

 <p>МІНІСТЕРСТВО АГРАРНОЇ ПОЛІТИКИ ТА ПРОДОВОЛЬСТВА УКРАЇНИ</p>	 <p>Проект фінансується Європейським Союзом</p>	 <p>Проект впроваджується консорціумом на чолі з WYG International</p>
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WTO and Neighbourhood Policy

Ukraine welcomes the European Parliament's resolution, the director of the Foreign Ministry's Information Policy Department Oleg Voloshin said. "Ukraine welcomes the fact that Europe recognized Ukraine's aspirations for EU membership pursuant to art. 49 of the EC Treaty. Since the upcoming negotiations will not be the easy ones, we hope that our European counterparts will take the European Parliament's recommendations into account. For us it is very important to include the clause on Ukraine's aspirations for EU membership into the Association Agreement and the European Parliament's support is extremely important", Mr. Voloshin said.

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The European Parliament supported the joint resolution on Ukraine. Voting took place on EP's plenary session in Strasbourg without prior discussion. In its resolution, the EP proposed that the European Commission hold a meeting with Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich ahead of the Ukraine-EU Summit in order "re-establish a constructive dialogue." "The EP considers that the recently postponed meeting with President Yanukovich would have offered an excellent opportunity to tackle serious concerns addressed towards the Ukrainian government and re-establish a constructive dialogue that could lead to the Association Agreement to be initiated provided there is significant progress on both technical and vital political obstacles still in place; calls on the EU Council and the European Commission to reschedule the recently postponed meeting with President Yanukovich ahead of the foreseen EU-Ukraine Summit in December 2011", reads the document. This clause is one of the closing in the resolution.

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The Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs considers the European Parliament's resolution on Ukraine to be the State's success. European Parliament's resolution indicates support of Ukraine's European aspirations, the foreign minister Konstantin Grishchenko said.

Visa-free regime not in a long-term perspective and the right granted to Ukraine to apply for full membership in the EU after achieving certain criteria are, according to the ministry, among the positives brought by the resolution. Mr. Grishchenko assured that the work to correct the critical points indicated in the resolution will be fruitful. He said: "Equally important are European Parliament's calls for EU Council and Commission to conclude the negotiations on the Association Agreement. These negotiations came to the finish line, and we believe that there are all preconditions to complete them in the near future. We are willing to continue and deepen the dialogue with the EU on all issues."

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The Ukrainian Government acknowledged the fact that signing the FTA with the European

Union will automatically mean that Ukraine will not be able to enter into any other union. This was announced by the Government Commissioner for European Integration Valery Pyatnitskij. "One can not even imagine that after, for example, five years of implementing the FTA with the EU, Ukraine will come up with an idea to join some other union, since the process of European integration will be irreversible by then, and we will switch to absolutely different standards and rules. It is therefore desirable for the FTA with the EU to be signed", Mr. Pyatnitskij said. Comparing the FTAs with the EU and the CIS, Mr. Pyatnitskij noted that they are substantially different in their nature. "The FTA with the EU is a civilizational one, while the CIS FTA is just a framework agreement. Hopefully we will introduce European philosophy into the CIS agreements", he said, adding that the CIS FTA covers only trade in goods and includes only basic things such as abolition of custom duties. "The FTA with the EU includes sections on "sustainable development", a matter not covered by the CIS FTA. The old type agreements do not cover social and environmental issues, while the new type agreements just can't do without them, since trade and production affect the environment", Mr. Pyatnitskij said. He noted that, given the depth and breadth of the agreement, the FTA with the EU will be integrative in its nature.

LIHABusinessInform, 29.10.2011

Food Safety

International experts expressed concerns about the fact that Ukrainian customs authorities can possibly be entrusted with inspecting food products at the border. According to experts, food border checks should be carried out exclusively by the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine. This was discussed on 28th of October in Krakow (Poland) during plenary sessions of the international conference entitled "Harmonisation of Veterinary, Phytosanitary and Food Quality and Safety Regulations of the Eastern Partnership Member States with those of the European Union" and during the meeting of the Chairman of the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine Ivan Bisyuk with the representatives of the European Commission Directorate General for Health and Consumer Protection (DG SANCO).

The parties agreed that customs services are not able to assess food risks, and, if entrusted with control over animal and vegetable products, can adversely affect food security and international trade and threaten epizootic and phytosanitary welfare.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 28.10.2011

Enforcement activities against illegal circulation of animal products are continued to be carried out in Ukraine. 52,125 kg of feed grain and fodder were found to be stored in a private storehouse without the proper documents in Alchevsk, Luhansk oblast. The feed production facilities were found to be operating without permits. The feed was withdrawn from circulation, the private entrepreneur fined, and the activities of his enterprise suspended.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 31.10.2011

October 26, 2011 - the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service allowed the import of Lithuanian pigs and products thereof, since, according to the official report of the International Epizootic Office, no cases of Classical Swine Plague are reported in Lithuania. It was in June that Ukraine banned the import of live pigs and products thereof from Lithuania.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 31.10.2011

Three meat companies (Lehko, KremenchuhMyaso and Druzhba Narodiv) agreed to participate in the independent audit of the Consumer Expertise Institute which is supported by public authorities. The audit will be held from 3rd to 22nd of November.

The Supervisory Board of the "Independent Audit of Meat and Meat Products Manufacturers"

includes the experts from the Ministry of Health, Eco-Hygiene and Toxicology Institute, Institute of Nutrition at the Ministry of Health, and State Sanitary and Epidemiological Service.

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Market infrastructure

The State Statistics Service reports that the aggregate index of agricultural production expenditures has increased by 1.5% in September 2011, if compared with the previous month, and by 18.1% in January-September 2011, if compared with the corresponding period in 2010.

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The Ukrainian Agrarian Confederation reports that in July-October 2011 Ukraine's grain and oilseed exports totalled respectively 4.8 and 0.8 million tons. In October the grain exports amounted to some 1.5 million tons, including 1 million tons of maize, 0.3 million tons of barley and 0.2 million tons of wheat. Although this year there has been a large harvest of grain in Ukraine, its exports decreased by 200 thousand tons, if compared with the same period last year, when grain export quotas were introduced, and by 2 times, if compared with 2009. According to the UAC CEO Sergiy Stoyanov, these were the export duties which had been in force from July 1 to October 22 that have negatively affected the grain exports, and the changes in VAT treatment of rape production which had been introduced in July 2011 that have caused a significant drop in oilseed exports (from 1.1 million tons in 2010 to 0.8 million tons in 2010).

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 01.11.2011

Rural Development

Kherson land surveyors prepared all the documents needed to allocate land for Eneco-Ukraine Company (a subsidiary of Eneco Wind Energy Investment Fund Ltd., a company from Greece) to construct wind parks in Southern Ukraine with total capacity to 600 MW. The total area of 1.1 thousand hectares in Chaplyne, Kalanchak, Novotroitske, Hola Pristan and Henichesk rayons of Kherson oblast will be allocated for this purpose.

Construction works will be completed by the end of 2014. The Regional Energy Efficiency Programme will allow local residents to save 168 million cubic meters of gas per year with annual revenues to the State and local budgets amounting to some UAH 235 million.

<http://agroua.net>, 27.10.2011

The Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Mykola Zlochevskij signed the Agreement on Establishing the Western Polisia Transboundary Biosphere Reserve, consisting of Shatsky reserve (Ukraine), Pribuzhske Polisia reserve (Belarus) and Western Polisia reserve (Poland).

"An environmental information-exchange system will be introduced and joint environmental monitoring will be carried out", Mr. Zlochevsky said. There also will be created a Coordinating Council to develop, adopt and implement joint plans and programmes to protect biological and landscape diversity and ensure sustainable development of the area. Joint research and environmental monitoring will be conducted to study how wetlands react to global warming.

www.kmu.gov.ua, 28.10.2011

The Government adopted the Action Plan for implementing the land reform and creating a transparent agricultural land market. The Cabinet's resolution № 1072-r from 26.10.2011 establishes deadlines for drafting the law amending some legislative acts to facilitate the delineation of municipal boundaries (October-November 2011); the law adopting the National Target Program on Development of Land Relations in Ukraine till 2020 (February 2012); and the

law abolishing free land privatization (August 2012). The Government also ordered the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food and the State Land Agency to raise the awareness of the public on land-related developments in 2011-12.

The State Land Agency, 02.11.2011