

# **Action Plan for strengthening cooperation between the Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine for the period 2018-2023**

The Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine,

wishing to enhance their cooperation in the agriculture sector in accordance with the legal systems of both countries and international standards,

have come to an agreement in establishing cooperation and an exchange of experience on European integration and the adaptation of Ukrainian legislation to European Union (EU) law, incl. the requirements for the common agricultural policy and the common fisheries policy in the following fields:

## **1. Adaptation to EU legislation**

- 1.1. Legal basis and harmonisation of national quality standards.
- 1.2. Getting acquainted with the Estonian experience in relation to the harmonisation of national quality and food safety standards to EU legislation.
- 1.3. Getting acquainted with the Estonian experience in relation to the national certification and adaptation of the ecological/organic control system to EU legislation.

### Partners:

Estonia: Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

Ukraine: Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine

## **2. Science and education**

- 2.1. Development of common research projects.
- 2.2. Organisation of joint seminars, conferences, and symposiums.
- 2.3. Improvement of forms of study and training procedures, implementation of the newest technologies and technical means in the study process.
- 2.4. Exchange of university students, academics and scientists.
- 2.5. Exchange of experience in the creation of advisory services.

### Partners:

Estonia: Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Republic of Estonia, Estonian University of Life Sciences, Estonian Crop Research Institute, Estonian Rural Development Foundation

Ukraine: Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine, National Academy of Agrarian Sciences of Ukraine

## **3. Agriculture and rural development**

- 3.1. Getting acquainted with the Estonian experience on the following issues: creation and activities of agricultural cooperatives and enterprises, particularly the legislation regulating their activities; and differentiation of farms (based on the size and volume of production).
- 3.2. Getting acquainted with the Estonian experience on the following issues: development of local communities, cooperation of local authorities regarding the Ukrainian local administrative reform.

Partners:

Estonia: Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

Ukraine: Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine

**4. Animal husbandry and breeding**

4.1. Getting acquainted with bovine performance testing and the dairy quality control system in Estonia (in terms of EU standards).

4.2. Exchange of information and experience in animal valuation, identification and registration.

4.3. Getting acquainted with the Estonian breeding organisation and an exchange of experience in animal breeding.

Partners:

Estonia: Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Republic of Estonia, Estonian Breeding Cooperative, interested enterprises and organisations

Ukraine: Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine

**5. Fisheries**

5.1. Introduction and training on the common activities model of fishing enterprises for the harmonisation of income received from fishing through the joint storage and sales of raw material.

5.2. Exchange of experience in the implementation of a sustainable common fisheries policy for ensuring fish stock.

5.3. Exchange of experience in the regulation of fishing, for which

5.3.1. there will be a continued cooperation in the development of an electronic fisheries data system, incl. the harmonisation of reciprocal cross-checks, fishing fleets, calculations of quotas, issuance of fishing licenses and financial logic.

Partners:

Estonia: Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

Ukraine: National Fisheries Board of Ukraine

The action plan was signed in Kiev on 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 in two original copies in Estonian, Ukrainian and English. Any possible disagreements will be resolved based on the English copy.

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On behalf of the Ministry of Rural  
Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

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