



**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND**

A visit to Kiev

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Between 21 and 23 May, Krystyna Gurbiel, Under-Secretary of State, stayed in Kiev, where she participated in **the 25th International Agricultural Exhibition-Fair „Agro-2013”**.

She visited the stands of Polish companies and took part in **the International Forum on „World Grain Market – Trends, Risks, and Initiatives”**.

The visit featured a meeting of Krystyna Gurbiel with Ivan Bisiuk, First Deputy Agricultural Policy and Food Minister of Ukraine. An **Agreement** between the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Poland and the Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine concerning the Implementation of the Programme of Combating Rabies in the Territory of Ukraine in 2013 was signed in the course of the meeting.

During the Kiev talks, **the ministers underlined interest in further development of agricultural cooperation**. Krystyna Gurbiel noted that the Ukraine was a very important partner for Poland in terms of trade in agricultural goods. At the same time, she pointed out the obstacles that hindered access of Polish goods to the Ukrainian market, including veterinary ones, and expressed hope that they would be eliminated.

The ministers emphasised the importance of the Polish and Ukrainian working group on standardisation in agriculture for the development of mutual cooperation. The Ukrainian Deputy Minister of Agriculture expressed hope for continued support from Poland in adjusting Ukrainian agricultural standards to the requirements binding in the European Union.