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## PROJECT INFORMATION FACTSHEET

General Information	
<b>Title of the action</b>	<b>Strengthening the institutional capacity of the Government of Azerbaijan for official control of food and feed safety</b>
<b>Priority sector</b>	Regional and rural development/agriculture/food safety
<b>Contracting party</b>	Cardno Emerging Markets (UK) and Megapesca Ltda (PT)
<b>Beneficiary</b>	Cabinet of Ministers/Ministry of Economy/Azerbaijan Food Safety Agency
<b>Duration (months) + start and end date</b>	24 months from (1.05.2017 to 30.04.2019)
<b>EU budget (EUR)</b>	EUR 295 008 Funded under European Neighbourhood Instrument (Annual Action Programme 2013)

Summary of the Action	
<b>Short description of the action and its main objectives</b>	Support to the implementation of reforms to the food safety system, specifically establishment of a national food safety authority (Azerbaijan Food Safety Agency) and development of state controls approximating with the requirements of the EU and Codex Alimentarius.
<b>Location</b>	Baku
<b>Expected results / Results achieved</b>	<p>Results achieved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assistance with the preparation of a new Law on Food Safety, which is designed to approximate the legislation of Azerbaijan to that of the EU, and incorporates the key principles of Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 January 2002 laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Safety Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food safety provided.</li><li>• The project assisted moreover with the drafting of the State Programme on Food Safety 2019-2025.</li><li>• 60 staff from Azerbaijan Food Safety Agency and AFSI staff received specialist training in Baku - study tours for AFSA and private FS sector participants to EU food safety agencies in Latvia and the Netherlands as well as to The Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety in Brussels were organized to foster peer to peer contacts and promote EU best practise in FS matters.</li><li>• A funding model for the Azerbaijan Food Safety Agency technical institute was developed, the establishment of the Codex Alimentarius Committee assisted and appointment of OIE contact points materialized during the project life. Azerbaijan's first International Food safety conference in May 2018 with 200 attendees was co-financed by the project.</li></ul>