

**AGREEMENT**

between

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

and

**THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND RURAL  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOSOVO**

ON

**COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE**

The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development of the Republic of Kosovo (hereinafter referred to as the "Contracting Parties").

GUIDED by the desire to develop mutually advantageous cooperation in the field of agriculture related fields,

AIMED at encouraging further development of good relations and strengthening bilateral activities in the field of agriculture, agro-industry and rural development,

DESIRING for the Republic of Estonia to contribute to achievement of the highest standards of the Republic of Kosovo in the field of agriculture in harmony with the European Union's Common Agricultural Policies

HAVE AGREED as follows:

#### Article 1

##### The Goals

In compliance with the objectives of this Agreement and in accordance with their national legislations, the Contracting Parties shall encourage direct cooperation between interested institutions of the two countries and the participation of one Contracting Party at international events held in the other Contracting Party in the field of agriculture.

#### Article 2

##### Fields of Cooperation

The Contracting Parties shall encourage cooperation in various fields of agricultural research and development, taking into consideration the interest of the two countries.

The cooperation shall cover the following fields:

- a) strengthening of responsible institutions in the field of agriculture by capacity building to insure application of laws and encouragement of professional education of state officials in development of Agricultural Policies;
- b) strengthening of Kosovo Institutions through exchange of experience in development of agricultural policies and application of laws in fulfilling European Union's criteria and standards;

- c) exchange of experience and cooperation between the Contracting parties for organizations of joint events, conferences, seminars in the field of education and research on issues such as food safety, integrated production in Agriculture and Standardization of Agricultural products;
- d) application of rural and regional policy, in particular of necessary means for achievements of competitive standards of agricultural enterprises;
- e) supporting the government programmes for rural and regional development and application of different necessary means for achievements of competitive agricultural standards in the market;
- f) supporting policies in organization of farmers in agricultural organization at local and national level such as Federations or Agricultural Associations;
- g) cooperation in the field of agricultural extension and training including the use of IT skills in various aspects of agriculture, and also in efforts to reduce the use of pesticides.

### Article 3

#### Focus Areas of Cooperation

The Contracting Parties shall concentrate their cooperation particularly in:

- sustainable rural development;
- agro environment and improve the land use;
- management of water resources for agriculture purposes;
- increase the agriculture production;
- improving the processing and marketing of agriculture products;
- management of post-harvesting facilities and
- scientific technical cooperation.

### Article 4

#### Joint Committee

A Joint Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) shall be established, comprised of representatives of the Contracting Parties. The Committee shall be assisted by experts and professionals.

The functions of the Committee shall be:

- a) to specify details for the implementation of the Agreement;
- b) to prepare working programmes;

- c) to monitor the realization of the specific programmes of cooperation;
- d) to define the financial and administrative terms of the cooperation.

The Contracting Parties shall assess and monitor development programmes and projects according to the criteria and procedures determined by the European Union.

The Committee shall meet regularly once a year, or as necessary, alternately in Prishtina and Tallinn.

## Article 5

### Compatibility with the European Union policies

In implementing the present Agreement the Republic of Estonia shall respect obligations ensuing from the European Union *acquis*.

Projects and activities financed and supported in any other way as part of this agreement shall be in line with the European Union policies, in particular the Common Agricultural Policy.

## Article 6

### Impediments and force majeure

In case of impediments to the implementation of the present Agreement due to force majeure recognized by the Contracting Parties (such as war, civil unrest or natural disasters), the Contracting Parties may agree on temporary suspension of the programmes and projects which are being implemented.

## Article 7

### Settlement of Disputes

Disputes arising from the implementation of the present Agreements shall be resolved through negotiations.

## Article 8

### Amendments

The Contracting Parties may bring amendments to this Agreement. Any amendment shall take effect in compliance with the procedure under Article 9, paragraph 1.

## Article 9

### Entry into force

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signing.

This agreement shall be concluded for an indefinite period of time, unless any of the Contracting Parties terminates it in writing. The Agreement shall cease to apply six (6) months after the receipt of such notification.

Done at Tallinn on 16 March 2010 in two originals in the Albanian, Serbian, Estonian and English languages. In case of dispute in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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