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# **IFC Moldova Investment Climate Reform Project**

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# Investment Climate Reform Project exhibits strong complementarities with the World Bank operations in Moldova

## WB CEP II

- Business regulatory work on permissive documents: licenses, permits, authorizations;
- Work in competition area and investment policy will complement to increase the export competitiveness of Moldovan enterprises and decreasing the regulatory burden they face.
- This work will also be linked with helping Government meet disbursement linked indicators for CEP II as they relate to Investment policy work

## Agriculture Competitive ness Project (MACP)

Work in Agribusiness and food safety - MACP supports regulatory, institutional and technical enhancements for food safety management, and Moldova ICR Project will closely coordinate to ensure complementarity regarding the regulatory support (MACP focuses primarily on harmonization with EU directives, while ICR Project will tackle regulatory requirements towards the private sector) Further implementation of risk-based inspections – work on bylaws to ensure proper and full implementation

## Development Policy Operation Series (DPO)

DPO1 has marked an important progress in streamlining seed-related regulations (reduction of the testing time for new seeds and seedlings), which Moldova ICR Project will try to further pursue (towards deepening the reform) with the new Government, as well as expand the area of work to other key inputs (fertilizers, pesticides) and problem zones (such as procedures for business registration, import and sale of agri-inputs)

# Component 1: Improve the Regulatory Environment for Business Regulations

## Licenses and Permits

- Further work on permit inventory [jointly with WB's CEP II Project] to streamline permits, licenses, authorizations and establish One-Stop-Shop (OSS)

- Streamline construction permits procedure, including develop procedures for OSS for 4 municipalities
- Introduce G2B feedback loops

## Inspections

- Further implementation of risk-based inspection methodologies – work on bylaws to ensure proper and full implementation

- Institutional and structural reform of inspectorates (based on the comprehensive Survey on inspections)
- Streamline and clarify inspection mandates
- Assist with implementation of risk based inspections

# **Component 2: Enhance Market Access with a Focus on Agribusiness and Facilitate Export**

## **Food Safety**

- Improve Food Safety control system
- Streamline Food Safety certification requirements & procedures
- Assist public and private sector in achieving compliance with EU requirements for exporting products of animal origin
- Support compliance of horticulture products with EU standards
- Support ANSA and business companies to open up markets for poultry, dairy, and horticulture

## **Inputs Market**

- Streamline procedures regulating agri-inputs market (registration, import, quality control)
- Strengthen collaboration and coordination between ANSA and Customs Service

## **Competition Policy**

- Address competition bottlenecks in agri inputs and outputs markets by determining how regulatory frameworks restrict current operations or potentially prevent new entrants and proposing solutions to the Competition Council

## **Trade Logistics**

- Streamline cross-border trade procedures; ASYCUDA World upgrade
- Further align regulations with the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement by assisting to establish a National Trade Facilitation Committee
- Support Customs Service to remove cross-border trade barriers
- Strengthen Customs Service with IT consultants
- Support Ministry of Finance in drafting of the new Customs Code (provide local consultant)

# Component 3: Increase the Level of Investment Protection

- Jointly with WB's CEP II project review Government strategies for MIEPO, help with implementation

- Provide technical advice on Investment Policy

Support MIEPO (e.g. Consultant; Web-site content support)

- Revise Investment Law (introducing clear rules for protecting and retaining investments such as investment agreement, advanced tax ruling, investors grievance mechanism, etc.)

- Revise secondary legislation on investments

- Improve awareness of private sector investors about domestic and international investor protection mechanisms & investment opportunities

# Project's modus operandi

**Analysis of local policies & legislation;  
comparison with international best practice**

**Drafting proposals, solutions to eliminate  
the identified regulatory bottlenecks and  
barriers**

**Public-Private Dialogue to generate reform  
consensus; knowledge exchange and peer-  
to-peer learning**

**G2B feedback loops to enable proper  
implementation of enacted legislation**

# Ensuring Gender Equality in Regulations

**Apply 'gender lens' to address specific constraints for women entrepreneurs**

**Improve knowledge and awareness of women entrepreneurs about regulations and how to apply them**

**Stimulate women entrepreneurship by highlighting success 'stories' of Moldovan female entrepreneurs**

# Government Partners

**Key Partner: Ministry of Economy**

**State Chancellery**

**Ministry of Finance**

**Ministry of Regional Development & Construction**

**Ministry of Agriculture & Food Industry**

**Moldova Investment & Export Promotion Agency**

**Moldova Customs Service**

**Competition Council**

**Moldova National Food Safety Agency**

**Parliamentary Committee for Economy, Budget and Finance**



# Private sector involvement is crucial for the Project to be a success

**Business Associations, including sectoral ones**

**American Chamber of Commerce**

**Foreign Investors Association**

**Moldova Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

**European Business Association**

# Collaboration with other development partners to ensure sustainable results

**Kingdom of  
Sweden & the  
Swedish National  
Board of  
Agriculture**

**EU High Level  
Policy Advice  
Mission**

**EU Delegation**

**GIZ, EBRD, UNDP,  
FAO, UNCTAD**

**Moldova-EU  
DCFTA**

**USAID**

# Thank you for your kind attention!

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