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INITIATIVE STATUS:

16.07.2026 - discussed in the first reading in the Government meeting.

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:

 Adoption

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National news

Finance Minister Alexandru Nazare highlighted Romania's efforts to advance OECD accession: Finance Minister Alexandru Nazare stated that Romania is accelerating the implementation of its OECD commitments to secure a positive assessment at the FTA MAP Forum, a decisive step in the country's OECD accession process. Referring to discussions held with finance ministers from France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Spain, as well as with OECD representatives, he emphasised Romania's progress in Mutual Agreement Procedures (MAP) and bilateral advance pricing agreements, aiming to demonstrate full compliance with OECD standards. Nazare also stressed that Romania seeks fair taxation models for multinational companies that meet national fiscal objectives while respecting OECD criteria and ensuring equitable tax treatment for taxpayers.

European news

Irish Presidency outlined agricultural and food safety priorities to the European Parliament: During meetings with the European Parliament's committees, representatives of the Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU presented the main priorities for the second half of 2026 across a range of policy areas. In the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee, Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine Martin Heydon said the Presidency aims to advance negotiations on the next Common Agricultural Policy, with a framework that supports farmers while allowing Member States to address regional and sectoral needs. MEPs called for CAP simplification, support for young farmers and safeguards against excessive fragmentation of implementation. In the Environment, Climate and Food Safety Committee, the Presidency highlighted environmentally sustainable and productive agriculture, with priorities including organic production and labelling, simplification, generational renewal, the role of women in rural areas, and progress on the livestock strategy and protein plan.

Agri-food coalition called for agriculture to remain central to the European Competitiveness Fund: Euroseeds, together with a broad coalition of European agri-food organisations, urged EU institutions to ensure that agriculture remains at the heart of the future European Competitiveness Fund (ECF). The signatories argue that a dedicated agricultural window within the ECF is essential to support innovation, sustainability, resilience and the competitiveness of the agri-food sector. They stress that the fund should provide accessible financing for investments across the agricultural value chain, strengthen food security, accelerate the green and digital transition, and maintain the EU's strategic capacity to produce food while supporting farmers and the wider agri-food industry.

Evaluations regarding Aspergillus: The following documents were published by the European Food Safety Authority:

- Safety evaluation of an extension of use of the food enzyme α -amylase from the genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain NZYM-MC
- Safety evaluation of an extension of use of the food enzyme phospholipase A1 from the genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain NZYM-FP
- Safety evaluation of an extension of use of the food enzyme phospholipase A1 from the genetically modified *Aspergillus oryzae* strain NZYM-PP
- Safety evaluation of an extension of use of the food enzyme α -amylase from the genetically modified *Aspergillus niger* strain NZYM-SB.