# PROJECT FACTSHEET



Twinning Agrifood - Strengthening sector monitoring, data management and payment administration

Period of implementation: 01.02.2025 - 31.01.2027

EaP countries:

Moldova

EU contribution: € 900 000

Total budget: € 900 000

### Implementing organisation(s):

ESTDEV, Ministry of Agriculture and the Paying Agency (Netherlands), Centre of Estonian Rural Research and Knowledge (METK), Ministry of Regional Affairs and

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#### **Project description:**

The Agrifood Twinning project focuses on enhancing Moldova's agriculture sector by aligning it with EU standards, particularly in compliance with the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). The initiative is led by a consortium from Estonia and the Netherlands and targets the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry (MAFI) and the Agency for Intervention and Payments in Agriculture (AIPA). The project plays a vital role in modernizing the performance of agricultural administration in the Republic of Moldova, as a basis for a competitive, transparent agricultural sector aligned with European standards.

## **Expected results:**

By the project's completion, the following key results will be achieved:

- 1. Strengthened institutional capacity of MAFI and AIPA to align with EU agricultural policies and standards.
- 2. Improved legal framework governing agricultural policy implementation and financial management.
- 3. Enhanced monitoring and evaluation systems for agricultural and rural development policies.4. Integrated agricultural data management system to support evidence-based decision-making.
- 5. Upgraded AIPA administrative and operational procedures to comply with EU Paying Agency accreditation criteria.
- 6. Improved financial control mechanisms, including risk-based verification and post-payment inspections.
- 7. Development of anti-fraud and corruption prevention measures within AIPA.
- 8. Capacity-building for staff through training, study visits, and knowledge exchange with EU institutions.
- 9. Implementation of a compliant information security system for data protection.
- 10. Harmonisation of Moldova's subsidy and payment schemes with EU standards.
- 11. Increased transparency and efficiency in agricultural policy execution and fund management.