

## **AGREEMENT**

### **BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD ECONOMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND FOR ECONOMIC, SCIENTIFIC, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD ECONOMY**

The Ministry of Agriculture of the Hellenic Republic and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Economy of the Republic of Poland (hereinafter referred to as the Contracting Parties),

DESIRING to develop and to promote the economic, scientific and technical cooperation in the field of the culture and food economy,

CONSIDERING that the development and the strengthening of such cooperation shall be of mutual benefit to both countries,

CONSIDERING that the Hellenic Republic, being a Member State of the European Union, is obligated to observe and to act in conformity with the European Union's legislation,

HAVE AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING:

#### **Article 1**

The Contracting Parties shall facilitate and encourage direct business, economic, scientific and technical contacts in the field of agriculture and food economy between economic subjects, research institutes and other organizations and administrative units in agriculture and food economy within their competencies and according to legal regulations ..... in each of the Contracting Parties.

#### **Article 2**

Cooperation in the field of agriculture and food economy shall be implemented through:

- a) Promotion of agricultural products onto markets,
- b) Elaboration of legal solutions enabling to remove obstacles in satisfactory exchange of products concerning indispensable veterinary, phytosanitary and other health conditions,
- c) Exchange of information on scientific and economic developments concerning agricultural and food economy, including fairs and exhibitions,
- d) Exchange of visits of experts and consultants,
- e) Organization of training programmes, seminars, conferences and meetings in either of the two countries,
- f) Trilateral cooperation (with other countries, the European Union, and/or international organizations) to facilitate the economic reform, to develop

and to implement regional projects, aiming at the improvement of the production and marketing systems,

g) Encouragement of joint ventures between the cooperative and private sectors of both countries, including ventures in the field of input production, marketing and external trade,

h) Joint scientific research programmes,

i) Joint improvement of technologies and techniques,

j) Exchange of information on legal acts and regulations concerning agricultural and food industry.

### **Article 3**

The Contracting Parties have agreed on the establishment of a Joint Hellenic – Polish Working Group for Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture and Food Economy. This Working Group will be composed by experts representing the Ministry of Agriculture of the Hellenic Republic and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Economy of the Republic of Poland and, if applicable, by delegates of cooperative and private agencies from both countries.

The Joint Working Group for Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture and Food Economy shall meet periodically and alternatively in Athens and in Warsaw, once per two years, at dates that will be arranged each time through the diplomatic channels.

### **Article 4**

The Joint Working Group will be responsible for:

- facilitating the implementation of the present Agreement,
- providing solutions to problems likely to arise in the implementation process,
- reviewing the developments taking place in the interim of two of its sessions,
- examining and approving proposals for cooperation in specific areas of agriculture and food economy,
- setting guidelines and priorities for the development to be attained until the next session

It deemed necessary, the Joint Working Group for Cooperation in the Field of Agriculture and Food Economy may establish Su-Groups for a more effective and facile implementation of its duties.

### **Article 5**

All expenses arising from the exchange of visits of delegations and of experts and consultants will be borne by the sending (home) side. The receiving side has to be informed about the visits one month prior to the arrival.

The Contracting Parties shall explore the possibilities to ensure the availability of financial resources from the European Union and/or international organizations and funding agencies.

The financial funding undertaken by the Contracting Parties will be subject to the availability of the financial resources of both sides.

### **Article 6**

The present Agreement shall enter into force on the date of the latest of the Diplomatic Notes, by which the Contracting Parties notify each other, in writing, through diplomatic channels that their internal legal requirements for enforcing and activating the Agreement have been complied with and shall remain valid for a period of five (5) years.

### **Article 7**

The Agreement may be modified by mutual consent. Any amendment of the Agreement shall follow the procedures of the entering of the Agreement into force.

The present Agreement will be extended automatically for an additional five – year period at the expiration date, unless terminated at an earlier date by either of the Contracting Parties. The pre-expiration date termination procedure requires that a written statement of a Party's intention to terminate the Agreement be sent to the other Party at least six (6) months in advance. Notwithstanding the termination of the Agreement, the activities already in progress shall continue until implemented.

Taking into account its international obligations, the Hellenic Republic, in applying the present Agreement, shall respect the obligations arising from its membership to the European Community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the Undersigned, being duly authorized thereto by the Governments of their respective countries have hereto signed the Agreement.

Concluded in Athens, on September 7, 1995, in two original copies in Greek, in Polish and in the English language, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE MINISTRY  
OF AGRICULTURE  
OF THE  
HELLENIC REPUBLIC  
(signature)

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Minister of Agriculture

FOR THE MINISTRY OF  
AGRICULTURE  
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