

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF ESTONIA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT OF MONTENEGRO
ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Ministry of Agriculture of Estonia and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Montenegro, hereinafter referred to as "Parties",

With a view to create better conditions for the development of bilateral cooperation in the field of agriculture and rural development,

With the intention to exchange experiences in reforming this sector of economy and various scientific and economic contacts,

With a view to create better conditions for the development of bilateral cooperation in the area of agriculture and food industry,

Within the scope of their competence and in the framework of their legislation,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

The Parties shall develop their cooperation in the field of agriculture and rural development in accordance with the principles of equity and mutual benefits and in compliance with the legislation in force in the countries of the Parties.

Article 2

The cooperation may include the following areas:

1) Exchange of information on:

- a) mutually on the current situation of agriculture, the directions of agricultural policy, the mechanisms for regulation and organisation of agricultural markets and establishment of market institutions; managing agricultural land and its maintenance, the operation of agricultural vocational training,
- b) the Estonian experience in the field of the adjustment of the agricultural sector to the requirements of the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union, agricultural transition, operation of agricultural markets (harmonization laws relating to agriculture, the institutional organization of agricultural market information system etc.), the establishment of the information system, the Estonian experience regarding the new vine law: vine categories and protected designation of origin, preparation of the Rural development program, rural development, agriculture, food chain supervision, fisheries, environmental issues and water management, food safety with special emphasis on the management of animal by-products.

2) Facilitation and support of contacts among entrepreneurs in the fields of:

- a) transfer of Estonian experience in the implementation of EU laws, standards, technical regulations relating to the food industry in order to achieve food safety and quality; relating to cooperatives,
- b) promotion of agricultural and food products by organizing trade fairs and exhibitions,

3) Facilitation and support of scientific contacts in the fields of;

- a) agricultural research, development and innovation (scientific cooperation and exchange of experience relating to animal breeding, biotechnology, forestry, food industry, fishery and irrigation),
- b) technological standards applying to agricultural farms,
- c) exchange of experiences relating to agricultural research and marketing of agricultural products, new technologies and their application in primary production and food industry, establishment of the LPIS and IACS information system,
- d) rural development and other issues concerning agriculture and rural development,

Article 3

1. In order to achieve the objectives defined in this Memorandum of Understanding, the Parties shall maintain continuous contacts through their authorized representatives.
2. The costs of operation and implementation of the cooperation programs shall be covered by the Parties so that each Party shall finance expenses arising on its own behalf.

Article 4


Any disputes arising in connection with the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled by the parties through mutual negotiations.

Article 5

1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall enter into force on the date of its signature, and shall remain in force for a period of five years. It will be automatically extended for consecutive periods of five years, unless either Party submits a written notice to the other Party on its intention to terminate it at least 6 months prior to the date of expiration of the validity of the current Memorandum of Understanding.
2. Termination of this Memorandum of Understanding shall not affect the implementation of ongoing project activities/programs agreed before the date of the termination of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Done in Podgorice on this day of 07.05 in the year of 2014 in duplicate in, English, Montenegrin, and Estonian languages, all texts being equally authentic. Should any differences and conflicts arise while interpreting any of the Provisions of this Memorandum of Understanding, the English version shall prevail.


On behalf of the
Ministry of Agriculture of Estonia


On behalf of
the Ministry Agriculture of Agriculture and
Rural Development of Montenegro