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Developing policies in agricultural sector in Moldova: a fruitful dialogue in Edinet with participation of agricultural producers from this region

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„We succeeded in identifying important solutions through our Policy Book, and we should struggle for lobbying and promoting these policies”, stated agri-producers from Edinet during a round-table organised in this part of the country by the National Federation of Employers in Agriculture and Food Industry (FNPAIA).

Policies in agricultural sector – including on subventions, combating monopolist practices, providing of credits in agriculture – this was the discussion during a round table for developing of a Policy Book with great contributions, ideas and solutions suggested by members of FNPAIA regional Association from Edinet.

The round-table which called agri-employers from Edinet, Briceni and Ocnita was facilitated by Alexandru Slusari, Chairperson of the FNPAIA and it continued the regional dialogues conducted within August, September and October throughout the country, including in Causeni, Orhei, Stefan Voda, Soroca, Cahul and Hancesti.

The FNPAIA Policy Book in the agri-sector, developed and discussed in a participative process, now contains opinions and recommendations of agri-entrepreneurs on how to solve priority issues in the agricultural sector and will serve a basic document in future debates and dialogue with public authorities and partners.

The FNPAIA Policy Book targets fundamental policies, policies on production and trade of agricultural production, subsidies in agriculture, fiscal and customs policies, policies on combating monopolist practices, financial market policies, environment, rural development, policies on the system of social and medical insurance, land policies, policies on labour force, education in agriculture, etc.

„Our member agri-producers launched numerous ideas, based on the immense potential which they have. This Policy Book will help us in unifying agri-producers' voice and in making it more powerful”, stated Alexandru Slusari during the roundtable in Edinet.

„This year – and in future years – we are obliged to comply with European standards on exporting of agricultural products, therefore this is an important part of our Policy Book”, stated Tatiana Pavliuc, chairperson of FNPAIA regional Association from Edinet, during the discussions on the Policy Book.

The start of the discussions on the FNPAIA Policy Book was facilitated by Mr. Jean-Marie Standaert, Special Advisor of the Dutch Employers' Cooperation Programme (DECP), who also assisted several years ago in strengthening organisational capacities of the FNPAIA in conducting social dialogue, collective bargaining and developing of collective agreements.

The FNPAIA from Moldova was founded in 2003 and its mission is to create favourable conditions for agricultural enterprises and represent their interests in relationships with the public authorities and workers' organization. The FNPAIA struggles for improving the wellbeing of agricultural producers and their families through expressing and promoting their interests.