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## FNPAIA Agriculture Policy Book: the problems in the agriculture sector should be put on the Government's desk

Criuleni was the next geographical destination of an initiative started by National Federation of Employers in Agriculture and Food Industry aimed at identifying a set of priorities from its Policy Book, which should be solved immediately

The round table has gathered members of "Asintprod", which is a FNPAIA regional Association from Criuleni and is part of a series of round tables conducted by the FNPAIA in Căuşeni, Ştefan Vodă, Floreşti, Taraclia, Soroca, Cahul, Hânceşti, Bălţi, Edineţ and Anenii Noi, and which finalises this week in Comrat.

"Prices went up – seeds, pesticides, fertilizers and diesel - and under such circumstances we cannot produce even wheat"; "Some of us today still use machinery as old as since 1980"; "There are no scientific projects for agriculture" – these statements were expressed by FNPAIA members and they arise from those issues identified through the Policy Book: production and trading of agricultural products, protection of competition, advanced technologies, innovation and science, and subsidies in agriculture.

Alexandru Slusari, FNPAIA President stated that "these policies should be put on the desk of the Government as a priority. This document expresses agri-employers' concerns and proposes solutions. It is necessary to sit at a discussion table with the Government and find ways to implement these policies together".

The round table in Criuleni is part of a FNPAIA initiative to identify a set of priorities arising from the Policy Book which agri-employers intend to demand that these are solved with a greater dynamism.

The Policy Book is available on: <u>http://www.fnpaia.org/data/files/feb2011/Caiet\_de\_Politici\_FNPAIA\_rom.pdf</u>

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