

# NEWSLETTER

## Workshop on “Holding and Animal Identification and Registration (HAI&R)” Project in Armenia



CARD Foundation implemented a workshop with financing from the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), with support from RA Ministry of Economy and SSFS, dedicated to the investment of AIR program in Armenia, on November 20, 2019, in Tsakhadzor Marriott hotel. During the workshop international experts Mr. Rudolf Moser from the Austrian AgrarMarkt Organization, Mr. Dragan Angelovski and Mr. Mikhail Sokhadze from FAO Georgia shared their experience.



The deputy heads of RA Ministry of Economy Mr. Artak Kamalyan and Mr. Tigran Gabrielyan, the head of Self-Governing Policy Inspectorate, of Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development Mr. Ashot Giloyan, the Head of Food Safety Inspectorate Mr. Georgi Avetisyan, Deputy Head of ADA Office in Armenia Nora Alanakyan, Food and Agriculture Organization Assistant Representative Gayane Nasoyan, Representatives from National Veterinary Association, Pedigree Animal Breeder’s Association, Sustainable Development Agency, RA National Agrarian University and persons in charge of agricultural sector of Republic of Artsakh attended the workshop.



“Animal identification and registration system is an important tool for struggling against food safety and diseases like brucellosis, tuberculosis, anthrax, food-and-mouth disease (FMD) and bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).”, - said RA Deputy Minister of Economy, Tigran Gabrielyan.



In Armenia, Animal breeding provides more than 50% gross output value. In 2018, animal breeding provided AMD 477.9 billion gross output, from which, more than AMD 280 billion is from cattle breeding, and the value of raw materials and products fluctuated around AMD 50 billion, this is why the implementation of AIR system is a priority.



At the same time, applying the system can become a solution for different problems and a tool for eliminating system flaws. It can establish strict control on important areas of Republic such as detecting and responding to zoonosis (general animal and human diseases), in the process of animal reproduction and traceability, certification and documentation of animals and animal origin products, as well as export and import of such products.



“Animal Identification and Registration system is not only the registration of agricultural animals, but is also a serious resource for public administration.” - Rudolf Moser, AgrarMarkt Company.

