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The decision provides for the establishment of a **state aid scheme for advanced technologies (TechUp Romania)** through which SMEs and large enterprises in DeepTech fields can finance integrated research and development projects and production or service provision capacities, with eligible costs between 5 and 50 million lei. The support combines grants with a 200% tax deduction for certain research and development expenses.

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National news

MARD calls for accelerated APIA controls and completion of farm subsidy payments: Interim Agriculture Minister Tánczos Barna asked the Agency for Payments and Intervention in Agriculture to accelerate controls for the 2026 subsidy campaign and complete outstanding payments for 2025. More than 98% of farmers have already received 2025 subsidies, totalling over EUR 2.6 billion. For 2026, nearly 50% of the conventional on-site control sample has been checked, with the ministry aiming to complete controls by the end of September to allow advance subsidy payments to start on time.

European news

EFSA evaluation of MRLs for flupyradifurone and difluoroacetic acid (DFA): The European Food Safety Authority assessed an application submitted by Bayer AG to modify existing maximum residue levels (MRLs) for flupyradifurone and its metabolite DFA in almonds, hazelnuts, pistachios, walnuts, strawberries and escaroles. EFSA found the available data sufficient to derive MRL proposals for the assessed uses and concluded that short- and long-term dietary exposure is unlikely to pose a risk to consumer health. EFSA proposed higher MRLs for several commodities, while further risk-management consideration is required for DFA in escaroles due to potential residues from uptake in rotational crops.

European Parliament to hold hearing on simplifying EU food and feed safety rules: The European Parliament's ENVI and AGRI committees will hold a joint public hearing on September 2, 2026 to support their work on the Food and Feed Safety Omnibus. The hearing will bring together experts and stakeholders to discuss the scientific perspective and practical implementation of the proposed simplification measures, which seek to amend 14 EU Regulations and Directives. Expert presentations will be followed by exchanges with MEPs and contributions from EFSA and the European Commission.

European Parliament AGRI Committee continues work on CAP support framework for 2028–2034: The proposal establishing the conditions for implementing EU support under the Common Agricultural Policy for 2028–2034 has been included on the agenda of the European Parliament's AGRI Committee on September 2. At this stage, the committee is continuing its examination of the legislative file, including work on amendments and preparation of the AGRI position.