

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment of Cyprus
and
the Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights of Malta
and
the Ministry of Rural Development and Food of Greece**

hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”;

Desiring to enhance and fortify the relationship between the three countries in the agricultural sector;

Acknowledging that strengthened cooperation will yield mutual benefits;

Have reached the following understanding:

Paragraph 1

The Participants will engage in regular consultations to assess all aspects of their bilateral relations and advance cooperation in agriculture.

All consultations will adhere fully to existing regulations and international commitments made by the Participants.

Paragraph 2

Consultations may encompass all areas of agricultural policy, including education, science, economic cooperation, and matters of common interest related to agriculture.

Paragraph 3

Consultations under this Memorandum of Understanding will take place between experts and/or senior officials from each Participant, who can meet online or, if possible, in person. The dates and agenda for consultations will be determined through direct communication at the expert and/or senior official level between the Participants.

Paragraph 4

The Participants may establish working groups, with equal representation from each Participant, nominated by their respective authorities, to delve into specific areas of cooperation outlined in this Memorandum. Working groups will report their findings to the relevant national authorities for consideration.

Paragraph 5

The Participants will periodically identify specific areas within agriculture in which they seek to deepen their cooperation.

Paragraph 6

Without prejudice to Paragraph 5, the Participants intend in particular to cooperate in any of the following fields:

Agriculture

- a. Capacity building through expert exchanges, internships, study visits, etc., focusing on:
 - i. Soil Quality,
 - ii. Carbon Sequestration,
 - iii. Oxide Emissions,
 - iv. Support for Young Farmers,
 - v. Empowerment of Women in Farming
 - vi. Advancements in Animal Welfare on Farms,
 - vii. Water Management.
- b. Alternative and Sustainable Farming Methods (e.g., hydroponics, aquaponics).
- c. Facilitating access to formal education and/or training.
- d. Providing advice on legislative revisions and sharing best practices.
- e. Promoting cooperation on projects aiding small farmers in value addition, especially in marketing and processing.
- f. Establishing or reinforcing information systems for agriculture.
- g. Facilitating exchange visits for farmers.

Paragraph 7

The provisions of this Memorandum may be modified and amended based on the needs and interests of the Participants, provided that any modifications or amendments are duly jointly decided upon and signed by all the Participants.

Paragraph 8

This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect upon signature by the authorized representatives of the Participants.

This Memorandum will remain in effect for five (5) years from the date of signing and will be automatically renewed for similar periods unless one Participant notifies the others in writing, at least six (6) months in advance, of its intention to terminate the Memorandum. In such case, the Memorandum will be terminated for all Participants, unless the other two Participants jointly decide that the Memorandum will remain effective between them.

This Memorandum is not legally binding and does not create any rights or obligations under international law. All activities under this Memorandum will be carried out in accordance with the national legislation of the States of the Participants, including the applicable legislation of the European Union.


Signed in Brussels, Belgium, on the 23rd of September 2024, in three originals, in the English language.

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