

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
ON COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND WATER  
MANAGEMENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA**

The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Estonia and the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic of Serbia, hereinafter defined "Contracting Parties",

in order to enhance economic and scientific relations in the field of agriculture and expand cooperation in the agro-industrial sector,

have agreed as follows:

**Article 1**

In order to achieve efficient cooperation, the Contracting Parties undertake joint activities in the following fields:

- a) exchange of best practices in the area of agronomy;
- b) assistance in aligning Serbian legislation with that of the EU agricultural sector;
- c) continuation and expansion of the participation by the Contracting Parties to European Community projects of institutional Twinings, aimed at speeding up the implementation of the EU acquis in the Serbian agricultural sector;
- d) exchange of experiences in the field of agro-technical measures in the production of ecologically pure agricultural goods;
- e) exchange of information on international standards, technologies, scientific and technical innovations;
- f) coordination of scientific research in agriculture and management of reforms under the new conditions posed by emerging economies, exchange information and experiences;
- g) assistance to strengthening Serbian institutions through exchange of experiences in development of agricultural policies and application of laws in fulfilling European Union's criteria and standards;
- h) possible investments in the manufacturing and processing of agricultural products which make use of modern technology, along with marketing and infrastructure, to extend assistance to existing enterprises operating in this sector and the creation of new joint ventures;

- i) development of scientific relations in the agricultural field and exchange of experience in that area;
- j) organization of joint symposia, seminars, conferences – to be carried out via video-conferencing, exhibitions and trade fairs dedicated to the different spheres of agriculture;
- k) exchange of genetic and biological material used in the cultivation of plants and animals in livestock;
- l) cooperation in the field of plant health and plant protection;
- m) the preparation and implementation of joint projects related to the priorities of the agricultural sector;
- n) other areas of common interest that might develop in future.

## **Article 2**

Co-operation specified in this Memorandum will be implemented by the Contracting Parties under the exclusive competence of both administrations and in accordance with national law and international obligations and, as far as the Estonian Contracting Party is concerned, obligations deriving from membership of the European Union.

## **Article 3**

The Parties shall conduct consultations for the solution of existing problems. Place, date, agenda and covering the costs will be determined by mutual agreement. Where the consultations do not lead to results, disputes between the two Contracting Parties will be settled by diplomatic channel.

## **Article 4**

Additions and amendments to this Memorandum can be made by common agreement between the Parties. These amendments and additions will be presented as a separate protocols and constitute the integral part of this Memorandum and will enter into force as provided in Article 5.

## **Article 5**

This Memorandum of Understanding will enter into force upon signature.

This Memorandum shall remain in force for five years and will be automatically renewed for another five years, unless either Contracting Party provides notice in writing to the other Contracting Party, at least six months before the end of this Memorandum, on its intention to terminate it.

Signed in Tallinn on 4 October 2010 in two originals, each in Estonian, Serbian and English language, where both texts have equal legal force. In case of different interpretation, the text in English shall prevail.

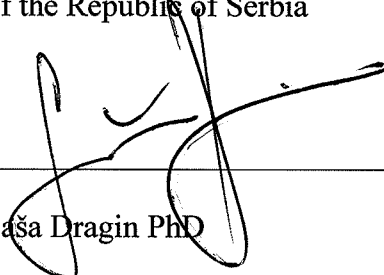
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