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Government Emergency Ordinance on the establishment of the Agricultural Sustainability Data Network and the amendment of certain normative acts

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

09.04.2026 - adopted by the Government.

The ordinance provides for **the establishment of the Agricultural Sustainability Data Network (ARDN)**, through the reorganization of the FADN, as a national instrument for the collection and analysis of economic, environmental and social data at farm level. The objective is to align with the new European framework and use the data to substantiate agricultural policies, but also to provide comparative feedback to farmers.

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NEXT STEPS:

 Publication

01 Published normative acts

Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/765

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2026/765 of 1 April 2026 on the methods of sampling and analysis, and on the interpretation of results for the official control of pesticide residues in and on food and feed of plant and animal origin, and repealing Directive 2002/63/EC

#Pesticide residues

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

07.04.2026 - published in the Official Journal of the EU, L series.

This Regulation lays down **rules on the methods of sampling and preparation of samples for the analysis of foodstuffs, namely the methods for laboratory analysis, measurement uncertainty and interpretation of analytical results for foodstuffs and animal feed, for the purpose of verifying compliance with the maximum residue limits (MRLs) applicable to pesticides in or on them.**

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INTRARE ÎN VIGOARE:

27.04.2026

EXCEPTIONS:

IT SHALL APPLY FROM 1 JANUARY 2027

National news

AAC's position on GMOs directive: The Alliance for Agriculture and Cooperation has submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, as well as to the other competent authorities, a Point of View on the proposal to amend Directive 2001/18/EC, requesting that Romania to actively support a more science-based, innovation-friendly EU framework that facilitates the use of modern breeding techniques, including new genomic techniques (NGTs). The organisation advocates for a position that ensures regulatory simplification, faster authorisation procedures and alignment with global competitors, while respecting principles such as reciprocity and proportionality. It also calls on Romania to defend farmers' access to innovation and avoid overly restrictive rules that could limit competitiveness and technological uptake in agriculture.

European news

AGRI meeting on April 8-9: At the AGRI Committee meeting of April 8–9, discussions focused primarily on the future CAP and EU budget, including financing priorities and performance monitoring, alongside the adoption of the committee’s opinion on Horizon Europe 2028–2034, highlighting support for agricultural innovation. Members also examined soil health initiatives under the EU Mission “A Soil Deal for Europe” and debated market pressures linked to rising fertiliser costs driven by geopolitical developments. Additionally, a vote on strengthening farmers’ position in the agri-food supply chain signaled continued efforts to rebalance market dynamics, with potential implications for input demand and the broader agricultural sector.

A new Catalogue of EFSA Guidance Documents: The European Food Safety Authority introduced a new catalogue of guidance documents to improve accessibility, usability, and transparency for stakeholders, including applicants and industry. The initiative clarifies the classification of guidance into five categories and introduces a more standardised development process to enhance traceability and predictability, and also provides a single-entry platform to access all EFSA guidance, complemented by a broader EU library of food safety guidance.

Request regarding agriculture and bioeconomy priorities through Horizon Europe: Euroseeds and several other organizations have called for agriculture and the bioeconomy to remain explicitly prioritised within the future Horizon Europe 2028–2034 programme, welcoming the draft ITRE report while raising concerns over proposed amendments that would remove direct references to these sectors. The organizations stress that maintaining clear recognition of agriculture and the bioeconomy is essential to ensure continued political prioritisation, investment and innovation across the value chain, particularly in areas such as food security, sustainability, rural development and the green transition.

ENVI meeting on April 15: During the joint ENVI–IMCO committee meeting scheduled for April 15, the key item will be the adoption of the draft report on the revision of EU chemicals legislation, including amendments to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008, Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 and Regulation (EU) 2019/1009, aimed at simplifying requirements and procedures for chemical products, expected to impact the regulatory framework for crop protection products, including authorisation processes, compliance obligations and market access conditions across the EU.