



◆ Participation in the PM Economic Council

1. Meetings of the Working Group on Labour Code amendments

EBA continues to engage actively in the reform of the Labour Code that has been launched on the platform of the Economic Council. After several meetings of technical nature between business representatives, the trade unions and Ministry of Labour, EBA managed to address and push some critical proposals regulating the documents required from the employers during labour inspection, with the view of optimizing their number, including through further amendments to the Labour Code. Equally, we have addressed some amendments to the Labour Code related to the employer's obligations to inform and consult the employees, as a result of certain EU Directives transposition into the national legislation. EBA will continue to address and advocate for the rest of the issue reflected in the proposals included in our Position Paper on Labour Code amendments.

2. Meeting of the Working Group on Informal Occupation

A 4th Working Group has been created within the Prime Minister's Economic Council, which will be dedicated to combating undeclared salaries ("paid in envelopes"). The working group will be consisted of representatives of business associations, government authorities, donors community and national experts, and will work on the issues in a multidimensional context, by approaching all the related areas of concern like Tax Code, Labour Inspection, Labour Code, etc.

◆ Participation in the Advisory Committee of the Customs Service

EBA participated in a meeting with the Customs Service, regarding the draft regulation planned to be introduced in context of the economic customs clearance. The proposed modifications are imposed in the context of DCFTA implementation in Moldova. The meeting gathered economic agents and decision

makers from the Customs Service, and offered the possibility for economic agents to mention the current issues and concerns, and for new proposals to be taken into consideration.

EBA also took part in the public consultations within the Working Group for regulating entrepreneurial activity, where the implementation of some aspects of the transit system and issuing of certificates of origin of goods were debated. The Customs Service placed a number of documents which were studied by EBA members and used as a basis for analyzing the regulatory impact of these projects, in the discussion with the authorities.

◆ **EBA-Ministry of Finance Dialogue**

EBA members attended the meeting, organised by the Ministry of Finance, on environmental payments for pollution. The ministry representatives informed and explained the new payment and control mechanism of environmental payments for pollution to the representatives of the business community, which got a practical insight on the challenges that these payments pose. As a follow-up, EBA members will structure and send their proposals on the amendments to the Law 1540/1998 and the Order of the Ministry of Finance on the approval of the Declaration on the pollution taxes, which EBA will subsequently present to the relevant authorities.

◆ **EBA-Ministry of Economy Dialogue**

Ministry of Economy organised a meeting on the recent approved Law on Domestic Trade. Mariana Rufa has attended the meeting by presenting the key issues related to the law, that affect both retail chains and certain types of producers. She mentioned about the Position Paper that is currently developed and will be officialy submitted. The Position Paper shall touch upon the marketing payments, segregation of products, payment deadlines, etc.

◆ **ANRE meeting on Tariff Methodology**

EBA advocated its position on the proposed amendments to the Tariff Metodology on Electricity during several meeting with the regulatory agency in the are of energy (ANRE) and in the Ministry of Economy Working Group on business activity regulation. The major concerns consisted in the premature change of the existing tariff methodology wich is valid until March 2018 and the breaches of consultation procedure over the Draft Decision amending the Methodology.