

Memorandum of Understanding

I) Preamble

The signatories **Doctor Robert van Gorcom** - Director of RIKILT Wageningen University & Research (hereafter RIKILT) and **Professor, Academician Ihor Kotsiumbas** - Director of the State Scientific-Research Control Institute of Veterinary Preparations and Food Additives (hereafter SCIVP) agree to sign this Memorandum of Understanding (hereafter MoU) in the spirit of paving the way towards a friendly and cooperating partnership and with the overarching aim of joining efforts to supporting activities of mutual interest.

II) Collaboration Actions.

In order to provide a framework of reference to all signatories the following collaboration actions have been indentified and are considered as the basis of this MoU:

- Maintain a regular and open dialogue towards strengthening the mutual interest of all parties and thus effectively support a sustainable cooperation.
- Active promotion of joint events like e.g. conferences, seminars, study visits
- Enhance cooperation towards the joint preparation and submission of EU (Horizon 2020) and nationally funded projects of common interest.
- Identification of suitable organizations (e.g. Universities, Research and Technology Development institutes, Small and Medium – sized Enterprises) to be involved on collaboration activities jointly implemented.
- Mutual exchange and dissemination of information –e.g. establishment of reciprocal weblinks on each other's websites and distribution of information material.

It is important to mention that the list of collaboration actions mentioned above is non-exhaustive and should be regarded as referential. Additional collaboration options can be considered and implemented prior agreement among the signatories. Each proposal for collaboration will have to be accompanied by an agreement describing the way that the proposed activities of both signatories will be financed.

Finally, the 2 signatories understand that this MoU is not legally binding to any of the signatories, but rather represents a common agreement confirming the interest, willingness and commitment of all parties to contribute to the successful implementation of joint cooperation.

There will be two copies of this memorandum to allow each party to own one exemplar.

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