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EBA Lobby & Advocacy input over the first quarter of 2016 touched upon the following areas:

- Key Business Climate Issues Affecting Private Sector Development
- Tax, budgetary and customs policy
- State inspections
- Energy sector
 - Tariff Methodology for electricity distribution and supply
 - Law on electricity
- Trade
 - Liberalization of meat imports and transparent operation of meat processors
- Accurate transposition of the EU legislation
 - In the area of tobacco products regulation
- Business community issues under the implementation of the EU-Moldova Association Agreement/DCFTA

Key Business Climate Issues Affecting Private Sector Development

European Parliament Rapporteur for the implementation of the EU-Moldova Association Agreement, European Commission, DG Trade Head of Unit for CIS, IMF Representative in the RM, IMF Working Mission

Tax, budgetary and customs policy

Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economy, Prime Minister Office, Parliamentary Committee for Economy Budget and Finance

Increase of the excise duty rate on beer

Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economy, Prime Minister Office, Parliamentary Committee for Economy Budget and Finance

Liberalisation of meat imports and transparent operation of all meat processors - Prime Minister Office, Ministry of Economy

Accurate transposition of the EU legislation in the area of tobacco products regulation

Ministry of Health, National Centre for Public Health

Inaccurate approval procedure of the RIA on the decision to amend the Tariff Methodology for electricity distribution and supply Ministry of Economy, Working Group on Business Activity Regulation

Law on electricity

Parliamentary Committee for Economy Budget and Finance







EBA Environmental Committee

- 1. Waste management impact on the business under the secondary legislation regulating the area of packaging and waste packaging.
- 2. EBA member companies operating in the area of packaging, consultant (national expert on environmental issues).

RIA meeting

- 1. Inaccurate approval procedure of the RIA on the decision to amend the Tariff Methodology for electricity distribution and supply.
- EBA, EBA member Gas Natural Fenosa, other members of the Working Group on Business Activity Regulation, including the Deputy-Minister of Economy.

Consultations on suspension of state inspections

- 1. EBA's position (comments and proposals) about the draft Law on suspension of state inspections on business activity.
- 2. EBA, Minister of Justice.

Initiative to set a dialogue between the regulatory authority and the tobacco industry

- 1. Ensure the accurate transposition of the EU legislation in the area of tobacco products regulation, in line with the national law-making procedure and the principles of better regulation.
- EBA, EBA members operating in the area of tobacco industry, Deputy-Minister of Health, Deputy-Director of the National Centre for Public Health.

Working group consultations (Parliament) on the draft Law regulating the electricity

- 1. Presentation of the EBA's position paper on several provisions included in the draft Law regulating the electricity.
- 2. EBA, EBA member Gas Natural Fenosa, members and the president of the Parliamentary Committee for Economy Budget and Finance.

EBA Tax & Customs Committee

- 1. Examination of the draft on Tax, budgetary and customs policy for 2016 and discussion of the comments and proposals further included in the EBA's position paper.
- 2. EBA members

EBA meets the European Parliament's Rapporteur for the implementation of the EU-Moldova Association Agreement

- 1. Business community issues under the implementation of EU-Moldova Association Agreement.
- EBA, EBA member companies in the area of energy, meat processors, insurance, telecommunications; EP Rapporteur – Petras Austrevicius.

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Consultations with the business sector on tax, budgetary and customs policy draft for 2016

- 1. EBA presented its comments and proposals on the tax policy draft for 2016.
- 2. EBA, EBA members, Minister of Finance.

EBA meets the DG Trade Head of Unit for CIS

- Business community issues under the implementation of EU-Moldova Association Agreement.
- EBA, DG Trade Head of Unit for CIS Petros Sourmelis.



Support to members through

EBA ongoing projects for EBA Members and potential members:

- EU Delegation presented the Helpdesk application to the MAC-P project More details here agro-cooperatives interested to export
- EBA Moldova jointly with KPMG Moldova have organized a Workshop More details here on Transfer pricing concept under EEF, FHI 360, USAID Project
- EBA is a partner in organizing the KPMG conference "Tax policy perspec-More details here tives for 2016" at which the professional and business community was informed on the tax policy updates for 2016
- EBA co-organized the 7th edition of the Winter School for Young More details here Entrepreneurs which hosted 8 notorious speakers and more than 100 young entrepreneurs
- "Compliance and fraud risk management for the banking sector" More details here workshop, co-organized by EBA and partners from Romania
- EBA members improved their skills in the "Management and Sales" More details here Growth" workshop
- New business opportunities for the private sector in Transnistrian region. A joint event of EBA, TPP Tiraspol and SES Project
- EBA Moldova was selected to participate as a speaker within the European Commission East Invest BSO Academy covering 6 countries
- EBA members met with the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economy, Mr. Octavian Calmâc

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