

#### ◆ Participation in the PM Economic Council

##### 1. Meeting of the EBA presided Working Group on Trade Facilitation

During the meeting, the concept regarding the certificates of origin issuing procedure was presented. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Customs Service, Ministry of Economy, Consumer Agency, State Fiscal Service and representatives of business associations. Businesses listed a number of procedural obstacles which they are currently facing. Mariana Rufa, the Chair of the Economic Council working group on Trade Facilitation, mentioned the importance of simplifying this procedure, especially considering that most products that require this certificate are exported to the EU market. She added that the current impediments are not related to tariffs, and they prevent honouring the contracts with international partners. Recently, the Economic Council took over the role of the National Committee on Trade Facilitation.

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

EBA continues to actively engage 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, and enormous efforts aiming at developing necessary amendments to the existing labour legislation framework, a final draft law has been agreed. Currently, the final draft is being circulated among the ministries for approval with the view of being submitted to the examination in the Government.

##### 3. Reporting the 2016 activities of the Economic Council

For more details, access: <http://eba.md/eng/news/wrap-up-of-the-prime-ministers-economic-council-2016-activities>

##### 4. Meeting of the Working Group on Improving the country's international economic rankings

For more details, access: <http://eba.md/eng/news/imbunatairi-pentru-clasamentul-doing-business>

EBA also participated at the meetings on the platform of the government, of the working group responsible for regulation of advertising of alcoholic products. For more details, access: <http://eba.md/eng/news/eba-supports-the-implementation-of-eu-practices-in-regulation-on-advertising-of-alcoholic-products>

#### ◆ EBA – Ministry of Economy Dialogue

Several working meetings were organised within the Ministry of Economy, regarding the regulation of contractual relations between suppliers and retailers through the Law nr. 231 from 23.09.2010 concerning internal trade, which were chaired by Mr. Octavian Calmac, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy. EBA members examined the proposed amendments and expressed their opinions, so as to define the project.

#### ◆ EBA-Ministry of Foreign Affairs Dialogue

EBA participated in the updating process of the Association Agreement implementation agenda. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Dirk Schuebel, Founding Honorary President of EBA Moldova. The negotiations were focused on identifying the priority actions which should be taken for the next 3 years.

#### ◆ EBA-ANSA (National Agency for Food Safety) Dialogue

EBA facilitated a meeting between ANSA and the meat production and processing industry. For more details, access: <http://eba.md/eng/news/eba-facilitates-the-dialogue-between-the-national-agency-for-food-safety-ansa-and-the-meat-processing-industry>

#### ◆ EBA-Customs Service Dialogue

EBA continues to assist the Customs Service within the the Advisory Council. In the latest meeting, aspects concerning electronic declaration, local clearance procedure, and others.

Also in this context, EBA met with the IMF technical mission on customs administration. EBA has reiterated a number of customs administration procedures faced by businesses, like customs valuation, draft regulation on customs clearing in internal customs terminals, registration of assets in statutory capital, and others.



