop production:
  - exchanging information of mutual interest, normative acts and standards;
  - exchanging information on scientific and economic events in the field of agriculture and food industry through organization of fairs, exhibitions, competitions, seminars, conferences and symposiums;
  - establishing partnerships between scientific and consultancy institutions from the field of agriculture of both countries;
  - conducting joint scientific research and application of research results through creating and common testing of varieties of hybrids as well as wheat, corn and sunflower varieties;
  - sharing experience in the process of creating and adapting new varieties of horticultural crops;
  - implementing modern technologies for producing and processing of crop production;
  - enhancing the trade in agricultural products, processed products, raw materials in accordance with legislation in force in both countries;
  - exchanging experience and taking over the best practices of production through trainings and study visits in both countries.
  
- b) Animal husbandry and animal origin products:
  - providing support for elaboration and implementation of technical regulations and European standards in the field of animal husbandry;
  - organizing trainings, study visits at enterprises in Lithuania in order to take over the best practices of production and processing of animal origin products;
  - determining the possibilities for providing consultancy services on attracting investments in modernization of primary and final processing technologies, packaging storage of animal origin products;

- preparing and implementing programmes for farm animal breeding development and selection, including the selection-pedigree farm animal breeds and preservation of genetic resources;
  - applying zoo-technical measures for breeding genetically improved livestock;
  - implementing a mechanism for developing animal genetic resources;
  - state breeding supervision;
  - encouraging measures the performance of control of farm animal productivity and preservation of genetic resources;
  - cooperating with animals breeding organisations, focussing on their organisational structures, with an overview of their scope of activities, financial management and state support as well as an outlook on other species (horses, pigs, sheep and goats);
- c) Organic production:
- sharing experience between agricultural producers and taking over the best practices of producing organic products;
  - sharing experience between the experts of competent authorities in the field of organic agriculture;
  - holding trainings for instructing inspectors from the inspection bodies and on the certification of organic products;
  - providing technical assistance and consultation related to scientific research and exchange of technical information in the field;
  - participating jointly in exhibitions specialized in organic products.
- d) Wine products:
- ensuring mutually beneficial cooperation in the field of wine tourism;
  - boosting the export of wine products (especially strong drinks) and fresh table grapes produced in Moldova on the Lithuanian market.
- e) Food safety and veterinary – sanitary:
- taking over the good practices, expertise and experience for supporting the process of modernisation in the veterinary – sanitary area;
  - attracting Lithuanian investments in the veterinary – sanitary area and animal origin food safety;
  - sharing experience in developing control policies and eradication of animal diseases;
  - assisting in transposing European legislation in the veterinary – sanitary area in accordance with the provisions of Moldova-EU Association Agreement;
  - participating jointly in projects with international funding in food safety and veterinary – sanitary areas.
  - exchanging experience in plant health and plant protection products control area.
- f) Land consolidation:
- Organizing seminars, study visits, trainings on the issues of agricultural land consolidation.
- g) Development of agricultural information systems:
- sharing experience and taking over the best practices in the area of animals' identification and traceability as well as in development and implementation in the conditions of Republic of Moldova of an automated information system of meat labeling.

- h) Cooperation between the Agency for Intervention and Payments in Agriculture of Moldova and the National Paying Agency of Lithuania on the following:
- exchanging information on the financial assistance in the field of agriculture and the method of institutional organization;
  - supporting implementation and improvement of the management and internal control system to ensure an efficient management of the grant fund for AIPA;
  - exchanging information on the issues of common interest related to the development of subvention system for agricultural producers;
  - developing used IT systems;
  - improving the internal audit activity;
  - creating the farmer register;
  - developing training activities;
  - further developing e-applications.
- i) Scientific research:
- Fostering collaboration between State Agrarian University of Moldova (UASM) and higher education and research institutions from Lithuania in the following areas:
  - establishing the partnership between higher education institutions aiming to organize professional trainings for UASM scientific-pedagogical staff as well as elaborating and implementing joint master and doctoral programs in agri-food domain;
  - participating in joint projects, e.g. ERASMUS+KA2, HORIZON 2020 and others;
  - establishing partnership in order to organize academic mobility within ERASMUS+KA1 program;
  - carrying out research in the field of feed and animal products quality and safety;
  - conducting research in the field of renewable energy, particularly from biomass and the impact on development of sustainable agriculture and environment;
  - identifying the opportunities to finance the international summer schools involving the agricultural institutions in Lithuania and Moldova.
  - Encouraging direct cooperation between agricultural research institutions in both countries:
  - The Institute of Pedology, AgroChemistry and Soil Protection “Nicolae Dimo” and the Scientific-Practical Institute of Horticulture and Food Technologies from Republic of Moldova are interested in developing cooperation with similar institutes in Lithuania in order to conduct joint programs of cooperation in scientific research and technological development as well as concluding the contracts/agreements of cooperation in the field of agricultural scientific research.

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