PROJECT FACTSHEET

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



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Countries:
Moldova

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Total budget: € 900 000

Implementer:
ESTDEV, Ministry of Agriculture and the Paying Agency (Netherlands), Centre of Estonian Rural Research and Knowledge (METK), Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture (Estonia), Estonian Agricultural Registers and Information Board (ARIB)

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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.