

#### ◆ Participation in the PM Economic Council

##### 1. Meeting of EBA members with the Minister of Internal Affairs

EBA members met with the Minister of Internal Affairs – Mr. Alexandru Jizdan. The event was organised on the platform of the Economic Council to the Prime Minister, at the request of the Ministry of Internal Affairs. The participants discussed the activity of the Ministry and of its subordinated institutions in relation to the business community operations. EBA emphasized the need to ensure a transparent approach towards the so called “Big Brother” draft law, especially at the examination in the Parliament, taking into account the impact of the new provisions on the electronic communication services operators and the recommendations prescribed in the opinion on the draft of the Venice Committee of the Council of Europe.

##### 2. Meetings of the Working Group on Labour Code amendments

After intensive discussions and active implication of EBA, and of other business associations, with the Ministry of Labour and the Trade Union Confederation on the platform of the Prime Minister’s Economic Council, the draft law amending the Labour Code produced by the working group has been published for public consultations on the Ministry of Labour website and awaits the review of the line ministries before being submitted to the approval in the Government. EBA will be committed to allocate all the efforts towards the successful approval of the draft in the Government and the Parliament. Additionally, discussions have been resumed on the optimization of the list of acts required by labour inspection with the view of identifying the necessary/unnecessary documents to be presented by employers over the inspection.

##### 3. Implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement

For more details, access: <http://eba.md/eng/news/efficient-implementation-of-the-trade-facilitation-agreement>

#### ◆ EBA – Parliament Dialogue

EBA had a meeting in the Parliament on improving the regulatory requirements under EU provisions for the tobacco industry. Due to delayed development of secondary legislation establishing the requirements concerning the packaging and labelling of tobacco products, including the electronic registry of health warnings, that were supposed to be applied as of January 1st, 2018, EBA signaled that necessary amendments have to be made to the legal framework, with the view of postponing the implementation term to January 1st, 2019, until the responsible authorities will adopt the necessary secondary legislation, so as the producers and the importers know exactly which legal requirements to comply with.

#### ◆ EBA - Ministry of Economy Dialogue

The Ministry of Economy has exposed for public consultations the Draft Amendment to the Law on Internal Trade and Contraventional Code. EBA participated at the presentation and approval of the Analysis of Impact Regulation of the legislative act in the working group within the Ministry of Economy, advancing the position of the association's members. The discussions were primarily focused on the issues related to capping trade discounts, the quota for the marketing of domestic products, return of products, payments for delivered merchandise, and others.

#### ◆ EBA - Ministry of Finance Dialogue

EBA participated at the public consultations on the Redrafting concept of the Tax Code and Customs Code. For more details, access: <http://eba.md/eng/news/revizuirea-codului-fiscal-si-a-codului-vamal>

#### ◆ State Fiscal Service meeting on Environmental Payments for Pollution

EBA requested a meeting with the State Fiscal Service, in order to discuss the issues related to calculation of the environmental payments for pollution, and its reporting. For more details, access: <http://eba.md/eng/news/discuii-pe-marginea-plaii-pentru-poluarea-mediului>



