

ASSESSMENT OF THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL IN THE ENBEK-KAZAKH DISTRICT OF KAZAKHSTAN

The assessment of the economic potential of the Enbek-Kazakh District has initiated, through the application of the ILS LEDA RESCO methodology.

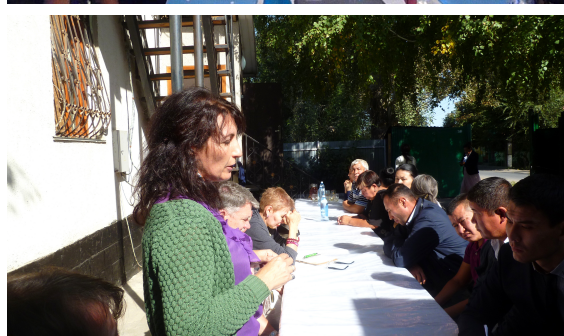
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A KIP and Formaper mission was organised in September 2017 for providing support to the local partners and actors for evaluating the competitiveness and sustainability of 5 value chains: Vegetables (Tomatoes and Peppers), Apples, Soya and Maize, Milk and Meat.

The mission started with an initial seminar, chaired by the district government (Akimat), and realised at the Esik University, to which about 60 relevant actors of the district participated, such as functionaries of the district government, university professors, farmers of the above mentioned value chains, NGOs and service providers.

Four full days were then dedicated to the participatory assessment of the five value chains, carried on by 4 Focus Groups workshops, each one including representatives of farmers, NGO, University, Financial Institutions, Akimat and Service providers. The Focus Groups identified and shared the competitive advantages of each value chain, as well as its status (in terms of what it does exists and works, and what does not) its sustainability comprehensive factors, its innovative potential and, finally, the obstacles that limit its full valorisation and growth.

KIP/ILS LEDA will now use the information obtained by the Focus Groups for elaborating a draft proposal of development strategies which will be discussed through a new Focus Groups workshop in January 2018.



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