

# Newsletter

## AIR EXPERT RUDOLF MOSER'S VISIT TO ARMENIA

From March 27 to March 31, an international AIR expert of the "AgrarMarkt Austria" organization, Rudolf Moser was hosted in Armenia.

On the first day of the visit, the expert got acquainted with the CARD Foundation's AIR project team, then meetings were held in state institutions with RA Deputy Minister of Economy - Arman Khojoyan, Director of "Center for Agricultural Services" SNCO - Garnik Hovhannisyan and Head of the RA Food Safety Inspection Body - Armen Hayrapetyan.



During the meetings, Rudolf Moser got acquainted with the full process of the "Animal Identification and Registration project in the RA", shared the Austrian experience, and prepared Mission Report emphasizing the important topics for sustaining the project.

The expert also visited two farms in Ararat region, met with veterinarians and epidemiologists, and attended the complete process of animal identification and registration.



In the following days of the visit, the expert met with ANIPAS architect and the maintenance team, learnt about ANIPAS system functions and possibilities, and made suggestions.

He also visited the National Veterinary Association operating in the Nor Gyugh community of Kotayk region. He learnt about its work and the Pig Genetics Center, which were established by the "Animal health management in Armenia & Georgia. Phase 2" project funded by the Austrian Development Agency.



## THE "AIR SYSTEM IN AUSTRIA AND ARMENIA" WORKSHOP

On March 30, the "AIR system in Austria and Armenia" workshop was organized, which was the most significant and final part of Rudolf Moser's eventful visit. The workshop was organized for the stakeholders and beneficiaries of the nationwide project. Rudolf Moser was the special guest and speaker of the workshop.

The workshop was attended by Arman Khojyan, RA Deputy Minister of Economy, Klaus Kapper, Head of the ADA Yerevan office, Garnik Hovhannisyan, director of "Center for Agricultural Services" SNCO, Gagik Sardaryan, director of CARD Foundation, the representatives of the FSI and the Veterinary Laboratory.



The importance of the visit was also emphasized by the representatives of the state bodies who, based on the expert's advice, are already preparing to come up with proposals for institutional reforms.

At the end of this year, it is planned to organize another visit of Austrian experts to Armenia. Rudolf Moser's visit was organized with the funding of the Austrian Development Agency.



During the workshop, the expert presented the AIR system in Austria and made proposals for reforms and incentives for the implementation of the AIR system in RA.

The visit of the Austrian expert and studying the Austrian experience was extremely useful in the implementation of the AIR system and food safety improvement in Armenia, taking into account that 25 years ago, Austria took the path that Armenia is taking now.

