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01 New initiatives

Draft bill

Draft bill for amending and supplementing certain normative acts in the field of environmental protection

#Environmental crimes

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

18.06.2026 - published on the MMAP website.

The draft bill amends several environmental protection legislation to **partially transpose Directive (EU) 2024/1203 on the protection of the environment through criminal law** . The measure aims to expand and clarify environmental crimes, introduce aggravated forms for acts with serious effects on the environment or on individuals, and establish clearer rules on criminal liability, including for legal persons. The deadline for transposing the directive is 21 May 2026.

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NEXT STEPS:

 Public debate

 Adoption

01 Updated initiatives

L362/2026

Legislative proposal regarding some measures for the digitalization and efficiency of activity and the stimulation of public and private investments in the field of research, development and innovation

#CDI #NRRP-C9

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

17.06.2026 - adopted by the Senate (first chamber).

Initiated by PSD, PNL, USR and minorities, the legislative proposal introduces unified digital platforms for research and innovation funding, obliges authorities to increase to a minimum of 27% the participation of companies in publicly funded RDI projects and creates structures dedicated to attracting private investment in innovation. The measures contribute to achieving several milestones and targets in **PNRR - Component 9 : Milestone 271 - Reform 2** (implementation of 80% of the PSF Country...

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NEXT STEPS:

-  Registered at the decisional chamber
-  Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber

02 Updated initiatives

L340/2026

Legislative proposal regarding the temporary regulation of imports of cereals from third countries, during harvest periods, on the territory of Romania

#Agriculture & biodiversity #Grain imports

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

17.06.2026 - received a joint rejection report from the Economic Committee and the Agriculture Committee.

This legislative proposal, initiated by SOS senators, introduces the obligation to obtain an agreement for the import of cereals from third countries during harvest periods, applicable to economic operators, limiting market access and imposing strict controls, with a direct impact on restricting imports and increasing compliance costs and risks for traders and processors.

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NEXT STEPS:

-  Debate in the plenary session of the first notified chamber
-  Registered at the decisional chamber

03 Updated initiatives

COM/2025/1031 final

Proposal for a DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Directives 2001/18/EC and 2010/53/EU as regards the placing on the market of genetically modified micro-organisms and the processing of organs

#Genetically modified organisms

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

16.06.2026 - the Council's general approach on the proposal has been published.

This proposal for a directive introduces specific rules for the placing on the market of genetically modified microorganisms used as products or components of other products, including for applications in agriculture, biocontrol, fertilizers, bioremediation and environmental protection, with practical effect on authorisation, risk assessment, detection methods and post-market monitoring.

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NEXT STEPS:

 Debate in the EU Council

 Debate in the European Parliament

National news

NPA announced the development of a new national phytosanitary laboratory: The National Phytosanitary Authority announced the establishment of a new national phytosanitary laboratory aimed at significantly increasing Romania's capacity for phytosanitary analysis and diagnostics. According to the authority, the investment will strengthen the detection and monitoring of plant pests and diseases, improve laboratory performance and support compliance with national and EU phytosanitary requirements. The new facility is expected to enhance the efficiency and reliability of phytosanitary controls, contributing to plant health protection and agricultural biosecurity.

LAPAR Executive Director highlighted farm challenges: Liliana Piron, Executive Director of LAPAR, spoke at the PRIA Agriculture Romania conference, held on June 12, emphasizing concerns regarding the efficiency of investments in irrigation and renewable energy at the farm level, and the difficulties faced by farmers producing renewable energy, noting that electricity generated on farms is often fed into the grid and must be repurchased at full price during nighttime irrigation activities, raising questions about the effectiveness and coherence of current investment policies.

European news

European Parliament adopted new rules on genomic techniques: The European Parliament adopted the regulation governing plants obtained through new genomic techniques (NGTs), which introduces a differentiated framework under which NGT1 plants, considered equivalent to conventionally bred plants, will benefit from a simplified authorisation process, while NGT2 plants will remain subject to GMO legislation, including risk assessment and authorisation requirements. Based on a request by Parliament, plants engineered for herbicide tolerance or to produce insecticidal substances will not qualify as NGT1 plants and will therefore remain subject to the stricter NGT2 regime. The regulation also provides for transparency measures, including a public database of NGT plants, and maintains the exclusion of NGT plants from organic production. The regulation will enter into force 20 days after it has been published in the EU Official Journal and will apply two years later.

Agri-food organisations welcomed the adoption of the NGTs regulation: A coalition of 30 European agri-food organisations, including Euroseeds and COPA-COCEGA, welcomed the provisional agreement on the EU regulation for plants obtained through new genomic techniques. The signatories stated that the new framework will support innovation in plant breeding, strengthen the competitiveness and resilience of European agriculture, and enable farmers to access improved crop varieties more rapidly.

Council and Parliament reached a provisional agreement on plant reproductive material rules: The Council of the EU and the European Parliament reached a provisional political agreement on the proposed regulation on plant reproductive material (PRM), which will replace the existing legislative framework governing the production, certification, and marketing of seeds and other plant reproductive material in the EU. The agreement aims to simplify and modernise the rules, support innovation and sustainability, strengthen the resilience of agricultural production and biodiversity, and facilitate the marketing of varieties adapted to climate change and sustainable farming practices. The new framework also includes provisions on conservation varieties, heterogeneous material, digitalisation of certification procedures and measures to reduce administrative burdens for operators. The provisional agreement must now be formally approved by both institutions before adoption.

Euroseeds welcomed the political agreement on the new EU Seed Law: Euroseeds welcomed the political agreement reached by the European Parliament and the Council on the new plant reproductive material legislation. The organisation stated that the agreement provides a modernised framework for the seed sector, supports innovation and sustainability, and improves access to diverse and high-quality plant varieties, and highlighted the importance of maintaining a science-based and harmonised regulatory system that enables breeders and farmers to contribute to the resilience and competitiveness of European agriculture.

European Parliament backs suspension of wastewater treatment cost obligations for pharmaceutical and cosmetics sectors: The

European Parliament adopted a resolution calling for the temporary suspension of the Extended Producer Responsibility provisions under the revised Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive, which require pharmaceutical and cosmetics companies to finance a significant share of the costs associated with removing micropollutants from wastewater. Supporters of the resolution request that the European Commission conduct an independent assessment of pollution sources and the economic impact of the legislation before the obligations are applied. The resolution is not legally binding but increases political pressure on the European Commission to consider a temporary suspension mechanism or legislative adjustments to the implementation of the directive.

Council and Parliament reached agreement on simplifying requirements for chemical products: The Council of the EU announced a provisional agreement with the European Parliament on measures to simplify regulatory requirements for chemical products. The agreement aims to reduce administrative burdens, streamline compliance procedures, and improve the efficiency of EU chemicals legislation while maintaining high standards of protection for human health and the environment. The provisional agreement must now be endorsed by the Council and the European Parliament before being submitted for a legal/linguistic revision in view of its formal adoption by the co-legislators in the coming months. The co-legislators will work towards formally adopting this Omnibus as soon as possible, in the course of 2026.

ENVI Committee to vote on objections to GMO authorisation renewals: During a meeting to be held on June 23, the ENVI Committee will vote on draft resolutions calling on the European Commission to withdraw its draft decisions and not to renew the authorisations for genetically modified maize NK603 × T25 and genetically modified soybean MON 87705. The next steps are to vote on the resolution in the plenary of the European Parliament; if it is adopted, the Commission will take note of the objections raised, but retains the power to decide on the renewal of the authorisations under the procedure provided for in EU legislation on genetically modified organisms.

Developments in Transnistria

Moldovan authorities to introduce gas storage obligations for the Transnistrian region: The entity responsible for the natural gas supply of the Transnistrian region will be required to establish and maintain gas reserves, according to a draft bill voted in the first reading by Parliament. According to the document, gas stocks will have to cover at least 15% of the average annual consumption of end consumers in the Transnistrian region, calculated based on data from the last five years. The calculation will include only the volumes used for the own needs of consumers in the region, excluding gas used to produce electricity delivered outside it.