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Dear Sir/Madam,

Institute for Economics and Forecasting Ukrainian National Academy of Science together with academic public union “Knowledge Platform – Agrarian Development and Rural Innovations”, Delegation of Polish Academy of Science in Ukraine, agriculture universities and NGOs facilitating Public Academic Hearings “Ukrainian village and rural population under holdingization: will European basics of rural development be implemented in Ukraine?”. During the hearings will be discussed main points of draft “Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development 2015-2020” related to interests of farming households and family farms, rural communities and rural settlements, which are in risk of being ignored in the process of Strategy implementation after its adoption.

Action plan, proposed in the Strategy is based on creating favorable conditions for large agriculture companies to resolve current macroeconomic problems, with limited attention to multifunctional role of the agriculture and potential opportunities for joint efforts of the government, business entities and rural communities.

Main priorities of the hearings are:

- public presentation and discussion of the different opinions from academic society, experts, representatives of NGO and practitioners on implementation of European basics for rural development in Ukraine in mid-term period (till 2020);
- facilitating adoption in Ukraine the model of sustainable and multifunctional agriculture, which in process of food, energy and raw material production will contribute to public goods – food safety and security, social and economic well-being.

Main findings of the hearings will be summarized and adopted in Resolution regarding strengthening content of the Strategy to ensure implementation of the European policy of rural development in Ukraine.

Academic hearings will take place on June 10, 2015 in the Conference Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) in Institute for Economics and Forecasting Ukrainian National Academy of Science, Kiev, 26, Panasa Myrnygo str. at 10:00.

We are inviting you to participate in the hearings and contribute to the discussion of the abovementioned topics.

Please inform about your decision no later than May 25, 2015 Oksana Rykovska via e-mail [arci.ua@ukr.net](mailto:arci.ua@ukr.net) or phone (044) 254-39-66, cell: 098 581 28 00; 050 410 00 39

See attached draft agenda of the event.

**Organizing Committee**