

Strengthening the competencies for organic agriculture development

**Radisson Blu Leograd Hotel
Chișinău, November 16th, 2017**

h. 9.00 Registration of participants

I session: Bilateral cooperation Italy - Moldova

h. 9.30 Bilateral cooperation Italy - Moldova

- H.E. **Valeria BIAGIOTTI**, Italian Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova
- **Daniela MORARI**, State Secretary - Ministerul Afacerilor Externe și Integrării Europene

h. 10.00

Migration policies and qualification of human capital

- **Tatiana ESPOSITO**, Director General for Migration of the Italian Ministry of Labour and Social Policies

Favorable agricultural policies for growth and poverty reduction

- **Ion PAREA**, Deputy Minister - Ministerului Agriculturii, Dezvoltării Regionale și Mediului

Migration and development

- **Ghenadie CRETU**, National Officer, IOM Moldova

h. 10.30 The training course on EU organic agriculture certification systems and quality standards

- **Carmelo CANTONE**, ANPAL Servizi – Program "International Mobility of Labour"
- **Lina AL BITAR**, IAMB – Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari

h. 10.45 Experience and perspectives: the participants' point of view

- **Rodica GONCEAR**, Centrul Național de Acreditare - Moldac
- **Natalia SOCACI**, Centrul Național de Verificare și Certificare a Producției Vegetale și Solului
- **Iuliana PALADE**, NGO Prorural Invest
- **Grigorii BATIRU**, Universitatea Agrară de Stat din Moldova

h. 11.15 Presentation of the Certificates of attendance to the participants

h. 11.30 coffee break

II session: Development opportunities for the organic sector in Moldova

h. 12.00 Moldovan National Program for Organic Agriculture 2018-2025

- **Marcela STAHI**, Ministerul Agriculturii, Dezvoltării Regionale și Mediului

h. 12.15 Programs and perspectives for producers and firms

- **Tudor ROBU**, FAO Moldova
- **Micu ALEXEI**, Asociația Patronală Alianța Lanțului Valoric în Agricultura Ecologică din Moldova – MOVCA
- **Elda ZOFREA**, ANPAL Servizi - Program "International Mobility of Labour"
- **Anatolie NEBUNU**, Centrul de Business din Cahul
- **Grigore DARABAN**, NGO People in Need

h. 12.45 The Italian presence in the organic sector

- **Cristina SAMSON**, CCIMD – Moldo-Italian Chamber of Commerce

h.13.00 Debate and conclusions

Moderated by **Ion PAREA**, Deputy Minister - Ministerului Agriculturii, Dezvoltării Regionale și Mediului

h. 14.00 Lunch

**Working languages: Italian and Romanian, with simultaneous translation*

Strengthening the competencies for organic agriculture development

Concept Note

In the framework of the bilateral cooperation between Italy and Moldova, started with the signature of the bilateral agreement on labour and migration in 2011, the General Directorate for Migration of the Italian Ministry of Labour - in collaboration with the Moldovan Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment - has implemented a training action meant to reinforce the organic sector in Moldova, through the promotion of knowledge and the growth of human capital.

The sector, in fact, conveys a strong growth potential, given the country's agricultural vocation. Its development is indeed one of the key priorities of the National Strategy for Agricultural and Rural Development for 2014-2020.

The interventions aimed at strengthening human capital - the importance of which is largely acknowledged - respond to the needs of the rural world in general, but they are also at the heart of the Community policies, which put the development of “**knowledge**” among the key factors of the strategies for economic growth.

Knowledge represents an important element of the wealth of nations: codified information, competencies and know-how have always been the basis of the creation of personal and social economic well-being. By now, higher levels of education and a general improvement in competencies and professional skills are considered - almost unanimously - a prerequisite to support a lasting phase of expansion, well-being and social stability, factors that conflict with economic migration.

In the international dimension of markets, human resources play a key role in the competitiveness of companies and territories: therefore, the initiative – funded by the project “International Mobility of Labour”, implemented by ANPAL Servizi – aimed at enhancing the skills of Moldovan technicians and trainers on certification systems for agri-food chains and organic products.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment selected 20 Moldovan technicians, who attended the “**Training course on EU organic agriculture certification systems and quality standards**”, held in Italy from 3 to 22 July, 2017 at IAM.B – *Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari*, Italian section of the CIHEAM - *Centre International des Hautes Études Agronomiques Méditerranéennes*.

IAM.B., focusing on the synergy between education/training, applied scientific research and cooperation, has promoted for years sustainable agriculture in the Mediterranean and in other regions of the world. Training activities are focused primarily on issues related to the core activities of the Institute: water management, integrated crop protection and organic agriculture.

The event “**Strengthening the competencies for organic agriculture development**”, for the presentation of the outcomes of the training action, will be held in Chisinau on November 16. It will represent an opportunity to share perspectives on the future of the organic sector in Moldova, in the context of the current legal framework and of the National Development Strategy, with the promotion of the enhanced skills of the professionals of the sector.