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Legislative updates

New initiatives

- 01 Draft MARD order on the amendment and completion of the Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development No. 42/2026 for the approval of the unitary amount of direct payments related to payment applications submitted in 2025, financed from the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund through interventions under the CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027
 - 02 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
 - 03 Draft Government Decision for the approval of the ceilings allocated to transitional national aid in the crop and livestock sectors, for the application year 2025
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01 New initiatives

Draft MARD order

Draft MARD order on the amendment and completion of the Order of the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development No. 42/2026 for the approval of the unitary amount of direct payments related to payment applications submitted in 2025, financed from the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund through interventions under the CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027

#Projects - CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

16.04.2026 - published on the MARD website, in the Draft normative acts section.

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This draft order ensures **the establishment of the unitary amount and the necessary reallocations for all direct payment interventions within the 2025 campaign of the CAP SP**, by amending MARD order no. 42/2026.

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NEXT STEPS:

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 Publication

02 New initiatives

B223/2026

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

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

16.04.2026 - registered at the Senate for debate (first chamber).

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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NEXT STEPS:

-  Debate in the report committee of the first notified chamber
-  Debate in the plenary session of the first notified chamber

03 New initiatives

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Draft Government Decision for the approval of the ceilings allocated to transitional national aid in the crop and livestock sectors, for the application year 2025

#Transitional National Aids

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

14.04.2026 - published on the MARD website, in the Draft normative acts section. Proposals and observations can be sent within 10 days from the date of publication, to the following e-mail addresses: mihaela.vartolomei@madr.ro , anne.niculescu@madr.ro .

This draft decision sets the ceilings allocated to transitional national aid in the plant sector (ANT 1–6) for the claim year 2025.

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NEXT STEPS:

 Public debate

 Adoption

National news

OECD published evaluation on Romania's agricultural policies: The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development has released the report “Policies for the Future of Agriculture and Food in Romania”, which served as the basis for the assessment conducted by the OECD Committee on Agriculture. The report highlights the strategic role of agriculture for the national economy and food security, as well as the progress achieved through the implementation of Common Agricultural Policy instruments, particularly in improving the absorption and use of EU funds. It also outlines key recommendations aimed at strengthening the sector's competitiveness and sustainability, including accelerating the adoption of digital and precision technologies, reinforcing knowledge transfer and innovation systems, supporting farm consolidation and modernization, promoting climate-resilient agricultural practices, and improving access to EU financing.

National control campaign on plant protection products (FITOS 2026): The National Phytosanitary Authority, together with the Romanian Police, has launched the FITOS 2026 national control campaign, carried out between April 8 and May 31, 2026, targeting operators involved in the handling of plant protection products. The action aims to verify compliance with legal requirements, prevent the use and trade of illegal or non-compliant products, and combat trafficking, including counterfeit products and those introduced from non-EU countries.

Working meeting between authorities and farmers' associations on PPPs: The National Phytosanitary Authority organised a working meeting with representatives of farmers' associations to discuss key issues related to the use and management of plant protection products. Discussions focused on the challenges faced by farmers in accessing authorised products, the need for improved communication and cooperation between authorities and the agricultural sector, as well as measures to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. The meeting also addressed the importance of strengthening control mechanisms and promoting the responsible use of plant protection products, in line with national and European legislation.

Emergency authorisation for TUTAVIR: The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has approved the placing on the market and controlled use of TUTAVIR for the control of Tuta absoluta in tomato, pepper and eggplant crops grown in protected spaces (greenhouses and solariums), between April 14 and August 11, 2026.

Romanian Senate's position on GM microorganisms directive: The Romanian Senate's position on the proposal to amend Directives 2001/18/EC and 2010/53/EU (COM (2025) 1031) was published in the Official Gazette, Part I, no. 298 on April 15. The proposal is seen as contributing to innovation, competitiveness, and the development of biotechnology, including applications in the agri-food sector such as food ingredients, feed additives, and industrial fermentation. The Senate also calls for balanced implementation, with strengthened oversight and periodic evaluation to ensure high safety standards and transparent access to new technologies.

AIPROM's position on the use of agricultural drones: The Romanian Association of Agricultural Producers has expressed support for the use of drones in agriculture, highlighting their potential to improve the precision and efficiency of plant protection product applications, reduce input use and limit environmental impact. At the same time, the association stresses the need for a clear and harmonised regulatory framework at national and EU level, including specific rules on authorisation, operator training and safety requirements, to enable the wider adoption of drone-based technologies while ensuring compliance with existing legislation.

European news

MEPs back simplification of EU chemicals legislation: The European Parliament's committees on Environment and Internal Market adopted their position on a proposal to simplify EU chemicals legislation, aiming to reduce administrative burden while maintaining a high level of protection for human health and the environment. The amendments target key rules, including those on classification, labelling and packaging (CLP), by clarifying requirements, streamlining procedures and promoting the use of digital labelling. At the same time, MEPs introduced safeguards to ensure that simplification does not weaken safety standards, including maintaining clear and readable labels and strengthening provisions related to hazardous substances. The draft report will be put to a vote in plenary, after which negotiations with the Council are expected to begin.

Documents published by EFSA: The following documents were published by the European Food Safety Authority:

- Safety evaluation of the food enzyme arabinan endo-1,5- α -l-arabinanase from the non-genetically modified *Aspergillus tubingensis* strain ARS R7-60
- Safety evaluation of the food enzyme pectin lyase from the non-genetically modified *Aspergillus luchuensis* strain LC-07
- Safety evaluation of a food enzyme containing endo-polygalacturonase, pectinesterase and pectin lyase activities from the non-genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain CCTCC M 2023236
- Safety evaluation of a food enzyme containing leucyl aminopeptidase, oryzin and aspergillopepsin I from the non-genetically modified *Aspergillus* sp. strain AE-PR.