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EBA has carried out the following activities under its lobby component:



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Tax and customs sector committee

EBA has developed the proposals to the 2015 Tax Policy as a part of the budget Law. The proposals have been submitted to the Min Fin, Government and Parliament to the RM.

Considering certain issues raised by the private sector EBA has organized a series of meetings with Tax Service, Government, Parliament.

The key issues approached over the meetings were related to deduction of expenditures for office cars for the whole managerial staff within the enterprise; introduction of the new tax rates starting with 1st of May 2015, despite the general rule of introduction starting with

1st of January 2015; legal disparities related to advertisement tax that became effective as of May 1st 2015, etc.

The position paper on the fiscal policy for 2015 as well as the letters sent to the Government and Parliament of Moldova on the key issues can be viewed on www.eba.md (lobby, tax and customs).

The Parliament has facilitated the resolution of one of these issues, specifically the reporting of income tax in 2016 will be done as of January 1st 2015 (not May 1st 2015 as it was initially planned).

Environment Committee

The key issue approached under the environment committee was the **draft law on solid wastes management**.

Considering the financial impact this laws has on certain sectors, EBA has organized an event on April 28 on challenges and opportunities for the private sector in the context of solid waste management and international best practices. The event was an excellent opportunity offered by EBA for its members and private sector as a

EBA has also participated with a presentation at the Environment Day event organized by the Ministry of Environment. Within the Solid Wastes Management Panel, Mrs Sabine Strnad delegted by Hellenic Coca Cola, an active supporter and member of the EBA Environment committee has presented the international experience of Solid Wastes Management in Romania, Bulgaria and other countries.



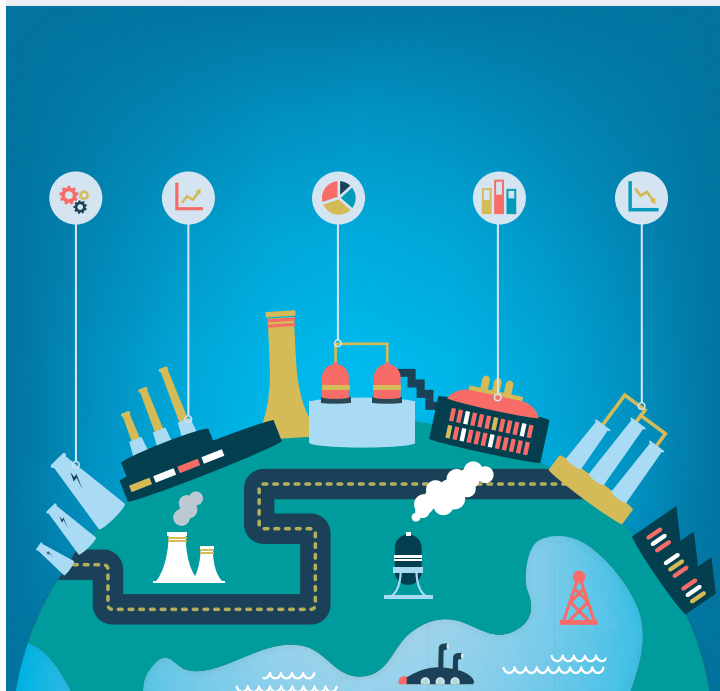
whole to present the draft law recently developed as well as present and describe regional experience.

The event was followed up by a brief round table discussion in which the international experts could present their comments on the draft law as well as certain recommendations for the secondary legislation.

Efes Vitanta Company, has also supported the EBA initiative in this regard by organizing a tour of the factory and showing the best practices in the area of Solid Wastes Management.

EBA has developed a position paper on the draft law on solid wastes management that can be viewed on www.eba.md

Energy Committee



Agro committee

Under the DCFTA project implemented by EBA and CCI, funded by Swedish Government through IFC, aimed at technical and practical preparation of the Moldovan producers of fresh and processed fruit and vegetables (and textiles) onto the EU market, the EBA has collected the key obstacles from then ago producers impeding trade and business development.



EBA has organized a number of meetings of the Energy committee where the key issues were related to energy security, ANRE procedures related to tariff calculation and the Draft law on promoting the renewables resources in the RM.

Following the interactive discussions between the EBA members participating in the Energy committee and considering certain practicalities of the European legislation, there was a Position paper developed reflecting the key principles to be reflected in the law on renewable resources in Moldova.

The EBA Energy Position paper has been submitted to the Parliament for comments.

The list of these issues as well as certain proposals for their resolution shall be finalized soon and presented to Ministry of Agriculture and Government for review. The upcoming document shall be also displayed on the www.eba.md (publications).

On June 26th EBA jointly with CCI have organized a meeting with Deputy Director of ANSA, Mr Nicolae Ciubuc, and a group of agroproducers, aimed at presenting the issues collected so far in the area of Subsidy Fund in Agriculture in order to discuss improvements in the Regulation covering the functionality of the fund.

Mr. Nicolae Ciubuc has primarily presented the recent improvements after which he had a fruitful discussions with participants at the meeting. The minutes of the meeting shall be placed on the www.eba.md

EBA has organized an event on May 27 dedicated to meat processors

Under the EBA Agro committee and in the context of DCFTA implementation EBA jointly with ANSA, EU Delegation and Meat processors Association has organized a workshop on the existing challenges and eventual opportunities of exporting meat products into the EU Market. The event united more than 40 persons representing the biggest meat producers and processors in the RM.

The Goal of the event was to present the recent ANSA achievements under the DCFTA and collect issues from the private sector related to exports into the EU Market.

As a result of the meeting all the problems identified by the meat processors have been consolidated in a joint Position Paper to be presented to ANSA and Ministry of Agriculture.



OTHER ISSUES SUPPORTED AND LOBBIED BY EBA:

- ☞ Addressing customs procedures when trading to EU
- ☞ Setting up of the ethic committee for clinical tests of medicines, an initiative organized with Ministry of Health and EBA
- ☞ Supporting the tobacco sector through promoting a more transparent legislative process of certain laws and regulations impacting the respective industry.
- ☞ Participate in developing the draft law on work accidents jointly with Ministry of Labor, Social Protection and Family
- ☞ Participate in developing comments on legal amendments developed for food safety (ANSA) related legislation
- ☞ EBA AmCham and FIA have developed a joint paper on Recommendations of the

Business Community on Elimination of Constraints to Doing Business in Moldova (can be found on: <http://eba.md/eng/pages/rapoarte-analitice-eba>)



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Over March – June EBA jointly with CCI have organized a round of practical sessions on exporting onto the EU Market.



The round of practical sessions took place under the DCFTA project funded by the Swedish Government through IFC.

The goal of the project was to enhance export related practical skills among producers and exporters of agro food and textiles products from RM onto the EU Market.

More than 500 economic entities throughout the whole territory of the RM have participated at these seminars covering such areas as:

- ✔ **international contracting,**
- ✔ **negotiations and sailing techniques,**
- ✔ **international certification,**
- ✔ **international marketing**
- ✔ **What is DCFTA and EU Market access rules.**

Breakfast with SES Project

On May 12th EBA has organized a business breakfast with the SES Representative in the Republic of Moldova, Mrs. Valentina Mutyluk, in order to give an overview of the opportunities and benefits, which the program offers to private companies in Moldova.

The Senior Experten Service (SES) is the leading German organization for voluntary assignments carried out by senior specialists and executives. SES is a non-for-profit organization, supporting the voluntary transfer of knowledge and experience world-wide. It is important to reiterate that SES

Experts can offer expertise in a wide range of very specific areas varying from financial up to technological production processes by applying best international expertise and practice.

SES experts provides expert knowledge to boost sustainable economic and social development, and SES assignments strengthen local skills across almost all sectors and industries.



Private consultations to businesses

Over the last period of time, EBA became a DCFTA Task Force focused on collecting issues to DCFTA implementation, mainly obstacles related to TBT and SPS.

In this regard an analysis was developed DCFTA Briefs, identifying the cross sector issues as well as concrete problems from the agro producers across the country have been collected to be reflected in a position paper on Agriculture to be presented to the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Economy and Prime Minister.

DCFTA Brief was possible due to the EU Delegation Support and EU DCFTA Project.

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