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The Code of Conduct for
Employers on the
Elimination of the Worst
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accessed at
http://www.ilo.org/public/english/dialogue/actemp/downloads/projects/code_conduct_en.pdf

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The FNPAIA starts a new school year off by further monitoring, through its regional network, on how members comply with the Code of Conduct for Employers on the Elimination of the worst forms of child labour in agriculture and the food industry

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The Child Labour Monitoring Team of the National Federation of Employers in Agriculture and the Food Industry (FNPAIA) met to launch further visits on monitoring of the “Code of Conduct for Employers on the elimination of the worst forms of child labour in agriculture and food industry”, which will be continued this autumn.

With a new school year coming, the FNPAIA Child Labour Monitoring Team will conduct further monitoring visits, starting this September, to check how employers comply with the FNPAIA Code of Conduct for Employers on the elimination of the worst forms of child labour in agriculture and the food industry. The calendar of the monitoring visits was set up during a workshop organised by the FNPAIA and will include four regions to begin with: Soroca, Edineț, Căușeni and Criuleni, and then continue in Ungheni, Anenii-Noi, Cahul and Strășeni.

„The obtained experience strengthened our organisation and the approach used and concrete actions undertaken by the FNPAIA aim at reducing the number of children involved in hazardous child labour in agriculture.”, stated Alexandru Slusari, the FNPAIA Executive Director.

The FNPAIA has been promoting since 2005 activities in the framework of the project „Combating child labour in agriculture in Moldova”, implemented with support of the Bureau for Employers Activities of the International Labour Organisation (ILO-ACT/EMP) and the Government of Norway.

In December 2007, the FNPAIA Council adopted a Code of Conduct for Employers on the elimination of the worst forms of child labour in agriculture and the food industry. This policy document, which was drafted and discussed with participation of agri-entrepreneurs – members of the FNPAIA from 15 regions across the country, contains the main commitments undertaken by agri-employers on combating hazardous child labour.

Eugenia Ganea, Focal Point in the FNPAIA Project on Combating Child Labour in Agriculture resumed during the workshop the main conclusions of the previous monitoring visits conducted by the FNPAIA team in 2008, in Orhei, Hâncești, Florești, Bălți and Ștefan-Vodă.

„We discovered in the past many encouraging examples of agri-entrepreneurs’ awareness of and compliance with the provisions of the Code of Conduct, but there was some room for improvement. Therefore, we continue by going inclusively into other regions, and we use the Code of Conduct as an instrument for monitoring, awareness and advocacy. Such actions on monitoring will assist agri-employers to avoid involvement of minors in works which contravene the labour laws; instead these children should go to school, receive quality education and become qualified specialists as adults”, mentioned Eugenia Ganea.