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- 02 Draft bill amending art.41 paragraph (1) of Law no.36/1991 on agricultural companies and other forms of association in agriculture
- 03 Draft bill for the approval of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 26/2026 on the establishment of the Agricultural Sustainability Data Network, as well as the amendment of certain normative acts

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MARD order no. 147/2026

MARD Order No. 147/2026 on the approval of the Official Catalogue of Cultivated Plant Varieties in Romania for the year 2026

#Catalogul soiurilor

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

08.05.2026 - published on the MARD website, in the Approved Normative Acts section, to be published in the Official Gazette.

This order approves the Official Catalogue of Cultivated Plant Varieties in Romania for 2026, establishing the varieties authorized for the production and marketing of seeds and planting material by producers, distributors and agricultural operators.

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NEXT STEPS:

 Publication

02 Adopted normative acts

L121/2026 - PL-x 242/2026

Law 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:

13.05.2026 - adopted by the Chamber of Deputies (decision-making chamber).

This lawapproveGEO 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act creates a framework for all modes of transport and replaces the previous legislation based on Directive 2014/94/EU, repealed at European level.

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NEXT STEPS:

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Draft Government Decision
on the approval of the
National Strategy and Action
Plan for Biodiversity
Conservation 2026 - 2030

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energy

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

08.05.2026 - published on the MEWF website, in the Draft normative acts section. Interested citizens and institutions can submit opinions/proposals/suggestions within 10 days, starting from the date of publication of the draft normative act, to the Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests at the e-mail: biodiversitat@mmediu.ro.

This draft decision aims to approve **The National Strategy for Biodiversity Conservation** , which sets out Romania's public policy directions until 2030 for the protection, restoration and sustainable use of biodiversity, in alignment with the EU Biodiversity Strategy and the Kunming-Montreal Global Framework. The document is to be approved by Government decision and serves as a guide for public policies and sectoral interventions.

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NEXT STEPS:

 Public debate

 Adoption

02 Updated initiatives

L189/2026 - PL-x 385/2026

Draft bill amending art.41 paragraph (1) of Law no.36/1991 on agricultural companies and other forms of association in agriculture

#agricultural cooperative

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

11.05.2026 - registered with the Chamber of Deputies for debate and sent for **report** to the Committee on Agriculture (deadline for submitting amendments: 21.05.2026, deadline for submitting report: 03.06.2026).

This draft bill, initiated by PSD, USR, PNL and UDMR parliamentarians, introduces the possibility that **agricultural companies can transform into agricultural cooperatives**.

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NEXT STEPS:

 Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber

 Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber

03 Updated initiatives

L251/2026 - PL-x 374/2026

Draft bill for the approval of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 26/2026 on the establishment of the Agricultural Sustainability Data Network, as well as the amendment of certain normative acts

#Sustainability #Agriculture & biodiversity #Agricultural sustainability

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

11.05.2026 - registered at the Chamber of Deputies for debate (decision-making chamber) and sent for **joint report** to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Information and Communications Technology (deadline for submitting amendments: 21.05.2026, deadline for submitting report: 03.06.2026).

This draft bill approves GEO 26/2026, which provides for **the establishment of the Agricultural Sustainability Data Network (RDDA)**, 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 inform agricultural policies, but also to provide comparative feedback to farmers.

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National news

NPA relaunched “Plant Health 4 Life” campaign in 2026: The National Phytosanitary Authority announced the continuation of the “Plant Health 4 Life” campaign in 2026, an initiative coordinated at European level to raise awareness about the importance of plant health, biosecurity and the prevention of harmful organism spread. The campaign aims to promote responsible practices among citizens and operators, strengthen understanding of phytosanitary risks linked to plant movement and trade, and support the protection of agricultural production and biodiversity through information and outreach activities.

European news

Commission launched consultation on Biotech Regulation II: The European Commission has launched a call for evidence for the future Biotech Regulation II, planned for Q4 2026, aimed at creating a more favourable regulatory framework for industrial biotechnology and biomanufacturing in the EU. The initiative seeks to strengthen competitiveness, innovation and strategic autonomy by addressing market fragmentation, regulatory complexity and barriers to the scale-up of biobased products and technologies. Among the options under consideration are measures to accelerate market access, simplify authorisation procedures, support investment predictability, establish sustainability criteria for biomass use, and create lead markets for sectors including chemicals, plastics, fertilisers and plant protection products. The consultation will feed into the impact assessment and preparation of the future legislative proposal.

Eurostat reports decline in agricultural output prices: Eurostat data indicate that EU agricultural output prices decreased in the fourth quarter of 2025 compared to the same period of the previous year, reflecting lower prices for several agricultural commodities. At the same time, input costs not related to investment also continued to decline, although trends varied across Member States and product categories. The figures illustrate the ongoing adjustments in agricultural markets following previous periods of high price volatility.

Eurostat reports increase in EU pesticide sales: Eurostat data show that pesticide sales in the European Union increased in 2024 compared to the previous year, reaching 359,000 tonnes, with fungicides and bactericides remaining the largest category sold, followed by herbicides and insecticides. The data also highlight significant differences between Member States, reflecting the structure and size of national agricultural sectors, while continuing to support the monitoring of pesticide use trends and sustainability objectives at EU level.