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UA-EU CSP 10 YEARS: paving the way to the European Union (quoting for agrarian sector)

The progress

These are three achievements in agrarian sphere signaling that Ukraine is ready to join the EU economy and markets:

- 1) Three basic pillars for food safety (planting, animal husbandry, food processing) are harmonized by laws 'On state regulation of plant protection', 'On veterinary medicine and animal welfare', 'On the basic principles and requirements for the safety and quality of food products'
- 2) State control system for agro and food is reformed according to EU rules: risk-oriented approach is implemented, state control is performed on the basis of unified check-lists
- 3) Digital Agrarian Register is launched, state financial support is turning more and more to small farmers, the former state fund financing farmers' activity since 1997 is transferring into National payment agency

Challenges

Structure of the Ukrainian agrarian sector differs from the EU one. During the war the big producers become stronger, small farming losing potential due to recruiting owners and workers to the front line.

Hybrid influence and Russian propaganda try to exaggerate problems in the agrarian sector and penetrate to all levels of sectoral management in Ukraine as well as abroad, including for substitution of authentic representatives at the EU level.

Perspectives

Cooperation of the EU with Ukrainian agrarian sector will be extremely successful if realized in two ways:

- 1) for small Ukrainian farmers: to harmonize agrarian policy and entering EU CAP network
- 2) for big and middle Ukrainian agrarian producers: to guarantee together the world food security according to FAO and UN goals, agenda and programs

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