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INITIATIVE STATUS:

26.06.2026 - published in the Official Journal of the EU, L series

This Regulation introduces a **distinct framework for plants obtained through new genomic techniques and derived products, applicable to breeders, farmers, food and feed business operators**. Thus, a distinction is made between category 1 NGT plants, treated similarly to conventional plants, and category 2 NGT plants, maintained under an authorisation regime similar to GMOs.

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INTRARE ÎN VIGOARE:

15.07.2026

EXCEPTIONS:

THE REGULATION APPLIES FROM JULY 17, 2028, AND THE ARTICLES ON GUIDELINES, CODE AND PATENTS FROM JULY 16, 2026.

01 Updated initiatives

L362/2026 - PL-x 490/2026

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

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

24.06.2026 - registered with the Chamber of Deputies for final debate and sent for **joint report** to the Committee on Education, the Committee on Information Technology and the Committee on Science (deadline for submitting amendments: 02.09.2026, deadline for submitting report: 09.09.2026).

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:

 Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber

 Debate in the plenary session 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

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

24.06.2026 - rejected by the Senate (first chamber).

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:

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

National news

Alliance for the Seed Industry in Romania promoted plant breeding through educational initiative: The Alliance for the Seed Industry in Romania organised the third edition of “A Day in the Life of a Plant Breeder” at the Agricultural Research and Development Station (SCDA) Turda on June 24, to showcase the role of plant breeding and agricultural research in developing resilient crop varieties. During the event, **Alina Mihai, Executive Director of AISR**, highlighted the importance of using certified seed, warning that farm-saved seed can reduce yields, increase financial losses, affect crop quality and limit traceability, while **Andrei Măruțescu, President of AISR**, welcomed the recent agreement on the EU regulation on new genomic techniques, stating that it marks a milestone for plant breeding innovation and will enable the development of more resilient and productive crop varieties while strengthening the competitiveness of European agriculture

NPA reported results of plant product monitoring programme: The National Phytosanitary Authority announced that, as of 24 June, inspections carried out under the national plant product monitoring programme had identified 37 cases of non-compliance, representing 1.8% of total samples. The authority stated that the controls aim to verify compliance with quality and phytosanitary requirements and to ensure that plant products placed on the market meet the applicable regulatory standards.

European news

ENVI Committee to vote on CAP implementation opinion: On July 2, the European Parliament's ENVI Committee will vote on its draft opinion on the European Commission's proposal for the implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) for 2028–2034. The opinion, prepared for the lead AGRI Committee, focuses on integrating environmental and climate objectives into the future CAP framework and will contribute to Parliament's position in the ongoing legislative process.

European Parliament committees to discuss draft report on the European Biotech Act: The SANT and ITRE committees will meet on June 29 to discuss the draft report on the proposed European Biotech Act. The draft report addresses the Commission's proposal to strengthen the competitiveness of the EU biotechnology sector by supporting innovation, facilitating investment and promoting the development and uptake of biotechnology solutions. Members will exchange views on the report ahead of the July 7 deadline for tabling amendments.