Memorandum of Understanding
on Climate-Smart Agriculture and Sustainable Food Systems Cooperation
with a focus on plant-based and dairy value chains
between the Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova
and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature of the Netherlands

The Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova and the Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties ", express their mutual interest in strengthening bilateral cooperation in the field of agriculture and sustainable food systems.

Acknowledging the European integration aspirations of the Republic of Moldova and recognizing the Dutch expertise in climate-resilient agriculture, smart greenhouse technologies, and agri-food systems in the bioeconomy, the Parties affirm their arrangement to advancing joint action toward a more productive, climate-adapted, and resilient agricultural sector.

Paragraph 1

This Memorandum of Understanding aims to develop structured and strategic cooperation in key areas that align with the vision of sustainable agricultural transformation, increased resilience to climate change, and integration into European and global agri-food markets and eco systems.

Paragraph 2

The Parties will promote cooperation in the following priority domains in plant- based and dairy value chains:
1. Development and modernization of dairy clusters and horticulture, including greenhouses, using Dutch expertise in precision techniques, energy efficiency, renewable energy deployment, water management, and robotization as well as establishing a triple helix cluster of industry (i.e., the entire supply chain from construction and production to logistics), knowledge institutions, and (local) governments for a resilient horticulture.
2. Co-creation of user cases of climate-smart agricultural technologies and precision farming, including digital tools, AI, and satellite-based advisory services, applicable to both horticulture and dairy production.
3. Joint development of research and innovation in breeding climate-resilient and high-value crop varieties. And improving dairy livestock breeding, nutrition and management practices.

4. Bioeconomy in dairy and horticulture: valorization of residual biomass, water reuse, and nutrient recycling systems.
5. Capacity building for Moldovan farmers, agronomists and supply chain partners through knowledge exchanges, internships, and e-learning platforms.
6. Joint support for a joint ecosystem consisting out of pilot projects, demonstrations, research and education agenda and innovation clusters in Moldova.
7. Support for alignment with EU sanitary, phytosanitary, and quality standards to increase agri-food exports.

Paragraph 3

The Parties will establish a Joint Working Group composed of designated representatives from both Ministries and triple helix partners from both countries. The Group will meet at least once per year, alternating between Moldova and the Netherlands, and is responsible for the progress of the intended cooperation and envisioned development. It will create and execute action plans, project pipelines and timelines for delivery.

Paragraph 4

The Parties will work together to mobilize the necessary resources, including financial support, for the implementation of this Memorandum.

Paragraph 5

This Memorandum may be amended at any time by mutual written understanding. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into operation on the date of signature by both parties and remain valid for a period of five years.

Paragraph 6

This Memorandum of Understanding does not create any rights or obligations under international law.

Signed in Berlin on 17 January 2026, in two original copies, each in the Romanian and English languages, both texts being equally authentic. In the event of any divergence in the interpretation or application of this Memorandum, the English text shall prevail.

For the Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry of the Republic of Moldova	**For the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature of the Netherlands**
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