

# NEWSLETTER

## “ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUNCTIONAL ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION (AIR) SYSTEM IN ARMENIA” PROJECT OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED



On February 16, 2022, the kick-off meeting of the Establishment of a Functional Animal Identification and Registration (AIR) System in Armenia Project took place. The event was attended by Mr. Klaus Kapper, Head of the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) Yerevan Office, Deputy Minister of Economy Mr. Tigran Gabrielyan, representatives of the Food Safety Inspectorate, Center for Agricultural Services, NGOs and other stakeholders. The 42 months-long project will be implemented in all regions of Armenia by the CARD Foundation with the funding of the Austrian Development Agency to support the more effective implementation of the national program by the RA Ministry of Economy. The goal is to introduce a system of universal identification and registration of cattle in the country, which will significantly improve the level of animal disease control, prevention of spread, and ensure animal origin food safety.



*“Armenia and Austria are two small countries, they have many things in common, and they can exchange experiences and cooperate to achieve great results”, - Mr. Kapper noted in his speech.*



The proposed AIR project will enable producers to produce more and safer products and access international markets. It will prevent unsafe food movement, ensuring quick and accurate handling of emergencies. It will enable public and private agencies to access animal movement data and better monitor health and breeding activities.