Bio-economy agriculture in the Republic of Moldova

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Facts about Moldova

General facts:
Geographical position: Eastern Europe, having Romania at West and Ukraine at North and East, as neighbors
Capital and largest city : Chisinau
Population: 3,559,500 as of 2012
Government: Unitary parliamentary republic
Area: 33,846 km²
Currency: Moldovan Leu

Political facts:
Associated to the European Union and European Economic Area
Member of Easter Partnership

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Administrative facts:
- 2 Municipalities, 32 counties, 1 Autonomous Territorial Unit Gagauzia and 1 Separatist region of Transnistria
- 4 Regions of Development: North, Centre, South and Gagauzia

Economic facts:
GDP of EUR 6,188 billions (2015)
Agriculture and food industry represents one of the main economic sectors
Solidarity and Progress Foundation

Solidarity and Progress Foundation is a non-governmental and non-profit organization established in 2013 with the main purpose to contribute to the development of the Moldovan society, through the implementation of local, national and international projects.

Main Goals:
1. Development and promotion of volunteering concept among population;

2. Facilitate farmers' organization to take lead role on mobilizing support services and resources;

3. Reasoned and rational economic and social policies, developed in the interest of citizens;

4. To educate, support, and enroll farmers in the process of Organic Certification and increase the land to meet better the current growing demand for organic products.

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Overview of the presentation

In the Republic of Moldova the promotion and implementation of the ecological agriculture model is fully justified in the context of growing demand of fruits on the EU market, natural resources of Republic of Moldova and its capacity of development and assimilation of innovative solutions.

Organic agriculture is growing in Moldova and contributes significantly to the global agricultural exports. While only 1.7% of the managed land is managed efficient in terms of "organic", organic products exports represent more than 11% of agricultural exports.
Proposed actions to support the development of a bio-based economy

• Fostering effective governance and involvement of the society through transparent communication and stakeholder involvement at all levels

• Building competitive bio-based industries by developing an eco-label for bio-based products, improving the availability of raw materials, creating a level playing field, and providing special actions for growing SMEs or start-ups.

• Creating an enabling policy setting introducing a new agricultural raw material policy, providing a clear political commitment and continuous coordination between relevant bio-based economy sectors and policies, addressing bio-based economy needs in updates to major EU and national legislation.

• Address the international dimension of the bio-based economy by taking a leading role in promoting international cooperation in bio-based research on societal challenges of relevance to developing countries aiming to meet global commitments and goals and in developing internationally shared sustainable frameworks for global and regional partnerships.

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Thank you for your attention!

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