



Twinning Fiche

Project title: Improvement of the administrative and operational capacities of the plant protection authorities

Final Beneficiary administration: Phytosanitary Directorate, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, the Republic of North Macedonia

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TWINNING INSTRUMENT

1. Basic Information

- 1.1. Programme: Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) - National Programme for 2019 under the IPA Transition Assistance and Institution Building Component (TAIB)IPA 2019/041-263/06.02/MK/ARD

For UK applicants: Please be aware that following the entry into force of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement¹ on 1 February 2020 and in particular Articles 127(6), 137 and 138, the references to natural or legal persons residing or established in a Member State of the European Union and to goods originating from an eligible country, as defined under Regulation (EU) No 236/2014² and Annex IV of the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement³, are to be understood as including natural or legal persons residing or established in, and to goods originating from, the United Kingdom⁴. Those persons and goods are therefore eligible under this call.

1.2. **Twinning Sector:** Phytosanitary policy

1.3. **EU funded budget:** EUR 900,000

1.4 **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):** SDG 12 Responsible consumption and production

2. Objectives

2.1. Overall Objective(s):

The overall objective is to protect the human, animal and plant health, the environment and to increase the competitiveness and sustainability of domestic production of plants and plant products.

2.2. Specific objective:

The specific objective of this project is to improve the efficiency of the National plant protection system, ensuring proper implementation of national policy and legislation in line with the Union *aquis*.

¹Agreement on the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from the European Union and the European Atomic Energy Community.

²Regulation (EU) No 236/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2014 laying down common rules and procedures for the implementation of the Union's instruments for financing external action.

³Annex IV to the ACP-EU Partnership Agreement, as revised by Decision 1/2014 of the ACP-EU Council of Ministers (OJ L196/40, 3.7.2014)

⁴ Including the Overseas Countries and Territories having special relations with the United Kingdom, as laid down in Part Four and Annex II of the TFEU.

2.3. The elements targeted in strategic documents

The implementation of the project will contribute to the realization of the priorities and objectives defined in the following documents:

Accession partnership:

- Further alignment of the phytosanitary legislation with the EU acquis;
- Strengthening capacities of the national authorities responsible for the phytosanitary system, including administrative, inspection, diagnostic and other technical tasks in plant health, plant protection, quality of seed and propagation material, and variety rights.

Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA)

The project will contribute towards the implementation of the SAA Article 100 on gradual harmonization of phytosanitary legislation with Community standards.

National Programme for Adoption of the Acquis (NPAA) revision 2021-2023

NPAA sets short and mid-term priorities regarding the legal and institutional framework in the areas within the Chapter 12 Food safety, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Policy. It is stated that further improvement in the Phytosanitary Directorate (PD) transparency in the area of sanitary and phytosanitary measures, establishing of operational and functional techniques to improve cooperation between relevant sectors is envisaged. Competent authorities will continuously transpose the new Union *acquis* in the area of the plant protection policy, in particular plant protection products, plant health, phytosanitary measures/ISPM standards.

Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) 2014-2020

In the document **Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA II) 2014-2020 regarding the Phytosanitary area stated** *twinning approach was proved as good type of support, having in mind the complexity of this field in direct cooperation with administration from Member states. During the implementation of IPA 2007-2013 has been noticed that it is more appropriate to divide the support between phytosanitary and veterinary as it is very important for the different competent authorities to have ownership of the intervention in order to improve the sustainability of the project. Under IPA 2015, technical support is provided in the area of sustainable use of plant protection products (PPPs), as well as for design and development of Phytosanitary information system. A good part of the programming under IPA 2019 is complementary to these activities. IPA 2019 technical support will be focused on the new Plant Health Regime, a new EU legislation regarding plant health that entered into force end of 2019*

According to the conclusions of European Commission's Progress Report 2020: "Some progress was made to align with EU phytosanitary standards. For example, the country's pest status was regularly updated and the Phytosanitary Directorate updated the list of harmful organisms in line with the new EU acquis. A law on plant protection products is yet to be adopted. The system for controlling the use of pesticides is weak, but the phytosanitary inspection began to introduce pest

eradication measures through the monitor and control programmes. Contingency plans for two harmful organisms were prepared and work started on a phytosanitary information system. The Phytosanitary Directorate increased its capacity to analyze collected data by involving universities and scientific bodies in the monitoring programme. Coordination between the relevant authorities improved.”

Link with national/ sectoral investment plans

- National Program of the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia 2021⁵
- National Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development 2021-2027⁶
- Phytosanitary Policy Programme 2021, including interception and detection of relevant pests in strategic crops in the country and quality of plant protection products and residues from plant protection products in the primary agricultural products (Official Journal 12/21).
- Multi Annual National Control Plan (MANCP);

3. Description

3.1. Background and justification

Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy (MAFWE) is the overall authority responsible for creation policy and legislation in the area of the phytosanitary system.

The Phytosanitary System includes:

- Phytosanitary Directorate (PD) - National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) creates national policies and drafts legislation in the area of plant health, sustainable use of plant protection products, fertilizers, bio stimulators and soil improvers,
- Directorate for Seed and Seedling Materials (DSSM) creates a national policy and preparation of legislation in the area of seed and seedling material, in particular marketing and quality of the seed and seedling material,
- Forestry Department creates national policies and drafts legislation in the area of forestry and hunting.
- State Phytosanitary Laboratory (SPL) provides diagnostic services and laboratory analysis in the area of plant protection and seed sector.
- State Agriculture Inspectorate (SAI) – Department for phytosanitary inspection responsible for inland and border phytosanitary controls, as well as marketing and use of PPPs,
- Public service providers and holders of public authorizations which are responsible for the activities in the area of plant protection (phytosanitary monitoring, integrated pest management (IPM) control of production of standard and certified seed and seedling materials, introducing new varieties in the National variety list etc.)

⁵https://vlada.mk/sites/default/files/programa/2017-2020/Programa_Vlada_2017-2020_MKD.pdf

⁶<http://www.mzsv.gov.mk/CMS/Upload/slider/%D0%9D%D0%A1%D0%97%D0%A0%D0%A0%202021-2027.pdf>

Relevant primary legislation in the field of phytosanitary policy is as follows:

- Plant Health Law (Official Journal No. 29/05, 81/08, 20/09, 57/10, 17/11, 148/11, 69/13, 43/14, 158/14, 149/15, 39/16 and 83/18);
- Law on Phytopharmacy (Official Journal No. 302/20);
- Law on seeds and seedling material for agricultural plants (Official Journal No. 39/06, 89/08, 171/10, 53/11, 69/13, 187/13, 43/14, 129/15, 39/16, 71/16 and 83/18);
- Law on breeders rights (Official Journal No. 52/09);
- Law on forestry reproductive material (Official Journal No. 55/07, 148/11 and 39/16).

3.2 Ongoing reforms:

With the new EU plant health regime and official controls legislation entered into force 14 December 2019, national phytosanitary authorities will have to restructure their plant health system for risk based actions, implement new import procedures and more strict phytosanitary measures against introduction and spreading quarantine pest. Therefore, a new Plant Health Law and accompanied legislation and supporting documents need to be prepared.

In the forthcoming period the phytosanitary authorities needs to harmonize and implement the new EU legislation regarding the official control and other official activities. Official controls and other official activities should be organized to ensure efficient and effective coordination between all authorities involved, and the consistency and effectiveness of controls across the country.

The new rulebook on Lists of regulated harmful organisms, plants, plant products and other objects have been adopted according to the requirements of the new EU legislation, including harmful organisms and their host plants, regulated by EU emergency measures. Therefore, there is a need of regular annual adjustment of the Monitoring Programmes reflecting the new adopted Lists.

In the end of December 2020, the Law on Phytopharmacy was adopted. The Law is harmonized with the EU legislation regarding authorisation of plant protection products and their sustainable use. There is a need to draft the corresponding implementing legislation and supporting documents.

Sectors of marketing of seeds and seedlings of agricultural plants and forestry reproductive material are faced with new plant health requirements on regulated non-quarantine organisms, which will influence procedures for certification of plant reproductive material, registration of producers and suppliers to the market.

Testing of new varieties and their enlistment in the National varieties list, control after production and placement on the market, conservation of plant genetic resources and other activities and protection of breeders rights remains constant activity.

The vision of SPL is to become the national reference laboratory to carry out the laboratory analyses, tests and diagnoses on samples taken during official controls and other official activities in the phytosanitary sector. Therefore, there is a need to have an appropriate expertise, to participate in proficiency testing and maintain accredited methods; sufficient number of suitably

qualified and trained staff, to deliver in a timely manner the results of the analysis, test or diagnosis carried out on the samples taken during official controls and other official activities.

Phytosanitary Information System (PIS) has been designed and established. However, the Twinning will support in designing of additional PIS modules.

The Twinning project will further strengthen capacities of the competent authorities and will support harmonization /implementation of a new legislation in the phytosanitary area.

This project should provide technical support aiming to overcome the existing weaknesses and critical points in terms of administrative and operative procedures in the phytosanitary sector.

The Twinning should help the beneficiaries in processing and analysis of data obtained from national monitoring and official control programs, and undertaking appropriate responses.

Transposition of the Union *acquis*

Transposition of the EU legislation into a national legislation is ongoing process in accordance with the transposition methodology applied for the legislation covered by Chapter 12, Food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy, which enables possibility for full transposition of *acquis* into national one. Transposition of the national legislation with the EU legislation is carried out according to the time frame set up in the National Programme for the Approximation of the *acquis* (NPAA) approved by the Government.

3.3 Linked activities:

The below listed projects are complementing, and not overlapping the activities programmed under this Twinning Fiche:⁷

Reference No: 04MAC01/06/001

Project title: MAFWE Structural and Legal Reform

Source of funding: CARDS

Duration: 2005-2006

Description: Legal approximation and preparation of primary legislation in the fields of Animal Health, Veterinary Public Health, Animal Welfare and Veterinary Border Inspection.

Reference No: 02MAC01/07/001

Project title: National Integrated Phytosanitary System

Source of funding: CARDS

Duration: 2004-2006

Description:

The Project covered technical assistance in the three following areas:

- approximation of the National phytosanitary legislation with *acquis communautaire*,
- strengthening of the institutional capacities, and

⁷ The reference numbers are listed as registered in the Central Donor Assistance Database available at <http://cdad.sep.gov.mk/EN/search.aspx>.

- establishment of the National State Phytosanitary Laboratory.

Reference No: EuropeAid/132281/C/SER/MK

Project title: *Capacity building of the competent authorities for food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy*

Source of funding: EU (IPA-TAIB)

Duration: December 2013 - December 2015

Budget: 1.750.000 EUR

Description: The purpose of the contract is to improve the institutional framework for food safety in the country, by strengthening the existing system of competent bodies and institutions in order to ensure an integrated multidisciplinary approach, covering all food chain stages.

In particular, the contract will incorporate:

- Administrative and institutional strengthening of the Food and Veterinary Agency, Phytosanitary Directorate and State Phytosanitary Laboratory,
- Preparation and implementation of phytosanitary monitoring programmes,
- Preparation for accreditation of inspection services.

Reference No.: MK10/IB/AG/01

Project title: *Institutional strengthening of the capacities of Competent Authority for implementation of the acquis for food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy*

Source of funding: EU (IPA-TAIB)

Duration: November 2014 - November 2016

Budget: 1.348.000 EUR

Description: The purpose of the contract is to improve the capacity of the competent authorities for food safety, veterinary and phytosanitary policy for implementation of EU Acquis. The overall objective of the project is to obtain functional market economy and the capacity to cope with competitiveness in the EU market while maintaining the consumer protection and achieving high food safety standards.

In particular, the contract components are:

- Further improvement of the Phytosanitary system in the country;
- Improvement of sustainable capacities: training and dissemination of information.

Reference No.: EuropeAid/ MK 12 IB AG 01 16

Project title: *Further development of Competent Authorities' control systems to protect the human, animal and plant health*

Source of funding: EU (IPA-TAIB)

Date: 11 January 2017 – 10 July 2018

Budget: 700.000 EUR

Description: The overall objective of the project is to further develop the systems in the country to protect the human, animal and plant health, to increase the competitiveness and sustainability of domestic products of animal and non-animal origin and to promote their placing on the market into EU and other international markets, as well.

Reference No.: EuropeAid/139253/DH/SER/MK

Project Title: *Improved implementation of animal health, food safety and phytosanitary legislation and corresponding information system*

Source of funding: EU (IPA-TAIB)

Duration: 15 January 2019- 15 January 2021(Ongoing), extended until 13 May 2021

Budget: 1.591770 EUR

Description: The overall objective of this project is to protect human, animal and plant health as well as to improve the competitiveness of Macedonian agro-food products on the European and world markets. The purpose of this contract is to strengthen the existing systems of competent institutions and increase the public awareness, in order to improve the animal health, public health and plant health status in the country.

Project intervention has six main results to be achieved, out of which two are related to the phytosanitary area, which are:

- Design, development and implementation of the Phytosanitary Information System;
- Further development and strengthening of capacities of the CAs in the phytosanitary sector.

FAO supported Regional Project *Support for the enhancement of national plant pest surveillance and phytosanitary certification systems* that contributed to create an enabling environment to ensure the efficient work of CAs in the phytosanitary sector. The project covered training of national staff regarding plant pest surveillance and phytosanitary certification systems, pest laboratory diagnostic and preparation of Technical guidelines on integrated pest management (IPM) for the most economically important pests of grapevine, tomato and pepper production.

FAO supported Regional Project *Creating enabling environments for enhanced climate resilience in agriculture* will contribute to mainstreaming climate change adaptation processes in agriculture and food systems through enhancing resilient seed systems and promoting quality seeds of climate tolerant varieties.

3.4 List of applicable *Union acquis*/standards/norms:

This sector has a large number of adopted and harmonized regulations with EU legislation. However, the EU plant health regime has been improved since 2016, and new plant health and official laws adopted together with implementing and delegated acts. Therefore, this Twinning project will be focused on the new package of legislation, as follows:

(1) Plant health:

a. General Plant Health Law

- Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 of the European Parliament of the Council of 26 October 2016 on protective measures against pests of plants, amending financial regulation (EU) 652/2014 and (EU) No 1143/2014 and repealing control Directives 69/464/EEC, 74/647/EEC, 93/85/EEC, 98/57/EC, and the main plant health law, Council Directive 2000/29/EC (Plant Health Regulation, PHR)
- Regulation (EU) 2019/2072 of 28 November 2019 establishing uniform conditions for the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031
- Commission Directive 2004/105/EC of 15 October 2004 determining the models of official phytosanitary certificates or phytosanitary certificates for re-export accompanying plants, plant products or other objects from third countries and listed in Council Directive 2000/29/EC

- Commission Directive 93/51/EEC of 24 June 1993 establishing rules for movements of certain plants, plant products or other objects through a protected zone, and for movements of such plants, plant products or other objects originating in and moving within such a protected zone
- Commission Directive 93/50/EEC of 24 June 1993 specifying certain plants not listed in Annex V, part A to Council Directive 77/93/EEC, the producers of which, or the warehouses, dispatching centres in the production zones of such plants, shall be listed in an official register
- Commission Directive 92/105/EEC of 3 December 1992 establishing a degree of standardization for plant passports to be used for the movement of certain plants, plant products or other objects within the Community, and establishing the detailed procedures related to the issuing of such plant passports and the conditions and detailed procedures for their replacement; Amended by Directive 2005/17/EC
- Commission Directive 92/90/EEC of 3 November 1992 establishing obligations to which producers and importers of plants, plant products or other objects are subject and establishing details for their registration
- Commission Directive 92/70/EEC of 30 July 1992 laying down detailed rules for surveys to be carried out for purposes of the recognition of protected zones in the Community

b. Official Controls Law and import

- Regulation (EU) 2017/625 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2017 on official controls and other official activities performed to ensure the application of food and feed law, rules on animal health and welfare, plant health and plant protection products (Official Controls Regulation, OCR)

c. EU emergency measures on *Xylella fastidiosa*, *Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*, *Anoplophora chinensis*, *Spodoptera frugiperda*, and 12 other pests of plants

(2) Plant Protection Products Authorization:

- Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 concerning the placing of plant protection products on the market and repealing Council Directives 79/117/EEC and 91/414/EEC; Amended by Regulations: 541/2011, 518/2013, 652/2014, 2017/625, 2017/1432, 2018/605
- Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 February 2005 on maximum residue levels of pesticides in or on food and feed of plant and animal origin and amending Council Directive 91/414/EEC

(3) Sustainable use of Plant Protection Products:

- Directive 2009/128/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 establishing a framework for Community action to achieve the sustainable use of pesticides; Amended by Regulation (EU) No 652/2014; Directive (EU) 2019/782 and Regulation 2019/1243

(4) Plant variety rights:

- Council Regulation No 2100/94/EC of 27 July 1994 on Community plant variety rights
- Commission Regulation No 1238/95/EC of 31 May 1995 establishing implementing rules for the application of Council Regulation No 2100/94/EC as regards the fees payable to the Community Plant Variety Office
- Commission Regulation No 874/2009/EC of 17 September 2009 establishing implementing rules for the application of Council Regulation No 2100/94/EC) as regards proceedings before the Community Plant Variety Office
- Commission Regulation No 1768/95/EC of 24 July 1995 implementing rules on the agricultural exemption provided for in Article 14 (3) of Council Regulation No 2100/94/EC on Community plant variety rights
- Council Regulation No 2470/96/EC of 17 December 1996 providing for an extension of the terms of a Community plant variety right in respect of potatoes
- Directive No 2004/48/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the enforcement of intellectual property rights
- Regulation No 608/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 June 2013 concerning customs enforcement of intellectual property rights and repealing Council Regulation No 1383/2003/EC

(5) Quality of seeds and other plants for planting, General Marketing of Seeds Law and Marketing of Seeds implementing Directives:

- Council Directive No 66/401/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of fodder plant seed
- Council Directive No 66/402/EEC of 14 June 1966 on the marketing of cereal seed
- Council Directive No 68/193/EEC of 9 April 1968 on the marketing of material for the vegetative propagation of the vine
- Council Directive No 98/56/EC of 20 July 1998 on the marketing of propagating material of ornamental plants
- Council Directive No 2002/53/EC of 13 June 2002 on the common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species
- Council Directive No 2002/54/EC of 13 June 2002 on the marketing of beet seed
- Council Directive No 2002/55/EC of 13 June 2002 on the marketing of vegetable seed
- Council Directive No 2002/56/EC of 13 June 2002 on the marketing of seed potatoes
- Council Directive No 2002/57/EC of 13 June 2002 on the marketing of seed of oil and fiber plants
- Commission Directive No 2004/29/EC of 4 March 2004 on determining the characteristics and minimum conditions for inspecting vine varieties
- Council Directive No 2008/72/EC of 15 July 2008 on the marketing of vegetable propagating and planting material, other than seed
- Council Directive No 2008/90/EC of 29 September 2008 on the marketing of fruit plant propagating material and fruit plants intended for fruit production

3.5 Components and results per component

The project is structured in 3 (three) components due to complex regulatory framework and institutional structure of phytosanitary system in the country.

The following key results and sub-results are expected to be realized aiming to harmonize the legislation and strengthen institutional capacity of the Phytosanitary Directorate (PD), Directorate for Seed and Seedling Material (DSSM), State Phytosanitary Laboratory (SPL), Forestry Department (FD) and State Agriculture Inspectorate (SAI).

Component 1: Policy and legal framework development

Mandatory Result 1: National legislation harmonized with the relevant EU legislation and capacity strengthen in the area of plant protection, seed and seedling

Sub-result 1.1: Legal framework harmonized

Expected sub-results:

- A new Law on Plant Health and implementing legislation in line with *aquis* prepared
- Implementing legislation on seeds and other plants for planting, including forestry and breeders rights prepared
- Implementing legislation on sustainable use of plant protection products (PPPs) prepared
- Phytosanitary legislation in line with EU legislation on official controls developed.

Sub-result 1.2: Capacity of the phytosanitary CAs and other stakeholders enhanced

Expected sub-results

- Enhanced administrative, technical and inspection capacities for implementation of phytosanitary activities (such as surveys, pest risk assessment, contingency planning, field checks of seed crops and other plants for planting, including forestry plants, phytopharmacy etc.),
- System of monitoring and prognostic services for plant protection in all regions of the country developed.

Sub-result 1.3: Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) prepared and staff trained

Expected sub-results

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in different phytosanitary areas prepared.
- Capacities of the CAs staff related to field checks of seed crops and other plants for planting, including forestry in line with new EU plant health regime strengthened
- Knowledge for implementing the official certification procedures, production of seed and seedling materials by registered legal entities, testing in order to introduce new varieties, post control, conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources implementing the legislation on seed and seedling materials enhanced,
- Protocols for observation and prognostic methods in specific agricultural crops, such as fruit, vegetable and filed crops production and training in observation and prognostic

methods of common pests in specific agricultural crops, such as fruit, grape, vegetable and filed crops production prepared, and

- Technical specification for equipping the system for conservation of plant genetic resources (Gen –bank) drafted

Component 2: Management, Phytosanitary policy and its communication

Mandatory Result 2.1: Operational Phytosanitary Information System (PIS)

Expected sub-results

- Content adjustment and designing of new modules of existing PIS
- Recommendation for official website, communication and information sharing by sectors, such as: legislation in force and in drafting phase; status of regulated harmful organisms, registered plant protection products, active and other substances, multiannual survey program and annual reports provided

Mandatory Result 2.2: Communication of pest risk and crisis management

Expected sub-results

- Pest Risk Assessment and Contingency Plans for selected harmful organisms prepared
- Crisis management and communication simulated
- Operational manuals for different pests subject to contingency planning and guidelines in case of natural disasters developed

Component 3: Risk based official controls and other official activities

Mandatory Result 3.1: Diagnostic capacity of the official phytosanitary laboratory strengthened

Expected sub-results

- Quality and reliability of the methods of analysis and diagnosis with proficiency testing improved
- Laboratory methods in phytosanitary area in order to ensure the quality, uniformity and reliability of testing and diagnostic methods updated
- Recommendations for designation of National Reference Laboratory (NRL) provided

Mandatory Result 3.2: Official controls at import strengthened

Expected sub-results

- Risk based categorization of importers and commodities in line with EU practices revised and updated
- Supporting documents for phytosanitary inspectors in line with EU practices revised and updated (such as Manual for documentary, identity and plant health inspections, sampling and sending for testing)

Mandatory Result 3.3: Official controls in the market and production strengthened

Expected sub-results

- Risk based categorization of professional operators registered in the register established and action plan for collecting yet unregistered professional operators prepared.
- Manual for inspections of professional operators involved in processing and attestation of wood packing material (WPM) prepared
- Manual for inspections of authorized professional entities in the seed and seedling materials sector prepared.
- SOP for sampling of plants, plant products and other objects, including WPM
- SOP for sampling of seed and seedling materials for post control of production and imports prepared.

Mandatory Result 3.4: Export certification of plants and plant products strengthened

Expected sub-results

- Procedures for registration of exporters, shipment agents and other professional operators in Phyto-register and for issuing of an export phytosanitary certificate prepared.
- Manual for export certification in line with EU plant health law and International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) reviewed
- Model of phytosanitary certificates renewed and secured.
- Phytosanitary inspectors trained on export inspection procedures of plants and plant products

Mandatory Result 3.5: Monitoring and survey of growing plants established

Expected sub-results

- Administrative and technical implementation of integrated plant protection policy in regional centers established;
- Plant protection specialists acquainted with tasks of National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) to observe and report an occurrence of new harmful organisms or economic pests and diseases subject to necessary control trained;
- Monitoring and surveillance programs for priority and other quarantine harmful organisms implemented;
- Monitoring programs for PPPs implemented

3.6 Means/input from the EU Member State Partner Administration(s)*:

The project will be implemented between the final beneficiary country and EU Member State(s). The implementation of the project requires one Project Leader (PL) with responsibility for the

overall coordination of project activities and Resident Twinning Adviser (RTA) to manage implementation of project activities, short-term experts (STEs) in different phytosanitary areas, to assure the RTA an efficient implementation of the technical parts of the project and within the limits of the budget. It is essential that the team has sufficiently broad expertise to cover all areas included in the project description.

Proposals submitted by Member States shall be concise and focused on the strategy and methodology and an indicative timetable underpinning this, the administrative model suggested, the quality of the expertise to be mobilised and clearly show the administrative structure and capacity of the Member State entity/-ies. Proposals shall be detailed enough to respond adequately to the Twinning Fiche, but are not expected to contain a fully elaborated project. They shall contain enough detail about the strategy and methodology, and indicate the sequencing and mention key activities during the implementation of the project to ensure the achievement of overall and specific objectives and mandatory results/outputs.

The interested EU Member State(s) shall include in their proposal the CVs of the designated Project Leader (PL) and the Resident Twinning Adviser (RTA), as well as the CVs of the potentially designated Component Leaders-(CLs).

The Twinning project will be implemented by close co-operation among the partners aiming to achieve the mandatory results in sustainable manner.

The set of proposed activities will be further developed with the Twinning partners when drafting the initial work plan (covering at least the first six months of the project) and successive rolling work plan every three months, keeping in mind that the final list of activities will be decided in cooperation with the Twinning partner. The components are closely inter-linked and need to be sequenced accordingly.

3.6.1 Profile and tasks of the PL:

The Project Leader from the Member State must be a high-ranking public servant or equivalent staff but preferably the Head of a Department engaged in plant protection issues within a Member State Competent authority, with relevant working experience of at least 3 years.

He/she will be supported by his/her home administration for logistic, accounting and administrative affairs.

Qualifications and skills:

- Proven contractual relation to a public administration or mandated body (see Twinning Manual 4.1.4.2);
- At least a University degree in agronomy, forestry, biology or another field/ discipline relevant to the project or equivalent professional experience of 8 years;
- At least 3 years of relevant experience in the field of plant protection (plant health and/or plant protection products);
- Fluent written and spoken English.

Tasks:

- To conceive, supervise and coordinate the overall preparation of the project;
- Coordinate and monitor the overall implementation of the project including coordination and direction of the MSs TW partner;
- Co-ordination of MS experts' work and availability;
- Communication with the beneficiary and EUD;
- Ensuring the backstopping functions and financial management;
- Guaranteeing from the MS administration side, the successful implementation of the Project's work plan;
- Co-chair the Project Steering Committee Meetings with the BC PL;
- Preparation and signing of rolling work plans, interim, quarterly and final report.

3.6.2 Profile and tasks of the RTA:

One Resident Twinning Adviser (RTA) will be appointed, and he/she will be located in the premises of the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy – Phytosanitary Directorate. The secondment of the Resident Twinning Adviser will last 21 months, during which he/she will be responsible for the direct implementation of the project.

He/she will come from an EU Member State to work on a full time and day-to-day basis with the beneficiary administration. The Resident Twinning Adviser will have a key role in the coordination of the inputs required for the successful implementation of the project activities. He/she shall be supported by a pool of short – term experts.

Qualifications and skills:

- Proven contractual relation to a public administration or mandated body (see Twinning Manual 4.1.4.2);
- At least university degree in relevant disciplines such as agronomy, biology, horticulture or forestry with expertise on plant health and/or plant protection or equivalent professional experience of 8 years;
- Have at least of 3 years of experience in plant health and/or plant protection in the Member State Competent Authority.
- Experience in the implementation of EU-funded projects in fields related to agriculture and/or plant protection in pre-accession countries as an asset
- Proficiency in English, including effective spoken presentation and written reporting abilities
- Computer literacy at the user's level of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) and the Internet communication and information processing

Tasks:

As to the general responsibility of the day-to-day implementation of the Twinning project in the Beneficiary Country (BC), the Resident Twinning Adviser (RTA) tasks will include:

- Provision of technical advice and assistance to the administration in the BC in the context of a predetermined work-plan.
- Coordination of all project activities and experts' inputs in the country;
- Ensuring day-to-day implementation of the Twinning project in the BC;
- Ensuring smooth correlation between the activities, deadlines and the envisaged results in the Work Plans;
- To coordinate and organize training activities;
- To provide advice and assistance in drafting legal, application acts, guidelines, manuals etc. for implementation of the new legislation and supporting documents;
- Preparation of the materials and documentation for regular monitoring and reporting;
- Preparation of side letters;
- Taking corrective actions, if necessary, inside the terms of the signed contract.

RTA Assistant:

The RTA will be provided with a full-time RTA assistant acting as an assistant for technical and organizational support. The assistant will be contracted according to Twinning rules and paid from the Twinning budget. The assistant will be selected through an open call. The role of RTA Assistant is to support the RTA in the project management. In addition, the assistant will be responsible for organization of meetings, seminars etc. and their logistics, as well as interpretation and translation.

Full time translator/interpreter:

A full-time translator / interpreter will be selected through an open call and will be contracted according to the Twinning rules and paid from the Twinning budget. The full-time translator / interpreter will be involved in all necessary project activities (training sessions, translation of project documents/reports and materials, organizational activities, etc.). The role of the translator/interpreter will be to provide translation and editing as well as interpretation services to the Twinning project in general.

4. Budget

| Twinning Contract | Total (EUR) | IPA Community contribution | | National Public contribution | |
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| | | EUR | % | EUR | % |
| | 900,000.00 | 900,000.00 | 100 | / | / |

5. Implementation Arrangements

5.1 The Delegation of European Union will act as a Contracting Authority for the project, which will be responsible for all aspects for the project's tendering, contracting and payments.

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5.2 Institutional framework

The beneficiary institution of this project is the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy of the Republic of North Macedonia.

MAFWE- PD will be directly responsible for co-ordination and management of the project and will support the project team in organizational and technical matters.

Phytosanitary Directorate (PD) - National Plant Protection Organization (NPPO) creates national policies and drafts legislation in the area of plant health and plant protection.

Other CAs are as follows:

- Directorate for Seed and Seedling Materials (DSSM) creates a national policy and preparation of legislation in the area of seed and seedling material, in particular marketing and quality of the seed and seedling material,
- State Phytosanitary Laboratory (SPL) single laboratory which is involved in analyzing samples taken in import and internal market checks and responsible for carrying out tests on plants, plant products, soil and pests; carrying out analyses on the risk of the spread of plant quarantine organisms,
- State Agriculture Inspection (SAI) responsible for inland and border phytosanitary controls on consignments for plant and plant products, plant protection products, seed and seedling of agricultural products

- Forestry Department, responsible for plant protection of forest and forest reproductive material.
- Public service providers and holders of public authorizations which are responsible for the activities in the area of plant health and plant protection performed by legal and natural entities which have obtained public authorizations and other legal and natural entities.

5.3 Counterparts in the Beneficiary administration:

The PL and RTA counterpart will be staff of the Beneficiary administration and will be actively involved in the management and coordination of the project.

5.3.1 Contact person:

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5.3.2 PL counterpart

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6. Duration of the project

The overall execution period of the Twinning contract is 24 months.

The implementation period of the Action will last 21 months. The execution period of the contract shall enter into force upon the date of notification by the Contracting Authority of the contract signed by all parties, whereas it shall end 3 months after the implementation period of the Action.

7. Management and reporting

7.1 Language

The official language of the project is the one used as contract language under the instrument (English). All formal communications regarding the project, including interim and final reports, shall be produced in the language of the contract.

7.2 Project Steering Committee

A project steering committee (PSC) shall oversee the implementation of the project. The main duties of the PSC include verification of the progress and achievements *via-à-vis* the mandatory results/outputs chain (from mandatory results/outputs per component to impact), ensuring good coordination among the actors, finalising the interim reports and discuss the updated work plan. Other details concerning the establishment and functioning of the PSC are described in the Twinning Manual.

7.3 Reporting

All reports shall have a narrative section and a financial section. They shall include as a minimum the information detailed in section 5.5.2 (interim reports) and 5.5.3 (final report) of the Twinning Manual. Reports need to go beyond activities and inputs. Two types of reports are foreseen in the framework of Twinning: interim quarterly reports and final report. An interim quarterly report shall be presented for discussion at each meeting of the PSC. The narrative part shall primarily take stock of the progress and achievements *via-à-vis* the mandatory results and provide precise recommendations and corrective measures to be decided by in order to ensure the further progress.

8. Sustainability

The sustainable perspective and benefits of the project will be reflected through strengthening of institutional capacities of MAFWE and other CAs by the envisaged trainings and enhancing the processes related to the capacity for successful implementation of the phytosanitary policy in the country.

9. Crosscutting issues

Equal opportunities and gender mainstreaming:

The country has put in place the legal framework to ensure gender equality through the adoption of the Law on equal opportunities for women and men and the Law on prevention of and protection from discrimination.

Equal opportunity principles and practices in ensuring equal gender participation in the Project will be guaranteed. The competent institutions involved in the project execution will observe equal opportunity of women and men in the human resources development and capacity building activities. The beneficiary will ensure equal access of men and women to the project activities and results and all other forms of discrimination will be eliminated.

Another important opportunity to enhance the equal opportunities between men and women is provided through Gender Responsible Budget concept. In 2012, the country adopted a Strategy for Gender Responsible Budgeting. Accordingly, the Ministry of Finance amended the budget instructions in view of introducing gender budget analysis and is continuously implementing different gender budget initiatives. The Project is expected to further support this process.

Minorities and vulnerable groups:

All sector activities will support the Ohrid Framework Agreement and “Race directive” 2000 (2000/43/EC of 29 June 2000), in particular local governance and local economic development, in accordance with the principles of subsidiarity and participatory development, as well as social

cohesion and good inter-community relations, based on the principles of mutual tolerance. The implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement has an important impact on employment (incl. vocational training, working conditions, social protection etc.) and is also a crucial aspect of the acquis.

Simultaneously, equal representation of minorities and vulnerable groups will be the guaranteed principle. The institutions involved in the execution of the activities will observe equal opportunity for all citizens regardless of their ethnic, religious background or other type of social risk they face, in the sphere of human resources development.

Engagement with civil society:

This Twinning Fiche will involve civil society, academia, think tanks and other stakeholders when needed.

Environment and climate change:

The activities under this Twinning Fiche do not have a direct global impact on the protection of the environment. For all the activities, however, recycling of paper and the reduction of paper-based activities is recommended.

10. Conditionality and sequencing

The implementation of this project requires the full commitment and participation of the senior management of the final beneficiary institution. In addition to providing the twinning partner with adequate staff and other resources to operate effectively, the senior management must be actively involved in the development and implementation of the policies and institutional change required to deliver the project results.

Conditionality

- Appointment of counterpart personnel by the beneficiary before the launch of the call of proposal and guaranteeing the continuity of the appointed and trained staff;
- Allocation of working space and facilities by the final beneficiary within the premises of the final beneficiaries before contract signature;
- Participation by the beneficiary in the selection process as per EU regulations;
- Organisation, selection and appointment of members of working groups, steering and coordination committees, seminars by the beneficiaries;
- Use and application of project outputs.

11. Indicators for performance measurement

Component 1: Policy and legal framework development

Mandatory Result 1: *Harmonization of the relevant EU legislation and capacity development in the area of plant protection, seed*

Sub-result 1.1: *Legal framework harmonized*

Indicators of achievement:

- draft text of the new Law on Plant Health and corresponding implementing legislation (including ToCs) prepared and approved,
- implementing legislation on seed and planting material, including forestry and breeders rights (including ToCs) prepared
- implementing legislation in the area of sustainable use of plant protection products (including TOCs) developed,
- draft text on legislation related to official controls and other official activities in the phytosanitary, seed and other relevant areas finalized and approved.

Sub-result 1.2: *Capacity of the phytosanitary CAs and other stakeholders enhanced*

Indicators of achievement:

- Organizational plan for implementation of phytosanitary activities developed;
- Number of phytosanitary CAs staff trained
- Operational Plan for the setting up an efficient network of prognostic and reporting services developed.

Sub-result 1.3: *Applicable Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) prepared and staff trained*

Indicators of achievement:

- Number of SOPs in different phytosanitary areas prepared;
- Number of trainings in the field checks of seed crops and other plants for planting, including forestry in line with new EU plant health regime realized;
- Number of Protocols for observation and prognostic methods in specific agricultural crops, such as fruit, vegetable and field crops production developed;
- IPM Programs for specific agricultural crops developed.
- Training Program for phytosanitary inspectors for recognition of symptoms and signs of infestation during plant health checks of consignments and official plant health checks of seed crops and other plants for planting, including forestry plants
- Number of trainings performed
- Number of inspectors trained
- Number of technicians/experts/advisors trained
- Technical specification for equipping the system for conservation of plant genetic resourcedrafted

Component 2: Management, Phytosanitary policy and its communication

Mandatory Result 2.1: *Operational Phytosanitary Information System (PIS)*

Indicators of achievement:

- Number of designed new components/modules of the PIS
- Proposal for operational website within the PIS web portal prepared

Mandatory Result 2.2: *Communication of pest risk and crisis management*

Indicators of achievement:

- Contingency plans and operational manuals for different harmful organisms subject to contingency planning prepared
- Number of Communication Plans prepared
- Guidelines for natural disaster prepared

Component 3: Risk based official controls and other official activities

Mandatory Result 3.1: *Diagnostic capacity of the official phytosanitary laboratory strengthened*

Indicators of achievement:

- Number of diagnostic protocols revised and approved
- Number of testing protocols developed;
- Protocols, guidelines, procedures for an efficient cooperation in proficiency testing established
- at least 4 methods and procedures for testing residues of PPPs introduced
- Report on Conditions for designation and accreditation of NRL
- Established cooperation in proficiency testing

Mandatory Result 3.2: *Official controls at import strengthened*

Indicators of achievement:

- Risk-based categorization of importers and commodities developed
- Manual for documentary, identity and plant health inspections prepared containing a number of guidelines and checklists for different commodities developed
- Number of SOP for sampling and sending for testing prepared

Mandatory Result 3.3: *Official controls in the market and production strengthened*

Indicators of achievement:

- Report on consistency of professional operators potentially registrable
- Manual for inspections of professional operators involved in processing and attestation of wood packing material (WPM) prepared
- Number of procedure for sampling of plants, plant products and other objects, including WPM and sending for laboratory testing

- Manual for inspections of authorized professional entities in the seed and seedling materials sector
- SOP for sampling of seed and seedling materials for post control of production and imports

Mandatory Result 3.4: *Export certification of plants and plant products strengthened*

Indicators of achievement:

- Procedures for registration of exporters and other operators involved into export
- Procedures for issuing of an export phytosanitary certificate
- Manual for export certification in line with EU plant health law and International Plant Protection Convention
- Assessment of the phytosanitary certificates forms
- Number of plant inspectors trained

Mandatory Result 3.5: *Monitoring and survey of growing plants strengthened*

Indicators of achievement:

- Assessment on implementation of integrated plant protection policy in regional centers
- Number of phytosanitary CAs staff trained for performing official controls and other official activities like surveys and monitoring
- Guidelines for monitoring check conducted in surveys based on the newly adopted implementing legislation and working documents
- Surveillance Programs for priority and other quarantine harmful organisms
- Number of laboratory tested harmful organisms in monitoring and surveillance program
- Recommendation for establishment of agro-meteorological stations network for the territory of the country prepared
- Number of NPPO reports prepared based on the collected, processed and analyzed data from monitoring and surveillance programs.

12. Facilities available

MAFWE and SAI will dedicate all necessary human and institutional resources in order to guarantee an effective implementation of the respective project. In particular, the Beneficiary institution will ensure the availability of the following provisions:

- Adequately equipped office space for the RTA and assistants, and short-term experts for the entire duration of their secondment with a level of equipment at least comparable to that in use in the final beneficiary administration;
- Adequate conditions for the STEs to perform their work while on mission to the BC;
- Training and conference venues as well as presentation and interpretation equipment.

ANNEXES TO PROJECT FICHE

1. Simplified Logical Framework

ANNEX I - Simplified Logical Framework

| | Description | Indicators (with relevant baseline and target data) | Sources of verification | Risks | Assumptions (external to project) |
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| the overall objective | to protect the human, animal and plant health, as well as the environment and to increase the competitiveness and sustainability of domestic production of plants and plant products | Increased the quality and safety of domestic production and consumption of plant and plant products | Project Final Report, EC Progress Report Adopted legislation, State Statistical Office | Lack of commitment from the managers/high level decision-making of the beneficiary institutions and relevant personnel to participate in the activities of the project; Lack of co-operation and coordination between the different CAs in the phytosanitary system | Government maintains its efforts to adopt the Union acquis and to pave the way for final EU accession; |
| the specific objective of this project | to improve the efficiency of the National plant protection system, ensuring proper | Relevant phytosanitary legislation developed and implemented Increased export of plant and plant products | Project Final Report, EC Progress Report and other relevant | Lack of commitment from the managers/high level decision- | - The beneficiary country continuously support the RTA |

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| | implementation of national policy and legislation in line with the Union <i>aquis</i> . | | documents and reports State Statistical Office | making of the beneficiary institutions and relevant personnel to participate in the activities of the project; Lack of co-operation and coordination between the different CAs in the phytosanitary system | and STEs in the implementation of project activities - Commitment from national authority in progress |
| Component 1: Policy and legal framework development | | | | | |
| Mandatory Result 1: <i>Harmonization of the relevant EU legislation and capacity development in the area of plant protection, seed and seedling</i> | | | | | |
| Sub-result 1.1: Legal framework harmonized | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - new Law on Plant Health and corresponding implementing legislation (including ToCs) - three (3) relevant implementing legislation on seed and planting material, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reports, ToC, plans, programmes, draft legislation - Official Journal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of commitment of CAs - Insufficient human and technical resources for | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment from national authorities in implementation of the projects and openness to adopt new |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> including forestry and breeders rights(including ToCs) - four (4) implementing legislation in the area of sustainable use of plant protection products (including TOCs), - text on legislation related to official controls and other official activities in the phytosanitary, seed and other relevant areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MAFWE and SAI web page - Project documents and reports | daily work with Twinning partner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> working procedures and methods - Available human resources, CA staff - Permanent political commitment for adoption of the legislation |
| Sub-result 1.2: <i>Capacity of the phytosanitary CAs and other stakeholders enhanced</i> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organizational plan for implementation of phytosanitary activities relevant phytosanitary CAs staff trained - Operational Plan for the setting up an efficient network of prognostic and reporting services. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reports, procedures, plans, programmes, - Project documents and reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of commitment of CAs - Insufficient human and technical resources for daily work with Twinning partner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment from national CAs to work with Twinning partner - Sustainability of the staff trained within the project - Available human resources, CA staff and advisors in the National extension agency; |
| Sub-result 1.3: <i>Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) prepared and staff trained</i> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Five (5) SOPs in different phytosanitary areas; - Relevant number of trainings in the field checks of seed crops and other plants for planting, including forestry in line | SOPs, reports, guidelines, protocols, programmes, checks lists Training Program, Report, Lists of | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of commitment of CAs - Insufficient human and technical resources for | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment from national CAs to work with Twinning partner - Available human resources, CA staff and advisors |

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| | | <p>with new EU plant health regime; Relevant number of training implementing the official certification procedures, production of seed and seedling materials by registered legal entities, testing in order to introduce new varieties, post control, conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources implementing the legislation on seed and seedling materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Five (5) Protocols for observation and prognostic methods in specific agricultural crops, such as fruit, vegetable and field crops production; - Technical specification for equipping the system for conservation of plant genetic resource | <p>participants, and other documents</p> | <p>daily work with Twinning partner</p> | <p>in the National extension agency; - Sustainability of the staff trained within the project</p> |
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| Component 3: Management, Phytosanitary policy and its communication | | | | | |
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| Mandatory Result 2.1: <i>Operational Phytosanitary Information System (PIS)</i> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number (5) of designed new components/modules of PIS - operational website within the PIS web portal | Project Report and functional PIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of commitment of CAs - Insufficient human and technical resources for daily work with Twinning partner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment from national CAs to work with Twinning partner - Commitment of the high management staff to the project activities and reforms - Sustainability of the staff trained within the project |
| Mandatory Result 2.2: <i>Communication of pest risk and crisis management</i> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PRAs and Contingency plans and operational manuals for three (3) harmful organisms subject to contingency planning - Number of Communication Plans - Guidelines for natural disaster | Contingency plans, MAFWE and SAI web page, Project Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of commitment of CAs - Insufficient human and technical resources for daily work with Twinning partner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment from national CAs to work with Twinning partner - Commitment of the high management staff to the project activities and reforms - Sustainability of the staff trained within the project |
| Component 3: Risk based official controls and other official activities | | | | | |

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| <p>Mandatory Result 3.1: <i>Diagnostic capacity of the official phytosanitary laboratory strengthened</i></p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Number of diagnostic protocols revised and testing protocols; - Protocols, guidelines, procedures for an efficient cooperation in proficiency testing established - at least 4 methods and procedures for testing residues of PPPs - Report on Conditions for designation and accreditation of NRL - Established cooperation in proficiency testing - | <p>Diagnostic protocols, Procedures, Guidelines, Projects Reports Guidelines and Protocols</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of commitment of CAs - Insufficient human and technical resources for daily work with Twinning partner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment from national SPL to work with Twinning partner - Commitment of the high management staff to the project activities and reforms - Sustainability of the staff trained within the project |
| <p>Mandatory Result 3.2: <i>Official controls at import strengthened</i></p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk-based categorization of importers and commodities developed - Manual for documentary, identity and plant health inspections prepared containing a number of guidelines and checklists for different commodities developed - | <p>SOP, manuals, Project reports</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of commitment of CAs - Insufficient human and technical resources for daily work with Twinning partner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment from national SAI to work with Twinning partner - Commitment of the high management staff to the project activities and reforms - Sustainability of the staff trained within the project |

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| <p>Mandatory Result 3.3: <i>Official controls in the market and production strengthened</i></p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report on consistency of professional operators potentially registrable - Manual for inspections of professional operators involved in processing and attestation of wood packing material (WPM) prepared - Manual for inspections of authorized professional entities in the seed and seedling materials sector - - SOP for sampling of plants, plant products and other objects, including WPM and sending for laboratory testing - SOP for sampling of seed and seedling materials for post control of production and imports | <p>Project report MAFWE and SAI web pages</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of commitment of CAs - Insufficient human and technical resources for daily work with Twinning partner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment from national SAI staff to work with Twinning partner - Commitment of the high management staff to the project activities and reforms - Sustainability of the staff trained within the project |
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| <p>Mandatory Result: <i>Export certification of plants and plant products strengthened</i></p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procedures for registration of exporters and other operators involved into export - Manual for issuing of an export phytosanitary certificate - Manual for export certification in line with EU plant health law and International Plant Protection Convention - Assessment of the phytosanitary certificates forms - Relevant number of plant inspectors trained on export procedures of plants and plant products | <p>Project Reports</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of commitment of CAs - Insufficient human and technical resources for daily work with Twinning partner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment from national CAs to work with Twinning partner - Commitment of the high management staff to the project activities and reforms - Sustainability of the staff trained within the project |
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| <p>Mandatory Result 3.5: <i>Monitoring and survey of growing plants strengthened</i></p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment on implementation of integrated plant protection policy in regional centers - Number of NPPO reports based on the collected, processed and analyzed data from monitoring and surveillance programs. - Surveillance Programs for priority and other quarantine harmful organisms - - Monitoring programs on PPPs | <p>Project Reports</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of commitment of CAs - Insufficient human and technical resources for daily work with Twinning partner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commitment from national CAs to work with Twinning partner - Commitment of the high management staff to the project activities and reforms - Sustainability of the staff trained within the project |
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List of abbreviations

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| AP | Accession Partnership |
| BC | Beneficiary Country |
| BCPL | Beneficiary Country Project Leader |
| CA | Contracting Authority |
| CAs | Competent Authorities |
| DEU | Delegation of European Union |
| DSSM | Directorate for Seed and Seedling Materials |
| EC | European Community |
| EPPO | European Plant Protection Organization |
| EU | European Union |
| FD | Forestry Department |
| IPA | Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance |
| IPM | Integrated Pest Management |
| IPPC | International Plant Protection Convention |
| MAFWE | Ministry of Agriculture Forestry and Water Economy |
| MANCP | Multi Annual National Control Plan |
| MS | Member State |
| MSPL | Member State Project Leader |
| MSs TW | Member States Twinning |
| NAP | National Action Plan |
| NEA | National Extension Agency; |
| NPAA | National Programme for the Adoption of the Acquis |
| NPPO | National Plant Protection Organization |
| NRL | National Reference Laboratory |
| PD | Phytosanitary Directorate |
| PL | Project Leader |
| PPPs | Plant Protection Products |
| PSC | Project Steering Committee |
| QP | Quarantine pests |

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| RNQPs | Regulated non-quarantine pests |
| RTA | Resident Twinning Advisor |
| RTA | Resident Twinning Adviser |
| SAA | Stabilization and Association Agreement |
| SAI | State Agriculture Inspectorate |
| SOPs | Standard Operating Procedures |
| SPL | State Phytosanitary Laboratory |
| STE | Short term Expert |
| TAIB | Transition Assistance and Institution Building |
| WPM | Wood Packaging Material |

