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- 01 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/748 of 31 March 2026 on a coordinated multiannual Union control programme for 2027, 2028 and 2029 to ensure compliance with maximum residue levels of pesticides and to assess the exposure of consumers to pesticide residues in and on food of plant and animal origin and repealing Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/854
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01 Published normative acts

EU Regulation 2026/748

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#Pesticide residues

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

01.04.2026 - published in the Official Journal of the European Union section L.

This Regulation provides that, during the years 2027, 2028 and 2029, Member States shall take and analyse samples for the pesticide/product combinations referred to in Annex I and samples in accordance with Part A of Annex II and shall analyse all samples, including those of food intended for infants and young children and products from organic farming, in accordance with the analytical requirements set out in Part B of Annex II.

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INTRARE ÎN VIGOARE:

20.04.2026

01 Updated initiatives

L136/2026 - PL-x 287/2026

Draft bill on the approval of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 9/2026 for the amendment and completion of certain normative acts

#Excise duties #Biofuels #Clean Industrial Deal

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

01.04.2026 - sent for **notice** to the Economic Policy Committee, the Public Administration Committee, the Labor Committee, the Education Committee and the Legal Committee.

The draft bill approves GEO no. 9/2026, which establishes the legal framework for the production, injection, transport and marketing of biomethane in natural gas networks, by amending Law no. 123/2012 and introducing explicit support and market integration mechanisms. The regulatory act is based both on European obligations regarding renewable gases and the reduction of methane emissions, as well as on economic arguments related to the competitiveness of the industry, ETS costs and the need to...

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NEXT STEPS:

-  Debate in the notice committees of the decisional chamber
-  Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber

02 Updated initiatives

L121/2026 - PL-x 242/2026

Draft bill for the approval of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 4/2026 on establishing the institutional framework, as well as the measures necessary for the implementation of the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2023/1804 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 September 2023 on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure and repealing Directive 2014/94/EU

#Clean Industrial Deal
#Alternative fuels

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

30.03.2026 - registered with the Chamber of Deputies for final debate and sent for **joint report** to the Committee on Industry and the Committee on Transport (deadline for submitting amendments: 09.04.2026, deadline for submitting report: 22.04.2026).

This draft bill approves GEO 4/2026, which establishes the institutional framework and the necessary measures for the national application of Regulation (EU) 2023/1804 on the installation of alternative fuels infrastructure, with the aim of ensuring Romania's compliance with European obligations and avoiding the triggering of infringement procedures. The act creates a framework for all modes of transport and replaces the previous legislation based on Directive 2014/94/EU, repealed at European...

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NEXT STEPS:

 Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber

 Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber

National news

Launch of the Renewable Energy Support Scheme: The Ministry of Agriculture launched a consultation on the Applicant's Guide for accessing the Aid Scheme for supporting investments in new electricity production capacities produced from renewable sources for self-consumption of enterprises in the agricultural and food industry sectors. The initiative aims to support agricultural and agri-food operators in producing energy from renewable sources such as solar and wind, primarily for self-consumption, thereby reducing energy costs and increasing sustainability, and it primarily addresses agricultural enterprises, food industry companies, and organizations involved in land improvement, helping them reduce energy costs and increase energy independence.

Launch of the Phytosanitary Authority Modernization Project: The Ministry of Environment announced the implementation of a project to equip the National Phytosanitary Authority with mobile inspection centers and vehicles for sampling and transporting laboratory specimens. The initiative aims to strengthen field inspection and control capacity, improve the collection and analysis of samples, and ensure compliance with European standards on pesticide use, contributing to food safety and environmental protection.

The Official Bulletin on Plant Variety Protection I 2026: The State Institute for Testing and Registration of Plant Varieties published the Q1 2026 edition of the Official Bulletin on Plant Variety Protection, which provides information on newly registered varieties, ongoing applications, and legal status updates, supporting breeders, agricultural companies, and relevant authorities involved in the protection and registration of plant varieties.

European news

AGRIFISH Council Meeting on March 30: The Agriculture and Fisheries Council held a meeting to assess progress one year after the launch of the European Commission's Vision for Agriculture and Food, as discussions focused on strengthening the resilience, competitiveness, and sustainability of the EU agri-food sector in the context of geopolitical challenges, market volatility, and climate change. Ministers emphasized the need for further measures to reduce production costs, support generational renewal, and enhance food security, while also adopting guidelines to promote sustainable agriculture and international cooperation in global forums.

Documents published in the Official Journal: The following documents were published in the Official Journal of the European Union:

- Commission Regulation (EU) 2026/751 of 31 March 2026 correcting Regulation (EC) No 396/2005 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards maximum residue levels for flupyradifurone and potassium phosphonate in or on certain products
- Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/738 of 27 March 2026 revoking the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 87403 and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/1307
- Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2026/739 of 27 March 2026 revoking the authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize MON 87419 and repealing Implementing Decision (EU) 2023/2134
- Common catalogue of varieties of agricultural plant species Supplement A 2026/3
- Common catalogue of varieties of vegetable species Supplement H 2026/3

EESC opinion on the 2028-2034 CAP proposal: The European Economic and Social Committee has adopted a very severe opinion on the 2028-2034 CAP proposal, which it considers inappropriate and underfunded. On 8 April 2026, the EESC Rapporteur Joe Healy will present this opinion and the related recommendations and will discuss them with the AGRI Members.

EFSA evaluation for *Aspergillus luchuensis* strain CBS 148463: The European Food Safety Authority published a Safety evaluation of the food enzyme pectinesterase from the non-genetically modified *Aspergillus luchuensis* strain CBS 148463, concluding that this food enzyme does not give rise to safety concerns, under the intended conditions of use, for adults and the elderly. However, the margin of exposure is insufficient to exclude safety concerns for infants, toddlers, children and adolescents.

Request for an EU Biotech Act II: Euroseeds informed that a joint coalition of 40 signatory organisations, representing a wide range of industries that use and enable biomanufacturing processes and products, call for an ambitious EU Biotech Act II, which would contribute significantly to employment, innovation, and economic growth in Europe.

Developments in Transnistria

Clarification on Gas Supply to Transnistria after 30 June 2026: Authorities from the Republic of Moldova stated that the current gas supply arrangement for the Transnistrian region, managed by Moldovagaz, is valid only until June 30, 2026, after which the situation remains uncertain. The government is exploring alternative supply scenarios, including market-based procurement through external companies and potential involvement of European energy routes, but no final decision has been confirmed.