**EBA MOLDOVA** 

DRIVER FOR CHANGE

# ANNANAUAREVIEW 2017 017





- 30 Vlaicu Pîrcălab str. Chişinău
- www.eba.md
- O22 907 O25



# Contents

MESSAGE OF EBA HONORARY PRESIDENT		4	BUSINESS SUPPORT	44
MESSAC	GE OF EBA PRESIDENT	5	<ul><li>WORKSHOPS</li><li>BUSINESS BREAKFAST</li></ul>	45 47
BRIEF MACROECONOMIC ANALYSIS		6	BUSINESS NETWORKING EVENTS	49
EBA BOARD		10	<ul><li>GENERAL ASSEMBLIES</li><li>EBA COOPERATION WITH</li></ul>	51
EBA MEMBERS		12	DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS	21
EBA TEAM		17	BUSINESS PROMOTION MOLDOVA – EU	53
EBA ARE	EAS OF ACTIVITY	18	EBA MODLOVA'S ACTIVITIES     WORLDWIDE	53
BUSINE	SS ENVIRONMENT	19		
• EBA	SECTOR COMMITTEES	20	AUDIT REPORT	58
<ul> <li>PUB</li> </ul>	BLIC-PRIVATE DIALOGUE	22	MEMBERS DIRECTORY	62
<ul> <li>PUB</li> </ul>	BLICATIONS	23		
	DNOMIC COUNCIL TO THE PRIME IISTER OF THE RM	24		
<ul> <li>FOR</li> </ul>	REIGN OUTREACH	26		
	HNICAL MEETINGS	28		
	SINESS ENVIRONMENT ISSUES	31		
	MOLDOVA SUPPORTING  TOMOTIVE SECTOR	43		





of the DCFTA as well in overall EU – Republic of Moldova cooperation. most expected results. We are proud to mention that the EU has strengthened its position of the first trading partner of Moldova. Two thirds of Moldova's exports went to the EU in 2017 while investments coming from the EU are constantly increasing and were more than 55 | I would like to congratulate EBA and its members on the achieved % from existing overall FDI's volume.

financial and macro-economic stability following the massive banking crisis. However, additional efforts in the banking fraud investigation as well as in improvement of business and investment climate, fight RM. against corruption and relevant improvements in the justice sector are still required, so that Moldova and its economy can make full use of the opportunities created by the current high level of relations with the EU.

European Business Association proved to be one of the leading business support organizations and one of the most active members closer to the European Union, with the aim to increase its prosperity.

on various Public Private Dialogue Platforms. EBA has continued and significantly increased promoting expectations of European and EU related economic agents and advocacy activities in a number of important sectors such as tax policy, food safety, trade facilitation, waste management, data protection which are aimed to support EU business and to bring European standards of doing business in Moldova. As a result of this dynamic agenda during 2017 - 14 new members have joined EBA (increase by 25%) that is now accounting almost 60 companies in its membership.

Over 2017 EBA members had the occasion to meet important EU missions to Moldova, including with EU Commissioners for Trade and Health in order to discuss the real implementation of the DCFTA. These discussions also touched the grounds on a number of practical issues faced by businesses in the context of international trade that have been also shared with Moldovan authorities

The year 2017 was marked by significant progress in implementation EBA has carried out an impressive activity in terms of producing more than 30 position papers reflecting upon a series of legal amendments The economic integration have been improving and delivering the in the context of aligning Moldovan legislation and good practices to the EU aguis. With the support of the EU Delegation, EBA developed an update of the Main developments affecting the business climate in the context of the DCFTA.

results and wish them prosperity and a lot of success in keeping the The Government continued necessary reforms in order to ensure right track towards economic Integration of Moldova with the EU, as important partner to the Government in the reform implementation process to ensure the benefits of the joint effort to the citizens of the

> It is my personal honour that from September I fulfil 2017 the role of Honorary President of the EBA. I am confident that the excellent cooperation between the EU Delegation and EBA will further develop and deepen. We have a common goal: to bring the Republic of Moldova

## Dear Members,

Over the last years the European Business Association has emerged as one of the leading business associations of the Republic of Moldova.

Today our association has almost 60 members consisting of subsidiaries of companies originating from European Union member states as well as of other companies that are actively trading with the European single market. Among our members are some of Moldova's largest investors, exporters and employers as well as an increasing number of mediumsized companies that manage to successfully expand their business as a result of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with the European Union.

The year 2017 was marked among other issues by the restructuring of the public administration, the National Bank's efforts to strengthen Moldova's banking sector and numerous legislative initiatives to improve Moldova's business environment such as important amendments to the labor code. Exports to the European single market increased by 19.9% and constituted 65.9% of the total The high quality of the EBA's work is not only appreciated by exports. At the same time investors from the European Union were once more responsible for the majority of foreign direct investments community. As a result, we were able to successfully co-operate in Moldova, amounting more than 80% in 2017 originated from the EU and were primarily responsible for the creation of a substantial enable the EBA to achieve its objectives. number of additional jobs during the course of the last year.

Throughout 2017 the EBA has made good progress in all European Union to Moldova, the Moldovan authorities and our of its areas of activities, which aim to improve the business partners for the excellent co-operation in 2017.



environment, to enhance the capacity of our members as well as to promote business between Moldova and the European Union. Our work in regard to improving Moldova's business environment has again shown encouraging results. Through our initiatives and our constructive policy dialogue with the Government and the Parliament we were able to provide important input in a large number of primary and secondary legislation relevant for international trade and investments in Moldova.

Moldova's authorities but has also by the international donor with various international cooperation partners on projects that

I would like to thank all of our members, the Delegation of the

4 Annual Report | 2017 (EBA) EIGHES | www.eba.md 5

# Brief macroeconomic analysis

#### **Macroeconomic Indicators**

Macroeconomic statistics shows that the GDP registered an increase of 4.5% in real terms in 2017. The inflation rate has temperate from 5.4% in the beginning of the year to 0.6% in December 2017. Gross average nominal salary for the fourth quarter of 2017 was 6113.6 MDL, registering an increase of 12.4 % comparing to same period of 2016.

The gap in the evolution of exports and imports The Republic of Moldova increased by 21 positions million (+ 21.8%) higher than in 2016.

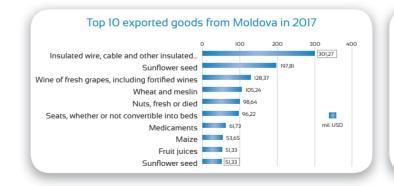
led to the accumulation in the year 2017 of a trade in the "Starting a Business" indicator, from 44th to balance deficit of \$ 2406.3 million, with USD 431.3 23rd. Moldova is ranked 44 among 190 economies in the Ease of Doing Business, according to the latest World Bank annual ratings.

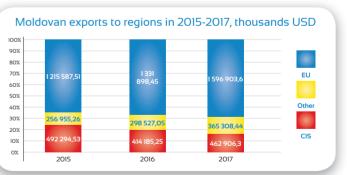


#### **Trade**

The European Union continues to be the most important external trade partner of Moldova, the share of exports being in increase over the last years.

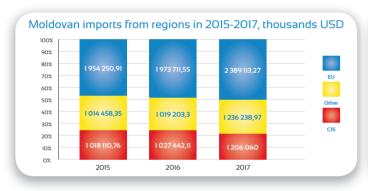
The share of exports to EU countries represents Also, the EU is the main imports partner for Moldova, 65.9% of total Moldovan exports. Deliveries of goods at the same time, the growing share of exports to this group of countries accounted 1596.9 million in combination with growing share of imports USD (an increase by 19.9% compared to 2016). The contributes positively to the Moldovan trade flow. main partners are Romania (24.8% of total exports), Italy (9.7%), Germany (6.9%), Great Britain (5.6%), Poland (4.2%) and Bulgaria (3.2%)

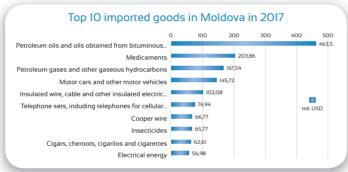




(EBA) EGISTICAL | www.eba.md 7

The imports from EU accounted 2389,1 million USD an increase by 21,1% compared to 2016. The goods a imported mainly from Romania (+25,9% compared to 2016), Germany (+23,4%), Italy (+18%), Poland (+25,4%), France (+25,3%), being the main trade partners of the Republic of Moldova.

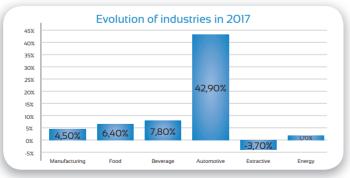




#### Industry

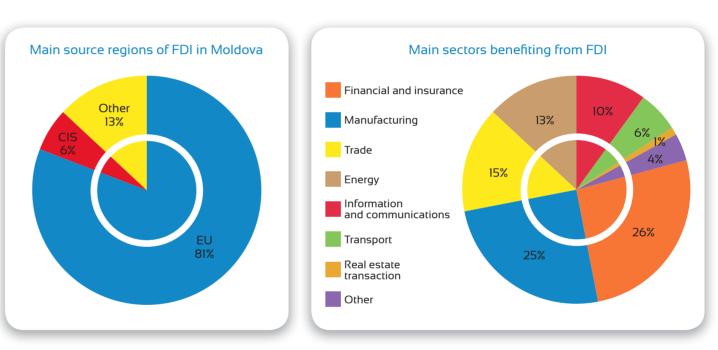
The main factors which led to the growth of the industrial sector are: the expand of the foreign investor's activities, especially in the automotive sector, the positive developments in the agricultural sector that stimulated the growth of the food industry, the increase of domestic and foreign demand for national industrial products, due to the opening of the foreign markets and the implementation of the international economic cooperation agreements. Extractive industry and energy sector registered a decrease with 3.7% and 1.7% in 2017.





# Foreign direct investments

Foreign direct investments (FDI) in 2017 registered the accumulated value of 39.2 million USD. The biggest investors for Moldova come from the EU Member States: the Netherlands, Spain, France, Cyprus, Romania, Italy and Germany.



The European Union, its member states and institutions, European Commission, GIZ Moldova, Swiss Cooperation, Austrian Development Agency, Swedish International Development Authority, EBRD and Romania are among the biggest development partners of Moldova. Following a request by the Republic of Moldova, the European Commission adopted for 2017 a proposal for a Macro-Financial Assistance programme of up to 100 million Euro, out of which up to EUR 40 million would be provided in grants and up to EUR 60 million in medium-term loans at favorable financing conditions.

(EBA) [FREFEN | www.eba.md 9

# **EBA** Board



Thomas Moser

EBA President Danube Logistics





Jose Luis Gomez Pascua

EBA Vicepresident Gas Natural Fenosa





Antoine Gabizon

Mobiasbanca – Groupe Société Générale





Maxim Banaga

Sudzucker Moldova





Diana Neagu

vernon David





Juan Luis Martin Ortigosa

Banca Comerciala Romana Chisinau





**Wolfgang Lerke** 

Moldo-German Business Association





Alexandru Turcan

Turcan Cazac Law Firm





Karoly Szalai

METRO Cash&Carry Moldova





Alexandru Gozun

PwC Moldova



# **EBA** Members

## **Gold Members**



#### Silver Members















#### **Members**

































































# Industry profile of the **EBA** Members

#### Countries of origin



JAPAN

SPAIN





866 mln euro 18 782



























## **SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY**

CONTACTS: DANUBE LOGISTICS, 9 Mihai Eminescu Str., MD-2009 Chisinau, Moldova Tel: +373 (0) 22 999 225; Fax: +373 (0) 22 999 226; Mob: +373 (0) 78 888 359; www.gifp.md; email: info@danlog.md;

# **EBA** Vision

The EBA Vision is to enable 8 drive the full establishment of European business practices and values in Moldova, wishing to promote and contribute to the harmonization of economy of Moldova and the EU.

# **EBA** Mission

The EBA is one of the main business hubs for Moldovan and foreign entities aimed at:

- · Facilitating domestic and foreign trade;
- Improving business climate through different communication platforms;
- Bolstering foreign investments;
- Promoting business activities between EU and the RM.

# Operation Manual 9

EBA has developed and released a comprehensive Operation Manual, keeping a full documentation of all policies, procedures, processes, strategies and rules within EBA.

The EBA Operational Manual is a milestone for the association in regard to its institutional protection and the further sustainable growth and development.

# **EBA** Team



**MARIANA RUFA Executive Director** 

Ensures the full executive and administrative authority for EBA, developing the EBA strategy, work plans and budgets, managing recruitment of member corporations, facilitating partnerships, projects, and co-operations for the benefit of EBA, and handling contact to EBA Sector Committees. Supports the team in the lobby and advocacy process, services, project management and press & media work.



**ION CEBANU** Executive Assistant & **Events Manager** 

Provides administrative support and manages the daily office tasks of the organisation. Maintains protocolar correspondence. Takes care of projects implementation and reporting. Ensures the smooth-running and organization of EBA events, trainings and seminars.



**ALEXANDRA POPA** 

Lobby & Policy Manager

Develops and organizes the lobby work for EBA, drafting position papers, representing EBA at meetings and working groups in relevant public-private platforms and organizations. Assists the Executive Director in her efforts towards lobby issues, building up and keeping an active network with relevant stakeholders for lobby and advocacy work. Supports project management and leads Sector Committees meetings.



**ANA-MARIA URSU** 

Communication & Service Manager

Is responsible for developing and implementing the communication strategy, and for provision of business support services. Maintains and updates communication vehicles such as website, newsletter, press releases, social media, and others.



HENRIK KUFFNER

Senior Advisor

Advises EBA on institutional, organisational matters and on internal structural issues. Builds up an international business network for the benefit of EBA. Ensures the development of the service department for EBA, general support on marketing issues and all-over support on HR issues.

(EA) FIGHER | www.eba.md

## **EBA** Areas of Activity **Business Environment** 0000 Business **Environment** 34 25 **Business** Support **Progress PPD Platforms Position Papers** on Initiatives **Business Promotion**

Moldova-EU

# **EBA Sector Committees**

Tax & **Customs** Committee



**TATIANA STAVINSCHI** 

Senior Manager Tax & Legal Services, PwC Moldova

Health, safety & **Environment** Committee



**TRAIAN NECHIFOR** 

Country Manager, Coca-Cola Hellenic Moldova

**Agriculture &** agro-processinig committee



**DUMITRU VICOL** 

General Director, Monicol

HR Committee



DIANA **NEAGU** 

Partner, Vernon David



**EDUARD GURIN** 

Associate, Vernon David

**Automotive** Committee



**ALEXANDRU BORDEIANU** 

Finance Director, DraexImaier Automotives, Moldova

# Public Private Dialogue nment

# National Platforms:

- · Parliamentary Commissions
- · Economic Council to the Prime Minister
- Customs Service Advisory Committee
- Tax Inspectorate Advisory Committee
- Ministry of Economy Working Group on Regulation of Business Activity
- Ministry of Finance Technical Working Groups
- Tax & Customs Policy Development
- E-public Procurement
- Tax Code Development
- Ministry of Environment Technical Working Groups



# International Platforms:

- European Business Organisation World Wide Network
- European Commission (DG Trade, DG Near, DG Energy)
- European Parliament
- OECD
- IMF
- EBRD
- World Bank
- IFC





## **Publications**

# How EBA informes its stake holders on the private sector



December 2017

DCFTA Business Climate
Document

The Publication on DCFTA Business Climate Doc from December 2017 is focused on revealing the key issues faced by the business community a number of sectors such as foreign trade, customs procedures, food safety energy sector, telecommunications, financial sector, rule of law etc.

The issues have been collected not only from the EBA members but a wider spectrum and are presented at a rather technical level within a specific sector.

22 Annual Report | 2017

# EBA - chair of trade facilitation working group in the Economic **Council to the Prime Minister**

The Economic Council to the Prime Minister is one of the main Public-Private Dialog Platform where EBA is the chair of Trade Facilitation Committee. During the 2017, EBA has managed to address key issues faced by business environment through participation at the working groups and technical meetings organised within the Council.

Below is the list of issues that have been tackled by EBA under the PM Economic Council.

- Payments for Environmental Pollution
- Dual education reform
- Domestic trade
- · Labour, civil, fiscal, code reforms
- Meat processing industry
- Placing the advertising objectives on national and regional roads
- Social insurance
- Data protection
- Meal tickets
- Electricity market regulation
- Regulatory Framework on Tobacco Products
- Customs evaluation

As the main tangible results achieved, the following can be listed:

- Amendment of the Law 1540/1998 on Payments for **Environmental Pollution in** December 2017
- Approval of the Regulation concerning the organization of programs for technical professional training through dual education
- Amendment of the Labour Code (36 amendments)
- Approval of the modifications on the Road Law in December 2017
- Approval of the Law on meal tickets in September 2017

## **EBA COOPERATION UNDER ECONOMIC COUNCIL**



Meeting on improving Customs Evaluation procedure

Sanctioning System in the RM



Meeting with Prime Minister on business climate issues



Data Protection Legislation



with Prime Minister, Pavel Filip



Meeting on addressing Food Safety related issues

# FOREIGN OUTREACH VIOLENT

EBA - an active member within international Public Private Platforms





EBA participated at the reunion of World Wide Network, in Brussels, June 2017.





EBA Members meet EU Commissioner for Health and Food Safety, Mr. Vytenis Andriukaitis to address on food safety issues faced by Moldovan importers and exporters. EBA office, Chisinau.



EBA Board meets Head of Unit DG Trade, Mr. Petros Sourmelis



EBA participated at the 9th PPD Workshop organised by the World Bank, Tunis, May 2017.





Meeting with EU Commissioner for Trade, Mrs. Cecilia Malmstrom

www.eba.md 27

## Conferences co-organised by EBA Moldova.





Presentation of Key Business Issues Briefings in RM (Document elaborated by EBA)





Black Sea Trade & Development Bank Regional Business Forum





Legislative perspectives 2017 - News and surprises organised by KPMG & Vernon David

# Technical meetings to support the EBA business environment agenda

#### MINISTRY OF ECONOMY ON:

- Domestic Trade Law
- Road Tax

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

Waste incineration legislation

Pollution tax reporting system

Legislation on consumer

protection

- ANTA Regulation
- Energy Market Regulation
- Advertising of Alcohol products
- Proposals to the draft legislation on advertisment

#### MINISTRY OF FINANCE ON:

- Tax & Customs policy development
- Regulation on booking & amortisation of fixed assets
- Polllution Tax, implementation of **Extended Producers Responsibility**
- New system of electronic Public
- Optimisation of invoicing system in

#### **CUSTOMS SERVICE** ON:

- Legal proposals on electronic commerce legislation
- Customs Valuation legal proposals on electronic commerce legislation
- Rules of Origin
- Issues in the export of walnuts onto EU Market
- Electronic declaration of goods

#### PARLIAMENT OF THE RM ON:

- Labour Code
- Pollution Tax
- Meal ticket legislation
- Wastes Management legislation

Over 2017, EBA participated in more than 87 meetings in the context of national and european private-public dialogue platforms

#### COMPETITION COUNCIL ON:

- Draft Code of good practices between retailers & producers
- Domestic Trade Law

#### MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ON:

- **Business Package Reform of** the sanctioning system of the economic activity
- Legal proposals to the draft law of Civil Code

#### **ECONOMIC COUNCIL TO THE** PRIME MINISTER

- Data protection
- Labour Code
- Labour migration legislation
- Dual education regulation
- Legal proposal to upgrade the tertiary education system in Moldova
- Control & Inspection reform
- **Customs Valuation**
- Food safety certification

### Presenting the issues on

reforms implementation to EU Counsellors

**EU DELEGATION** ON:

#### ANSA (FOOD SAFETY AGENCY)

- Domestic trade law
- Issues faced by meet processing companies
- Wastes Management regulation/ Food Wastes Treatment requirements
- Surveillance of establishments on requirements implementations
- Food safety certification

## TECHNICAL MEETINGS

To support the EBA business environment agenda



Association with the support of EBA

Meeting on foodsafety certification

with Andrei Balan, ANSA

Meeting on Pollution Taxes & wastes nanagement legislation









leeting on Tax policy nplementation issues

ith Business Community

Meeting on National Trade Facilitation Plan





on Waste Management Legislation

# **Business** environment issues

## **Waste Management Legislation**

Amendments to Law 1540/1998 on Payments for Environmental Pollution

#### Issues:

- Disproportionate tax quotas applied to packaging, especially for food products:
- Lack of a mechanism providing exemption and reimbursement of environmental pollution taxes applied to packaging / goods / products intended for export;
- Difficulties faced businesses in determining the taxable subjects and the correct calculation of the payments, as well as those linked to the specifics of the tax administration and control performed by the State Fiscal Service and the State Environmental Inspectorate;
- Concerns of the economic operators related to the penalties applied for tax non-payment and in case of submitting incorrectly filled out tax declarations:
- Harmonisation of the Moldovan legislation with the EU legislation, by implementing the Extended Producer Responsibility principle in the waste management system in Moldova and establishing an adequate management of payments in this regard.

#### **EBA Actions:**

- · Position Paper addressed to the Parliament, Government, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure and Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment:
- Organization of the workshop on "Waste Incineration Best practices of EU member states – the experience of France":
- · Organization of training sessions on implementation of EU best practices in the area of waste management systems for packaging and WEEE in Moldova;
- Meetings and discussions in the Parliament (Committee for economy, budget and finance), Economic Council to the Prime Minister working group on Trade Facilitation (chaired by EBA), Ministry of Finance, State Tax Service and the State Environmental Inspectorate.

- The pollution tax rates have been adjusted as recommended by EBA:
- The amendments to the law have been approved in September and December 2017.

#### **EBA Actions:**

- Position Paper addressed to the Ministry of Education, Culture and Research, Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection, Economic Council to the Prime Minister and GIZ Moldova:
- tional training programs through dual education.

#### Status:

• The Regulation on organization of programs for technical and includes the recommendations addressed by EBA.

**Education System Reform** 

**Implementation of Dual** 

Adjusting the legal framework considering the labour

market demand driven professions required by the busi-

ness community and economic realities, with a special fo-

cus on engineering and technology professions under the

Governmental Training Plan for specialists with funding

from the state budget for the academic year 2017-2018;

Adjusting the Classification of Professions according to

Initiating the review process of the existing financing

mechanism for the tertiary education in Moldova, with

the view of increasing resource efficiency, better payroll

and upgrading the teaching staff skills in educational in-

· Lack of regulatory framework on dual education system

• Improving the curricula at all levels in the education sec-

• Ensuring the necessary amendments to the Labour

· Required professional training of young people to meet

the urgent demand of qualified specialists in the field of

Technical barriers (taxation, employment relations, etc.) to be

addressed in the implementation process of dual education.

Code in accordance with best international practices in

tor so as to meet the demand of the private sector;

the implementation of dual education in the RM:

the existing trends and industry upgrade;

stitutions at all levels:

in the Republic of Moldova:

engineering and manufacturing;

**Draft Regulation on Dual Education** 

Issues:

**Education and Improving** 

**Tertiary Education in Moldova** 

- Regular meetings and discussions in the Economic
  - Council (Committee on Labour Market Flexibility), including participation of business environment representatives, public authorities and development partners focusing on presentation of the proposals to improve the Government Decision on the organization of voca-

professional training through dual education has been approved by Government Decision nr. 70 on 22.01.2018

31 Annual Report | 2017

Customs Evaluation procedure

# **Legislation on Domestic Trade**

#### Amendments to the Law on Domestic Trade

#### Issues:

- The conditionality of food products returns depending on the expiry date and product category;
- Unclear regulation of the relationship between suppliers and retailers:
- Establishment of trade discounts to 10% of the supplier's sales price, making this provision inconsistent with the basic principles of effective and loval competition:
- Reduced period for marketing and advertising activities:
- The requirement of the trader to purchase and ensure shelf life of food products from the short food supply chain in the proportion of at least 50% of the linear length of the commercial shelf:
- · Amendments to the Contravention Code.

#### **FBA Actions:**

- Position Paper addressed to the Parliament, Prime Minister, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure, Economic Council to the Prime Minister, National Agency for Food Safety;
- · Regular meetings and discussions with the related authorities in order to improve the draft law:
- · Addressing the issue at the EBA Business Breakfast with the Minister of Economy and Infrastructure:
- Addressing the issue with DG Trade and the European Commission;
- · Active participation in public debates on the issue.

#### Status:

· The EBA recommendations have been included in the draft law, which is currently in the process of final review in the Parliament.

#### Draft Code of Good Practice between Retailer and Suppliers

#### Issues:

- Unclear regulation of the relationship between suppliers and traders;
- Inconsistency of the proposed Draft Code with the existing legislation regulating the domestic trade and with international practices dealing with the issue of good practices between retailers and suppliers.

#### **EBA Actions:**

- Position Paper addressed to the Competition Council, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure;
- · Regular meetings and discussions with relevant authorities and business environment representatives.

#### Status:

• The draft Code of Good Practices has been approved by the Competition Council and is applicable based on the principle of commitments in relation to the signatory undertakings concerned.

## **Labour Code Reform**

#### Draft Law amending the Labour Code

#### Issues:

- Several provisions of the Labour Code require a serious review in order to eliminate the deficiencies, which create confusion, contradictions and difficulties in the Code's application, as well as revision of the labour norms considering the dynamics of the labour market in the current economic realities:
- Discrimination against employees who are not members of trade unions:
- Reform of the labour code is essential to stimulate additional investments in the export-oriented, labour-intensive manufacturing (e.g. automotive, textile) and service sectors (e.g. ICT, BPO).

#### FBA Actions:

- · Position Paper with necessary amendments proposed to improve the Labour Code addressed to the Government, Ministry of Education, Culture and Research, Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection, Economic Council to the Prime Minister, GIZ:
- · Regular weekly meetings and discussions in the working group of the Economic Council to the Prime Minister focused on drafting the Labour Code amendments.

#### Status:

- · The amendments to the Labour Code have been approved by the Parliament with the recommendations addressed by EBA:
- The most important amendments refer to: the employee's obligation to provide justification in due time in case of absence; elimination of employer's obligation to submit the approved staffing lists to the labour inspection authority; provision on fixed-term contracts for employment of foreigners; establishing the probation period for young employees; elimination of employer's obligation to justify the decision on dismissal unsatisfactory probation period result; activation of dismissal for all contraventions and crimes against unit's property; termination of employment contract upon retirement age; dismissal of trade union members employees with preliminary consultation of the trade union body, instead of its agreement; reducing the unpaid additional leave from 6 to 4 years; definition of serious violation of labour obligations and regulation in a separate article, etc.

Annual Report | 2017 (EM) FINANCIA | www.eba.md 35

# **Legal Framework on Advertising**

Amendments to the Law on Roads

#### Issues:

- The proposed amendments have a negative impact on businesses in the area of outdoor advertising and local budgets, due to significant revenue and job cuts:
- Banning on placement of outdoor advertising objects in the public road area;
- Inconsistency of the legal framework concerning its application in terms of advertising objects placement on national and regional roads, and related fiscal obligations associated to this activity;
- · Lack of a clear definition of the scope of the Law on Roads.

#### **EBA Actions:**

- · Position Paper with necessary amendments proposed to improve the law addressed to the Parliament, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure, Ministry of Finance, Economic Council to the Prime Minister:
- · Regular meetings and discussions with the relevant economic operators and public authorities.

#### Status:

- The most significant proposals included in the position papers have been considered in the amending draft law:
- The draft law entered into force in December 2017.

## **Social Insurance Legislation**

Amendments to the Law on State Social Security Budget

#### Issues:

- Lack of predictability and transparency principles in the process of amending the law on the state social security budget without any economic and financial impact assessment being provided;
- Elimination of the limit for the calculation of individual social security contributions will increase the tax burden on employees;
- · Re-establishing the limit for the calculation of the individual social security contributions would lead to elimination of significant costs risk incurred by the State Social Security Budget:
- The amount of the fines and penalties needs to be aligned according to the tax legislation in force.

#### **EBA Actions:**

- · Joint Position Paper with other business associations addressed to the Parliament, Prime Minister, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection and Ministry of Finance;
- · Meetings and discussions with relevant economic operators and public authorities.

#### Status:

· The most significant issues indicated in the position papers have been taken into consideration in the draft law.

## **Meat Processing Sector**

Improving supervision in the application of the legal framework

#### Issues:

- Violation of food safety requirements in relation to products of animal origin and their components by certain meat producers and processors, due to the practice of returning the expired meat products from retail chains and smaller shops back to processors for the repeated reprocessing and a further supply into the retail chains;
- Enhance food safety control and supervision procedures to counter the return of expired meat products from retailers to producers and halt the re-sale of these products;
- Meat deficit on the Moldovan market and financial losses incurred by the meat processing industry due to higher costs at imports of meat in the aftermath of the import quotas from EU being exhausted;

#### **EBA Actions:**

- · Position Paper addressed to the Prime Minister. Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure, Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection, Economic Council to the Prime Minister, National Food Safety Agency and Fiscal State Service and European Union Delegation in the Republic of Moldova:
- Regular meetings and discussions with the relevant economic operators and public authorities (Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure, Economic Council to the Prime Minister, National Food Safety Agency):
- · Addressing the issue related to the possibility of increasing the import guotas from EU at the meeting with Ms. Cecilia Malmström, European Commissioner for Trade;

#### Status:

- The Law on Domestic Trade establishes the prohibition on returns of expired food products from retailers to producers/processors, however supervision by relevant authorities on the application of the law shall be strengthened;
- · National Food Safety Agency enhanced its control and supervision of the establishments in order to prevent the return of expired meat products from retailers to producers/processors;
- · The risk management mechanism in control and supervision of food safety requirements needs systemic revision in order to tackle the vulnerabilities of specific industries and product categories.

(EA) FINANCIA | www.eba.md 37

# **Data Protection Framework**

Amendments to Law on Personal Data Protection and Law on National Centre for Personal Data Protection

#### Issues:

- · Regulatory measures in the area of personal data protection, in particular those concerning sanctions and penalties, shall consider the economic scenario at the level of each country in general, as well as assessing the operators' readiness to cope with the newly proposed legislation;
- Application of the personal data protection provisions both, at the EU level and in the EU Member States, is part of a long process with gradual legislation review;
- The proposed amendments shall respect the principle of proportionality, especially at regulation of business activity so that any administrative and financial burden of the new provisions is not detrimental to the interests of big companies that activate transparently and of SMEs, that risk to be incapable of coping with the newly proposed obligations.

#### **EBA Actions:**

- · Position Paper addressed to National Centre for Personal Data Protection (NCPDP) and Economic Council to the Prime Minister
- · Regular meetings and discussions between EBA members and the data protection authority.

 The draft law is being reviewed by the NCPDP and international experts within the EU Twinning Project "Capacity Building of the National Center for Personal Data Protection of the Republic of Moldova" considering the recommendations addressed by EBA.

## **Tax Policy**

Amendments to the Tax Code

#### **Issues**:

- Negative impact on employees due to the requirement on declaring the extra income earned from the Trade Union Committee and paying the income tax and as a consequence the employees' refusal to be part of Trade Unions;
- · Reduced time (1 January 2018) for transition to the new calculation method of the individual attrition of fixed assets;
- · Lack of a deadline to declare the income obtained by non-residents from foreign companies for their activity in the Republic of Moldova;
- Negative effect of the increased income tax obtained from the delivery of phytotechnics and horticulture products;

#### **EBA Actions:**

- Position Paper addressed to the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure;
- · Meetings and discussions with private sector and relevant public authorities:

#### Status:

· The most significant issues indicated in the position papers were taken into consideration for modification.

## **Meal Tickets**

#### Law on Meal Tickets

#### Issues:

- · Maintaining the existing mechanism in the national legislation based on the voluntary principle of the employer in application of the meal plans for employees:
- · Lack meal ticket validity and the indication of the minimum ticket value (25 MDL), which should remain at the discretion of the companies:
- Lack of provision clearly determining the relationship between the employer and the operator, concerning the specified situations of refund, return and exchange of meal tickets:
- · Developing a clear and non-interpretable primary and secondary regulatory framework.

#### **EBA Actions:**

- · Position Paper addressed to the Parliament, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure, Ministry of Finance, Economic Council to the Prime Minister.
- Regular meetings and discussions with the economic operators and relevant authorities.

#### Status:

- · The nominal value of a meal ticket per working day was approved as between 35 and 45 MDL and the voluntary principle has been preserved;
- The Law on meal tickets entered into force in September

## Reform of the Civil Code

#### Draft Law amending the Civil Code

#### Issues:

- · Lack of a concept coordinated with the National Commission for Financial Markets on the structure and content of the new regulations regulating the area of insurance;
- · Need to develop a regulatory impact assessment on the introduction of new concepts, such as succession in the insurance contract:
- Support adjustment of some definitions and provisions in the Civil Code that are not in accordance with the insurance principles.
- Recommendations concerning the provisions regulating the status of the administrator, the bodies of the legal person, transportation contracts etc.

#### **EBA Actions:**

- Position Papers addressed to the Government, Ministry of Justice. National Commission for Financial Markets:
- · Meetings and discussions with private sector and relevant public authorities;

#### Status:

- · The most significant issues indicated in the position papers have been addressed in the draft law;
- The amendments to the law were approved in December

(EBA) FIGURES | www.eba.md 39

# **Energy Market Regulation**

#### Draft Law on Energy

#### **Issues**:

- · Application of financial penalties in the established amount may cause damaging effects on the operators' activity by determining their inability to pay and inducing the enterprise in insolvency;
- Required provision on the need to obtain the opinion of the Energy Community Secretariat prior to the amendments on the energy legal framework, especially concerning the regulation of electricity tariffs;
- · Regulating the possibility on accountability of National Energy Regulation Agency (ANRE) staff, including its management, as a result of violation of mandatory rules in its activity;

#### **FBA Actions:**

· Position Paper addressed to the Parliament, European Commission and Energy Community.

#### Status:

· The draft of the new Law on energy has entered into force as of October 2017.

#### Modification of the Tariff Methodology on Electricity Distribution

#### Issues:

- · Premature amendment of the existing Tariff Methodology on Electricity Distribution (valid until March 2018);
- Deficiencies in ensuring the transparency of the consultation procedure;
- Failure to present a legally motivated decision of ANRE to amend the existing Methodology;
- Breach of key principles regulating the business activity (predictability, transparency and proportionality).
- · Arbitrary measures affecting negatively the rights of investors.

#### **EBA Actions:**

- · Position Paper addressed to the Working Group on requlation of the business activity in the Ministry of Economy (RIA Working Group).
- · Discussions in the Working Group on regulation of the business activity in the Ministry of Economy and in the public debates organized by National Energy Regulation Agency.

#### Status:

 The amendments to the Tariff Methodology on Electricity Distribution has been approved without sufficient consideration of the recommendations from the operators and the Energy Community.

## **Legislation on State Inspections**

Amendments to the legal framework on state inspections

#### Issues:

- · Implement institutional reforms at inspection authorities as well as the clarification of the control functions assigned to each of them;
- · Development of checklists of documents for each inspection:
- · Amendments to the Contravention Code and to the Code of Criminal Procedure:
- Development of necessary IT infrastructure in order to ensure the functioning of the electronic State Register of Inspections.

#### **FBA Actions:**

- · Position Paper addressed to the Economic Council to the
- · Regular meetings and discussions in the Economic Council, with participation of reform partners (IFC, World Bank Group) on improving the draft legal framework.

#### Status:

• The draft law amending the state inspection function of several authorities and secondary legislation establishing the control procedure checklists and completing the institutional reform of control bodies has been approved by the Parliament.

## **Advertising of Alcohol Products**

Regulations on advertising of alcohol products

#### Issues:

- EBA supports the measures directed to ensuring the public health policy objectives;
- · However, emphasizing the need of a correct regulation in terms of production requirements depending on types of alcohol products and a balanced regime on advertising that comes in line with the EU regulations.

#### **EBA Actions:**

- Position Paper addressed to Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure and Economic Council to the Prime Minister;
- Regular discussions and meetings with the private sector and relevant authorities.

#### Status:

• The draft law has been approved by the Parliament and includes the main recommendations addressed by EBA, although the legal framework on advertising is under continuous review.

(EA) FIRMERS | www.eba.md 41

# Retail Tradess Environment

#### Regulatory Framework on Tobacco Products

#### **Issues**:

- Lack of a subsidiary regulatory framework for the packaging and labelling of tobacco products;
- Strong demand for the elaboration of a regulation on health warnings and labelling of tobacco products;
- Alignment of the secondary legislation to the legislative framework in force, by abolishing the Order of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry no. 140 of 18.07.2008:
- · Need to approve the electronic health warnings library.

#### **EBA Actions:**

- Position Paper addressed to the Parliament, Government, Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection, Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Parliamentary Committee for economy, budget and finance, Parliamentary Committee for social protection, health and family;
- Regular discussions and meetings with the relevant authorities.

#### Status:

Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment has proposed to abolish the Order no. 140/2008, proposal that was rejected by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection.

# EBA MOLDOVA SUPPORTING AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

In December 2016, EBA created the automotive committee, presided by Draexlmaier Automotives, Moldova.

Over 2017 EBA enriched its Business Environment agenda with issues faced by biggest employers, including automotive companies such as:

- Meal tickets
- Labour Code
- Customs procedures (AEO simplifications)
- Dual Education Regulation



In June 2017, EBA was the official partner of the Moldova Automotive Days, event organised by MIEPO and Ministry of Economy for the first time in Moldova with the support of GIZ. The event united the biggest automotive industry, stakeholders such as private and public entities from Moldova and abroad. More thann 400 people participated at the event.







42 Annual Report | 2017 www.eba.md 43

# Business Support Support





Networking events and business breakfasts

**Participants** 



**Speakers** 

# WORKSHOPS Support

#### Organised by EBA Moldova



Presentation of the Draft Government Decree on the list of acts/procedures subjected to an eventual inspection Delivered by: The State Labour Inspectorate; Sergiu Morari, Head of Direction Labor relations and Social partnership - Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection



Practical workshop on Fraud and Compliance and Security of IT Systems Trends and challenges Delivered by: Daniel Varzaru, Alin Becheanu, George Dragusin - Association for Preventing and Eliminating Fraud (APCF), Romania



Practical workshop on Tax implications related to Customs Procedures Delivered by: Raluca Loredana Udroiu, Manager, Tax Assistance Services – KPMG, Romania



Regulatory Impact Assessment Delivered by: Roman Ladus, Director of Euro Management Group



Workshop on the Draft Regulation on organizing and carrying out dual education in Republic of Moldova Delivered by: Viorica Bejan, Advisor; Victoria Cotici, Advisor; Oana Vodita, Manager -Structural Reform in Vocational Education and Training Project



Practical workshop on Waste Incineration. Best practices of EU member states – the experience of France Delivered by. Pierre Tournier, Incinerator director of Energy Recovery and Waste Treatment Unit, France

# WORKSHOPSS Support

#### Organised by EBA under the USAID Moldova Competitiveness Project



Workshop for Beneficiary BSOs: Strategic Management in a BSO Delivered by: Henrik Kuffner, International CIM Expert, EBA



Workshop for Beneficiary BSOs: Elaboration of lobby and advocacy agenda within a BSO Delivered by: Mariana Rufa, Executive Director EBA



Workshop for Beneficiary BSOs: Elaboration of a position paper in a business association Delivered by: Mariana Rufa, Executive Director EBA



Workshop for Beneficiary BSOs: Communication process in a BSO Delivered by: Ana Hajdau, Communications & Service Manager, EBA: Henrik Kuffner, International CIM Expert, EBA

# BUSINESS BREAKFASTS OF T



EBA members meet the Director General of Customs Service, Mr. Vitalie Vrabie and Heads of Departments from Customs Service



EBA members meet the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Resident Representative in the Republic of Moldova, Mrs. Armine Khachatryan



EBA members meet the Governor of National Bank of Moldova, Mr. Sergiu Cioclea

46 Annual Report | 2017 (EBA) ENGRESS | www.eba.md 47

# BUSINESS BREAKFASTS OF T

EBA members meet the Director of Center for Reforms Implementation, Mr. Iurie Ciocan



EBA members meet the Minister of Economy and Infrastructure, Mr. Octavian Calmic



EBA members meet the Head of EBRD office in Moldova, Mr. Dimitri Gvindadze & Managing Director, Economics, Policy and Governance, EBRD, Dr. Mattia Romani



EBA members meet the President of the Parliament of Moldova, Mr. Andrian Candu

# BUSINESSESS Support NETWORKING EVENTS

## EBA Back to action networking event







#### Head of EU Delegation & EBA Honorary President, HE Mr. Pirkka Tapiola, Farewell Reception





#### Welcome Reception for the new Head of EU Delegation & EBA Honorary President, HE Mr. Peter Michalko





# **EBA** cooperation with development partners



















50 Annual Report | 2017 INDICATE | www.eba.md 51

## **EBA** enhancing capacities

## of local Business Support Organisations under the USAID Moldova **Competitiveness Project.**

The Light Industry Employer's Association APIUS

The Foreign Small Enterprise Alliance FSEA

The National Association for Inbound Tourism in Moldova

25 coaching sessions & workshops have been organised with each individual BSO or in a group format on such subjects as: - how to set up lobby and advocacy agenda

- how to develop position papers
- how to set up sector committees
- what are the internal bylaws (internal operation manual) of an organisation
- communication with members
- Budget planning
- tax policy process
- how to organise General Assemblies

#### 6 Position Papers produced on:

- Food Safety Certification
- Tourism Law
- Pension Law
- Tertiary Education
- Customs Valuation

# **BUSINESS PROMOTION** MOLDOVA - FU

## **EBA MODLOVA's** activities WORLDWIDE

Participation of EBA in the study trip to Brussels on EU best practices on creating WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

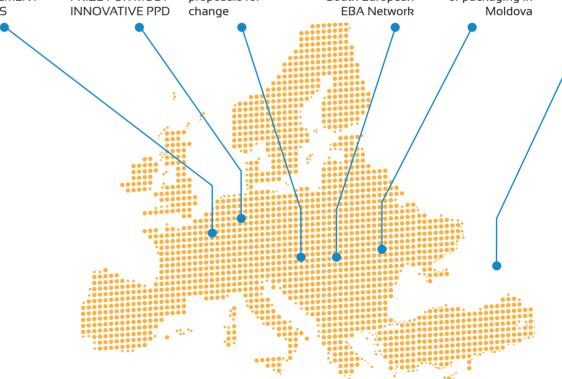
EBA participated at the World Bank PPD Award - PM Economic Council Moldova got the FIRST PRIZE FOR MOST

participant within World Bank/IFC Trade Facilitation reunions with a set of concrete proposals for change

EBA is an active participant in the EBA Worldwide Network heading the Central and South European **EBA Network** 

EBA contributed to creating a new Association of producers and importers of packaging in

EBA Moldova contributed to setting up EBA Georgia, EBA Armenia



## 25th of May

# General Assembly and Reception



On May 25, EBA members held the General Assembly session, followed by a business networking reception in the exquisite atmosphere of the Mimi castle.

#### The meeting was aimed at:

- Approving the Annual Report for 2016;
- Presenting the Q1 & Q2 2017 progress report;
- Approving the 2016 Audit Report
- Business networking

The meeting was attended by the EBA Honorary President, HE Mr. Pirkka Tapiola, EBA Members, International Donors and partners.













(B) IIIII | www.eba.md (55)

#### 5th of December

# **EBA 6-year Anniversary**

## General Assembly and Reception

On December 5, 2017, EBA Moldova organized the General Assembly with its members, followed by a reception at the National Museum of Ethnography and Natural History, to celebrate EBA 6-year Anniversary.

#### The General Assembly was aimed at:

- Presenting the Activity Review of Q3-Q4/2017 and the 2018 Action Plan, highlighting the key performance indicators, new EBA members, policy dialogue issues, new EBA Membership Concept, as well as other EBA activities in the local and international business environment.
- Election of the EBA President with a unanimous votes given for Thomas Moser who got re-elected for the second mandate, as EBA President.

Over the 6 years reception, EBA was honored by the presence of H.E. Mr. Peter Michalko, Honorary President of the EBA and Head of the EU Delegation in the Republic of Moldova and Iulia Costin, State General Secretary. Among the guests of the reception were also other representatives of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Moldova, diplomatic corps, representatives of public authorities as well as various international cooperation partners and donors















Annual Report | 2017 www.eba.md 57

## **AUDIT**

## RFPORT

To: Board of directors of the European Business Association.

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the European Business Association in Moldova (hereinafter "Association"), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2017, the statement of income and expenses, the statement of changes in financing sources for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the National Accounting Standards (hereinafter "NAS"), Methodical Indications regarding the Accounting Particularities for Non-Commercial Organisations and accounting policies described in the Notes to the financial statements.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibility for the audit of financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Association and the East European Foundation in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Republic of Moldova, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Other matters

Our report is intended solely for the information and use of Board of directors of the European Business Association and for Association's management. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, we do not accept and do not assume liability to anyone other than the Association and the Association's Board of director for our audit, for this report, or for our opinion.

The financial statements as of and for the year ended 31 December 2016 were audited by other auditors who expressed an unqualified

#### Responsibilities of management for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with National Accounting Standards, Methodical Indications regarding the Accounting Particularities for Non-Commercial Organisations and accounting policies described in the Notes to the financial statements, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations. or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's responsibility for the audit of financial statements

The objectives of our audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with NAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with NAS, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the planning and performance of the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose

- of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of accounting on a going concern basis and determine, based on audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists. we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

> WOTH THEFE Grant Thornton Audit S.R.L. Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

#### NOTE:

The balance sheet as at 31 December 2017 and the statement of income and expenses for the year ended 31 December 2017 are an extract from the full set of EBA financial statements prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with National Accounting Standards, Methodical Indications regarding the Accounting Particularities for Non-Commercial Organizations and accounting policies described in the Notes to the financial statements. The full set of financial statements comprise the

balance sheet as at 31 December 2017, the statement of income and expenses and the statements of changes in financing sources for the year ended 31 December 2017, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. The full set of the financial statements were audited by Grant Thornton S.R.L., independent auditor of the EBA, who issued an unmodified audit opinion on 4 May 2018 for the year ended 31 December 2017.

	ROW NO.	NOTES	31 DECEMBER 2017	31 DECEMBER 2016
ASSETS Non-current assets				
INTANGIBLE ASSETS	010		19,708	17,932
TANGIBLE ASSETS	040		12,948	41,907
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	070		32,656	59,839
Current assets				
TRADE RECEIVABLES AND CURRENT PREPAYMENTS	110		1,146	211,181
RECEIVABLES FROM THE BUDGET	120		52,861	56,155
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	150		124,323	229,843
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	180		243,440	565,742
TOTAL ASSETS	190		276,096	625,581
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Equity				
NET SURPLUS OF THE PERIOD	210		81,509	483,745
NON-CURRENT ASSETS FUND	230		8,523	16,514
OWN FINANCING FUND	240		(81,509)	(304,079)
TOTAL EQUITY	260		8,523	196,180

	ROW NO.	NOTES	31 DECEMBER 2017	31 DECEMBER 2016
Non-current liabilities				
LONG TERM SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCING AND RECEIPTS	270		59,145	161,751
OTHER LONG TERM LIABILITIES	290		19,606	43,225
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	300		78,751	204,976
Current liabilities				
TRADE PAYABLES AND ADVANCES RECEIVED	330		77,798	82,388
PAYABLES TO EMPLOYEES	340		91,398	90,625
PAYABLES TO THE BUDGET	360		19,626	47,649
OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES	380			3,763
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	390		188,822	224,425
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	400		276,096	625,581
INCOME RELATED TO SPECIAL PURPOSE SOURCES	010	5	2,150,599	1,931,168
EXPENSES RELATED TO SPECIAL PURPOSE SOURCES	020	6	(2,150,599)	(1,931,168)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) SPECIAL PURPOSE SOURCES	030			
INCOME FROM ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	070	4	332,578	1,186,300
EXPENSES FROM ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	080	6	(251,069)	(636,389)
RESULT: PROFIT FROM ECONOMIC ACTIVITY	090			
INCOME TAY EVDENCE	100	6		166 1661
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	100	0		(66,166)
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	110		81,509	483,745

60 Annual Report | 2017 | www.eba.md 61

## **MEMBERS**

# Directory

#### BC Moldova Agroindbank SA Type:



Financial Institution

(+373 22) 222 770 / 216 685 Tel: (+373 22) 228 058 / 242 781 Fax:

Email: aib@maib.md

Address: 9/1, Constantin Tănase St.,

MD-2005, Chisinău, Moldova

Website: www.maib.md Chairman: Serghei Cebotari

JS FinComBank S.A.



Type: Banking

Tel: (+373 22) 269 900 / 269 999

Fax: (+373 22) 237 308

Email: fincom@fincombank.com Address: 26, Puskin St., MD-2012, Chişinău, Moldova

Website: www.fincombank.com President: Victor Hvorostovschii

Kaufland SRL



Wholesale of food and non-food products Type:

Tel: +40 725 533 752

dona-gabriela.rapciuga@kaufland.md Email: Address: 29, Sfatul Tării str., MD-2012 Chisinau, Moldova

Website: www.kaufland.md

**Project Director** 

Rep. of Moldova: Dona Rapciuga General Director: Marco Volker Hößl **BCR Chisinau SA** 



Type: Banking

(+373 22) 265 000 / 852 000 Tel: (+373 22) 265 002 / 852 002 Fax:

Info BCR Chişinău: 0 800 22 227 / (+373 22) 265 555, 852 555

Email: office@bcr.md

Address: 60/2, A. Puskin St., MD-2005, Chisinau, Moldova

Website: www.bcr.md

CEO: Juan Luis Martin Ortigosa

BC Energbank SA



Type: Banking

(+373 22) 858 000 Tel: (+373 22) 858 080 Fax: Fmail: office@energbank.com

23/3 Tighina str., MD-2001, Chisinău, Moldova Address:

Website: www.energbank.com

President: Iurii Vasilachi

BC "Mobiasbanca – Groupe Société Générale" S.A.



Banking Type:

(+373 22) 256 456 Tel: (+373 22) 541 974 Fax:

Email: contactell@mobiasbanca.md

Address: 81a, Stefan cel Mare si Sfant blvd.Chisinau, MD-2012

www.mobiasbanca.md Website:

Antoine Gabizon President:

ICS RED Union Fenosa SA



Energy Type:

(+373 22) 431 111 Tel: (+373 22) 431 675 Fax: Email: OT24@ufmoldova.md

Address: 4, A. Doga St., MD-2024, Chisinău, Moldova

Website: www.gasnaturalfenosa.md Country Manager: Jose Luis Gomez Pascual

**IM Efes Vitanta** Moldova Brewery SA



Beverages Type:

(+373 22) 885 201 Tel: Fax: (+37322) 410 103

Email: info@efes.md/info@vitanta.com

Address: 167, Uzinelor St., MD-2023, Chişinău, Moldova

Website: www.berechisinau.md Managing Director: Gökçe Yanaşmayan

62 Annual Report | 2017



#### IM Moldcell SA



Type: Mobile Communication Services
Tel: (+373 22) 206 999 / 206 141

Fax: (+373 22) 206 207 Email: e.cernei@moldcell.md

Address: 3, Belgrad St., MD-2060, Chisinău, Moldova

Website: www.moldcell.md General Manager: Barkin Secen

#### ICS Vernon David SRL



Type: Legal Services for Business

Tel: (+373 22) 260 922 Fax: (+373 22) 210 445

Email: diana.neagu@vdalegal.com

Address: 49, Alexandru cel Bun St., 3rd floor,

MD-2012, Chişinău, Moldova

Website: www.dalegal.ro Partner: Diana Neagu

Managing

Partner: Charles Vernon

#### METRO Cash & Carry Moldova SRL



Type: Consumer Goods
Tel: (+373 22) 405 201
Fax: (+373 22) 319 326
Email: info@metro.md

Address: 5, Chișinăului St., Stăuceni,

MD-4839, Chişinău, Moldova

Website: www.metro.md CEO: Karoly Szalai

#### **ABS SRL**



Type: Recycling company
Tel: (+373 22) 551 540
Fax: (+373 22) 533 998
Email: office@abs.md

Address: 9, Gradina Botanica str, MD-2004, Chisinau, Moldova

Website: www.abs.md CEO: Vutcarau Vlada

#### Agro SZM SRL



Type: Food; Agriculture
Tel: (+373 22) 202 333
Fax: (+373 22) 240 707
Email: info@suedzucker.md

Address: 19, Timiş St., MD-2009, Chişinău, Moldova

(0236) 64 555

Website: www.suedzucker.md
Board Speaker: Alexander Koss

Type:

Tel:

#### Agrosfera BM SRL



Production and processing of agricultural products

Fax: (0236) 64 555
Email: agrosferabm@mail.ru
Address: r. Ungheni, v. Pârlita
CEO: Andrei Buzovoi

#### BAA Efrim Roșca și Asociații



Type: Legal, business advisory and tax assistance Tel: (+373 22) 238 301

Tel: (+373 22) 238 301 Fax: (+373 22) 238303 Email: info@era.md

Address: 72 Bucuresti Str., Chisinau MD-2012, Moldova

Partner: Oleg Efrim

#### BC EXIMBANK Gruppo Veneto Banca SA



Type: Banking

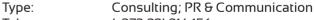
Tel: (+373 22) 301 102 Fax: (373 22) 601 611 Email: info@eximbank.com

Address: 171/1, Stefan cel Mare si Sfint Blvd,

MD-2004 Chisinau, Moldova

Website: www.eximbank.com General Director: Alfredo Anzani

## BDR Associates-Strategic Communication



Tel: (+373 22) 214 156 Fax: (+373 22) 854 605 Email: office@bdr.md

Address: 202, Ştefan cel Mare Bd., Kentford Business Center, 8th Floor, MD-2004, Chişinău, Republic of Moldova

www.bdr.md

BDR Associates
Strategic Communication
Website:

Managing Director of the representative office: Svetlana Japalău

#### Biroul asociat de avocati Turcan Cazac



Type: Legal Services for Business

Tel: (+373 22) 212 031

Email: Alexander.Turcan@turcanlaw.md;

Octavian.Cazac@turcanlaw.md

Address: 47/1-5, A. Puşkin St., MD-2005, Chişinău, Moldova

Website: www.turcanlaw.md

Managing

Partner: Alexander Turcan

#### Brodsky Uskov Looper Reed și Partnerii SRL



Type: Legal services and consulting

Tel: (+373 22) 23 23 24 Fax: (+373 22) 23 51 86 Email: info@bulr.com

Address: 17, Mihail Kogalniceanu str,

MD-2001, Chisinau, Moldova

Website: www.bulr.com CEO: Taisia Gherciu

#### Coca-Cola Imbuteliere Chisinau SRL



Type: Non-Alcoholic Ready-to-Drink

Tel: (+373 22) 471 040 Fax: (+373 22) 472 489

Email: coca-cola.moldova@cchellenic.com

Address: 42, Industriala St., MD-2023, Chisinău, Moldova

Website: https://ua.coca-colahellenic.com/ro/

General Manager: Traian Nechifor

#### **Continent SRL**



Type: Automotive&Suppliers
Tel: (+373 22) 79 14 99
Fax: (+373 22) 791 488

Address: 17/1, Arborilor str, MD-2025, Chisinau, Moldova

Website: www.toyota.md CEO: Shumilo Victor

#### DRA DraexImaier Automotive SRL



Type: Automotive and Suppliers

Tel: (+373 231) 91 101 Fax: (+373 231) 91 102

Email: dra.md@draexImaier.de

Address: 86, Dovator St., MD-3101, Bălți, Moldova

Website: www.draexlmaier.de
Administrator: Guido Meinelt

#### **Edenred MD**



Type: Service Discount Company

Tel: (+373) 60 50 21 13

Email: tichetedemasa-md@edenred.com

Address: Str. Vasile Alecsandri 141 B,

etajul 1, Chisinau

Website: www.edenred.md Project Manager: Dorin Corcimaru

#### Ernst & Young SRL



Type: Assurance Services, Tax Services, Advisory Services

Tel: (+373 22) 214 040 Fax: (+373 22) 214 044 Email: ey.office@md.ey.com

Address: 51, Alexandru cel Bun St., MD-2012, Chișinău, Moldova

Website: www.ey.com
Director: Alexandru Sipitca

#### Farm Meat Processing LLC



Type: Food/beverages
Tel: (+373) 61 061 666
Fax: (+373 22) 26 43 22

Email: reception@farmmeatgroup.md

Address: 121, Muncesti Highway, MD-2002, Chisinau, Moldova

CEO: Radion Melnic

#### **FPC Rogob SRL**



Type: Food; Beverages
Tel: (+373 22) 866 556
Fax: (+373 22) 866 566
Email: info@rogob.md

Address: 1/1, Gloriei St., Goianul Nou, Stăuceni, Moldova

Website: www.rogob.md General Director: Igor Roșca

#### Fujikura Automotive MLD SRL



Type: Automotive Wiring Harness and Accessories

Tel: (+373 22) 66 72 52

Email: apiliughin@fujikura-automotive.com

Address: 801 Muncesti road, off.1,

MD-2029, Chisinau, Moldova

Website: www.fujikura.com Administrator: Angela Piliughin

66 Annual Report | 2017 www.eba.md 67

**Grant Thornton Audit SRL** 

**Grant Thornton** 

Medicine SRL

Consulting and audit Type: (+373 22) 860 571 Tel: Fax: (+373 22) 227 464

69, Grigore Ureche str, MD-2005 Chisinau, Moldova; Address:

4D, Gara Herastrau str, Green Court Bucharest –

building C. 5th floor, Bucharest, Romania

Tel: (+40) 21 32 02 328 Fax: (+40) 21 32 02 327 Email: office@md.at.com www.grantthornton.md Website:

SC Vinaria Tiganca SRL Type: Agriculture and wine production

Tel: (+373) 69 122 503 (+373 22) 24 30 12 Fax: Email: office@gitana.md

107, Tarinei str, ap. 9, MD-2069, Chisinau, Moldova Address:

Inductive electronic components

Website: www.gitana.md CFO: **Dulgher Svetlana** 

IM Elektromanufacturing SRL Type:

Tel: (+373 231) 85 400

Email: novacov.andrei@emf.md 13, Decebal St., , Balti, Moldova Address:

Administrator: Andrei Novacov

Type: IM Tirex Petrol SA Oil Industry

> Tel: (+373 22) 200 728 Fax: (+373 22) 200 729 Fmail: office@tirexpetrol.com

Address: 90 Columna str, MD 2012, Chisinau, Moldova

www.tirexpetrol.com Website:

Chief Executive

Officer: Felix Kruse

**ICS Arensia Exploratory** Type: Exploratory clinical studies

(+373) 78 88 33 91 Tel: Fax: (+373 22) 66 75 74 Email: info@arensia-em.md

29 Testemițeanu str, MD- 2025, Chisinau, Moldova Address:

Website: www.arensia-em.md General Director: Ghicavii Nelea

**ICS Betty Ice SRL** 



Type: Ice cream producer Tel: (+373 22) 859 859 (+373 22) 859 851 Fax: Email: office@bettyice.md

6, Transnistriei str, MD 2026, Chisinau, Moldova Address:

Website: www.bettvice.md CEO: Stasiev Liuba

**ICS British American Tobacco** - Moldova SRI



Type: Consumer Goods (+373 22) 855 355 Tel: Fax: (+373 22) 855 356

Email: bat\_moldova@starnet.md

65, Stefan cel Mare Blvd., 4th floor, Office 416, Address:

MD-2001, Chisinău, Moldova

www.bat.com Website:

Legal & External

Affairs: Radu Vrabie

**ICS Danube Logistics SRL** 



Logistics and Transport; Free Economic Zone Type:

Tel: (+373 22) 999 225 (+373 22) 999 226 Fax: Email: info@danlog.md

9. Mihai Eminescu str. MD-2009, Chisinau, Moldova Address:

www.qifp.md Website: Director: Thomas Moser

ICS KPMG Moldova SRL



Audit; Tax; Advisory Type: Tel: (+373 22) 580 580 Fax: (+373 22) 540 499 Email: kpmg@kpmg.md

Address: 171/1, Stefan cel Mare Blvd., 8th floor,

MD-2004, Chisinău, Moldova

Website: www.kpmq.md

**Audit Senior** 

Manager: Vitalie Corniciuc

ICS Leogrant SRL. Radisson Blu Leogrand Hotel



Hotel Type:

(+373 22) 201 201 Tel:

Email: info.chisinau@radissonblu.com Address:

77, Mitropolit Varlaam str, MD-2012, Chisinau, Moldova Website: www.radissonblu.com/hotel-chisinau

(EA) [HORFERN | www.eba.md 69

General Manager: Husnu Tayank

68 Annual Report | 2017

#### **ICS NUTSI** INTERNATIONAL SRL

NUTSI INTERNATIONAL

Processing and export of walnuts Type:

(+373) 69 039 457 Tel:

chiriacvalentina@gmail.com Email: Address: Slobozia-Dusca v., Criuleni r.

CEO: Valentina Chiriac

**ICS Pricewaterhouse Coopers Advisory SRL** 



Type: Assurance Services: Tax and Legal Services: Advisory

Services

Tel: (+373 22) 238 122 Fax: (+373 22) 238 120

Email: name.surname@ro.pwc.com

37. Maria Cibotari St., MD-2012, Chisinău, Moldova Address:

Website: www.pwc.com/md Office Leader: Alexandru Gozun

Tax & Legal

Tatiana Stavinschi Manager:

Assurance

Manager: Constantin Barbaros

**ICS Prime Capital SRL** 



Financial Institutions Type: Tel: (+373 22) 871 111 Fax: (+373 22) 543 043

Email: carmina.vicol@primecapital.md

Address: 63/1, V. Alecsandri St., MD-2009, Chisinău, Moldova

Website: www.primecapital.md

General

Director: Carmina Vicol

**ICS Strabag SRL** 



Construction and Design Type:

Tel: (+373 22) 85 30 83 (+373 22) 85 30 82 Fax:

Address: 86, Petricani str, MD-2059, Chisinau, Moldova

Website: www.strabag.com

General

Director: Herbert Franz-Xaver Schuster **ICS Trigor AVD SRL** 



Wholesale; Distribution; Logistics; Type:

Transport: E-commerce

(+373 22) 479 898 Tel: (+373 22) 479 898 Fax: Email: office@trigor.md

Address: 17. Otovasca St., MD-2023, Chisinău, Moldova

Website: www.trigor.md; www.comenzi.md

President: losif lenei

IM Compania de asigurari **Grawe Carat Asigurari SA** 



Insurance Type:

(+373 22) 225 596 Tel: Fax: (+373 22) 213 533 Email: office@grawe.md

Address: 51, Alexandru cel Bun St., Chisinău, MD-2012, Moldova www.grawe.md

Website:

General

Director: Veronica Malcoci

**IM Zernoff SRL** 



Type: Producer of spirits (+373 22) 529 003 Tel: (+373 22) 529 003 Fax: office@zernoff.md Email:

of.1F, 13/1 Mircea cel Batran str., Address:

MD-2075, Chisinau, Moldova

Website: www.zernoff.md CEO: Constantin Turcan

Introscop S.A.



Automotive harnesses Type: Tel: (+373 22) 47 33 00 (+373 22) 47 23 00 Fax:

office@introscop.md Email: Address: 20 Mesterul Manole str.,

MD-2044, Chisinau, Moldova

www.introscop.md Website: CFO: Valeriu Bodiu

70 Annual Report | 2017 (EBA) FIRMETERS | www.eba.md 71

#### JT INTERNATIONAL TRADING SRL



Consumer Goods Type: (+373 22) 605 954 Tel: (+373 22) 607 374 Fax:

Email: nicolae.corlateanu@jti.com

11/8, Moscova bd., MD-2068, Chisinău, Moldova Address:

Website: www.iti.com

Corporate Affairs and Communications

Manager: Nicolae Corlăteanu

#### Media Security SRL



Security Systems Type: Tel: (+373 22) 20 11 11 Fax: (+373 22) 20 11 13

Email: office@media-security.eu 5/4 Dimitrie Cantemir blvd... Address:

> MD-2005, Chisinau, Moldova www.media-security.eu

Website: General

Director: Victor Găină

#### **Moldo-German Business Association (MDW)**



Type: **Business Support Services** president-mdw@email.de Email: www.mdw-moldova.org Website:

President: Wolfgang Lerke

#### **MONICOL SRL**



Type: Food; Beverages (+373 22) 500 675 Tel: Fax: (+373 22) 500 676 Email: info@monicol.md

49/5, Bernardazzi St., MD-2012, Chisinău, Moldova Address:

Website: www.monicol.md

General

Manager: Dumitru Vicol

#### **Nova Nut SRL**



Processing and export of walnuts Type:

Tel: (+373) 69 211 211 Fax: (+373) 237 72 221

John\_Cuhal@yahoo.com Email:

Address: Sireti v. Straseni d. Website: www.novanut.md

CEO: Ion Cuhal

#### Panprint SRL





Production of colour printing Type:

(+373 22) 80 00 11 Tel: Fax: (+373 22) 80 00 11

Fmail: sunstudiomd@gmail.com

115 Dosoftei str. MD-2028, Chisinau, Moldova Address:

Website: www.sunprints.md CFO: Panis Veaceslav

#### Phillip Morris Sales & Marketing LLC





Type: Consumer Goods (+373 22) 824 002 Tel: Fax: (+373 22) 835 641

Andrei.Vrabie@pmi.com Email:

21/3, N. Dimo St., MD-2068, Chisinău, Moldova Address:

Website: www.pmi.com

Manager Corporate

Affairs: Andrei Vrabie

#### Prometeu-TSA



Horticulture. Processing and export of walnuts Type: Tel: (+373) 69 108 294

Email: info@walnut.md

33 Petricani Str, MD-2059, Chisinau, Moldova Address:

Website: www.walnut.md CEO: Tudor Slanina

#### **SC** Business Intelligent Services SRL





Business consulting Type: (+373 22) 278 701 Tel: (+373 22) 275 418 Fax: bis@bis.md Email:

Address: off.4, 53A Berdnardazzi str., MD-2012, Chisinau, Moldova

Website: www.bis.md Director: Valeriu Lazăr

72 Annual Report | 2017 (EBA) FIGURES | www.eba.md 73

#### SC Daac System Integrator SRL

**DAAC SYSTEM** INTEGRATOR

Type: Software solutions developer. System integrator

Tel: (+373 22) 509 709 (+373 22) 509 710 Fax: Email: info@dsi.md

Address: 10 Calea lesilor str, MD-2069, Chisinau, Moldova

Website: www.integrator.md

General

Sergiu Ghincu Director:

Starnet SRL



Type: Information technologies

and electronic communications

(+373 22) 844 990 Tel: (+373 22) 844 445 Fax: info@starnet.md Email:

Address: 170, Columna str, MD-2004, Chisinau, Moldova

Website: www.starnet.md

President StarNet Group

of Companies: Alexandru Machedon

Varo-Inform SRL



Type: Information and advertising services Tel: (+373 22) 73 77 09 /(+373 22) 73 77 94

Email: inform@varo-inform.com

Address: 2B Gheorghe Tudor Str., MD-2028, Chisinau, Moldova

Website: www.varo-inform.com

Business

Andrei Jicol Partner:

