



**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS
OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK
OF REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
ON
AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION**

The Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock of Republic of Turkey, hereinafter referred to as the «Contracting Parties»,

Aiming at creation of better conditions for development of bilateral cooperation in the field of agriculture and rural development, exchange of experiences in reforming this sector of economy and various scientific and economic contacts,

Having regard to provisions of international agreements binding for both Contracting Parties in respect of veterinary and phytosanitary cooperation,

Pursuant to the prevailing laws and regulations in their respective countries,

have agreed as follows:

**Article 1
Object and scope of the Agreement**

The Contracting 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 internal legislation currently in force in the countries of the Contracting Parties.

Article 2
Areas of cooperation

The cooperation will comprise the following:

1) exchange of information on:

- a) the current situation of agriculture and rural development,
- b) directions of agricultural policy,
- c) the adjustment of the agricultural sector of the requirements of the Common Agricultural Policy of the European Union and the requirements of World Trade Organization,
- d) system solutions already in place or being introduced and related law regulations,
- e) mechanisms for regulation and organization of agricultural markets and establishment of market institutions,
- f) protection of plant and animal genetic resources,
- g) phytosanitary and veterinary issues,
- h) experience in the field of agricultural transition,
- i) experience in the area of operation of agricultural markets (mechanism of the organization of agricultural markets, establishment of agricultural institutions, harmonization of laws that pertain to agriculture, the institutional organization of agricultural market information system, etc.),
- j) experience in the field of statistical methodology of agriculture,
- k) experience in managing agricultural land and its maintenance;

2) facilitation and supporting of contacts among entrepreneurs in the field of:

- a) transfer of experience in the production of fruit and vegetables,
- b) establishment of expert cooperation in the field of storage, preservation, disinfections and ventilation of cereals,
- c) exchange of experience in cattle breeding, organic production, processing of agricultural products and marketing,
- d) exchange of experience in the cultivation, processing, finishing and marketing of medicinal and aromatic plants,
- e) exchange of technological experience in preservation vegetables and fruit, i.e. experience in the storage of agricultural products,
- f) exchange of experience in the implementation of standards in food industry in order to achieve food safety,
- g) exchange of experience of technology in the field of cattle breeding, farming and food industry,
- h) establish expert and technical cooperation for the improvement and development of apiculture,
- i) establish cooperation and ensure the exchange of technologies and results of research and development of joint projects in the field of cattle breeding and fisheries,
- j) transfer of the experience in the field of co-operatives;
- k) promotion of agricultural and food products by organizing trade fairs and exhibitions,

- l) joint participation in the markets of third countries,
- m) "joint venture" arrangements in the area of river fisheries,
- n) exchange of private sector experiences and encourage private sector;

3) facilitation and supporting of scientific contacts in the field of:

- a) planning and project design of agricultural infrastructure, and plan analyses and application of rural infrastructure,
- b) plant growing and protection,
- c) livestock breeding and protection,
- d) biotechnology of the agro-food industry,
- e) technology standards on the agricultural farms,
- f) technological standards in the production of foods of animal origin,
- g) the exchange of experiences in the field of agricultural research and marketing of agricultural products,
- h) rural development,
- i) new technologies and their application in primary production and food industry.

Article 3

The Agricultural Steering Committee

1. In order to coordinate activities, development of mutual agricultural cooperation and to fulfil the aims set in this Agreement, the Contracting Parties shall herewith establish an Agricultural Steering Committee (hereinafter referred as "the Committee").
2. The Committee is composed of 4 members per country including the delegation heads on the level of General Director/Assistant Minister.
3. The Committee shall meet annually or at a time as mutually agreed, alternately in Bosnia Herzegovina and Turkey. Extraordinary meetings shall take place on the territory of the country of the Party that requests the meeting.
4. This Committee shall perform, without limitation, the following activities:
 - a) Exchange information on agricultural development and on agricultural development programs in both countries and facilitate the search opportunities for intensifying the bipartite agricultural cooperation;
 - b) Evaluation of the level of the development of mutual relations in the field of agriculture achieved in the preceding period;
 - c) Analyses the implementation of the cooperation programs as mutually agreed upon;
 - d) Submit proposals on the further development and improvement of cooperation forms;
 - e) Recommend possible ways for overcoming difficulties arising out of the cooperation activities;
 - f) Seeking of new opportunities for further development of agricultural cooperation;
 - g) Seeking consensus where the opinion of any Contracting Party concerning the application or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement differs from that of the other Contracting Party.

Article 4
Dispute settlement

Any disputes arising in connection with interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Contracting Parties.

Article 5
Final provisions

This Agreement shall have effect from the signature by the authorized representatives of the Contracting Parties and shall remain in force for five years from the date of signature, unless sooner terminated by either party upon six months written notice. This Agreement may be modified at any time by written agreement of the parties and may be renewed for successive five years period by exchange of notes.

This Agreement may be amended by mutual written consent of the Contracting Parties at any time.

This Agreement is concluded with a view to enhancing and developing cooperation between the Parties and does not constitute an agreement binding upon the States of the parties under international law. No provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted and implemented as creating legal rights or commitments for the States of the Parties.

Done in Ankara on 27th June 2012 in duplicate original copies in the Turkish, in the official languages of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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