



### **Alois Belie**

Project Officer for the South Caucasus, AFD

"AFD and the French development team in Georgia: Contribution to the socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable modernization of the livestock sector" (10 mn)

SITUATION AND PROSPECTS OF THE LIVESTOCK VALUE-CHAIN IN GEORGIA LIVESTOCK WEEK "BIG &SMALL RUMINANTS"













#### 1/ Context of AFD's intervention

# In the agricultural and livestock sector, AFD's mandate is built upon the following priorities

- Fight against Climate Change and Protection of Natural Resources
- Foster Socially Inclusive development initiative and aim for EU standards in this domain
- Support Agricultural reforms

#### First Operation for AFD in this sector is with FinExCoop thanks to EU support

- Improved access to credit and other financial services including insurance
- Higher productivity linked to better technical knowledge
- Their participation in market-oriented cooperatives or any other entities fosters their coordination, and increase their value through better storage, processing, and marketing













## 2/ AFD's action rationale

Drawing on Finexcoop's experience, further actions must act both on the policy reform and pilot project level in the Zemo Samgori irrigated scheme (Kvemo Kartli)

#### **Identified needs for Agricultural and Livestock sector in Kvemo Kartli**

- <u>Climate change challenges</u> ahead will impact the livestock sector both directly and indirectly
- Agricultural and Livestock Potential to be developed in the Zemo Samgori area thanks to access to market in Tbilisi and Roustavi
- Need to develop an integrated approach to livestock and agriculture, two interdependent sectors













# 3/ AFD's projected actions in the sector with EU funded Technical Assistance

#### Policy Based Loan – Water Resources Management

- 1/ Supporting the implementation of enhanced legal and institutional framework to achieve irrigation policy outcomes and ensure a sustainable management of water resources
- 2/ Supporting pricing and contracting change to ensure improved efficiency of water use and financial sustainability of system
- 3/ Supporting enhancing governance and management controls to increase GA accountability, transparency and efficiency and sustainability of irrigation system, in face of climate change
- 4/ Supporting the implementation of policies and institutional framework to ensure climate-smart practices in agriculture and water management

#### Zemo Samgori Irrigation scheme modernization and Development of an Agricultural cluster

- 1/ Supporting the implementation of policies and institutional framework to ensure climate-smart practices in agriculture and water management
- 2/ Strengthening institutions for the management of land and water resources
- 3/ Building Zemo-Samgori as a sustainable agricultural cluster for Georgia













# 4/ Main outcomes expected

- Strengthened monitoring and management of natural resources at the institutional and River Basin level
- New irrigation tariff policy and efficient dispute resolution and quality service regulation
- Dissemination of Climate Smart practices in agriculture, pastureland and water management
- Rehabilitation and modernization of infrastructures of the Zemo Samgori Irrigated Scheme
- Increased farmers' knowledge, increased production, diversified farming systems, and dissemination of Climate Smart Practices (CSA) in agriculture and water management
- Sustainable partnerships are established between the agricultural actors downstream the value chain and producers







