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INITIATIVE STATUS:

26.11.2025 - published in the Official Journal of the European Union .

The objectives of this Directive are to establish a solid and coherent soil monitoring framework for all soils across the Union, to reduce soil contamination to levels no longer considered harmful to human health and the environment, to continuously improve soil health in the Union, to maintain soils in a healthy condition and to prevent and address all aspects of soil degradation, with a view to achieving healthy soils by 2050 so that they can provide multiple ecosystem services on a scale...

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Government Decision on the approval of the National Strategy for the Promotion of Romanian Agri-Food Products 2025 – 2029 and the related action plan

#Farm to fork

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

27.11.2025 - the decision was adopted by the Government.

The Government Decision establishes the strategic framework for the promotion of Romanian agri-food products in the period 2025-2029. The strategy aims to improve the competitiveness of the national agri-food sector, promote sustainability and food safety, as well as strengthen Romania's position on international markets. The document includes support measures for local producers, alignment with European quality and safety standards, as well as collaboration measures between authorities and the...

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L423/2025 - Pl-x 497/2025

Legislative proposal to set a deadline for surcharges temporarily introduced during the budget deficit reduction period

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

24.11.2025 - registered with the Chamber of Deputies for final debate and sent for **report** to the Budget Committee and the Entrepreneurship Committee (deadline for submitting amendments: 04.12.2025, deadline for submitting report: 15.12.2025).

The legislative initiative, submitted by USR deputy Claudiu Năsui, provides for **the return, from January 1, 2027, to the fiscal regime existing before the entry into force of Law no. 141/2025** (1st package of fiscal measures), by restoring the level of taxes and contributions to the previous values.

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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

L454/2025 - Pl-x 520/2025

Legislative proposal on the protection of bees and the regulation of the use of pesticides in agriculture

#Bees - Bzz Bzz

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

26.11.2025 - Registered with the Chamber of Deputies for the final debate and sent for a **joint report** to the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on the Environment (amendment deadline: 09.12.2025; report deadline: 17.12.2025).

The legislative proposal includes bees as protected animals under national law and establishes a stricter regime for the use of pesticides in agriculture, with explicit bans on substances that are lethal to pollinators, mandatory notifications to beekeepers and increased penalties for non-compliance. The stated aim is to reduce colony mortality, prevent farmer-beekeeper conflicts and align with EU standards on biodiversity and the sustainable use of pesticides.

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NEXT STEPS:

 Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber

 Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber

03 Updated initiatives

L494/2025 - Pl-x 508/2025

Legislative proposal for amending and supplementing Government Emergency Ordinance No. 34/2012 for establishing the institutional framework for action for the sustainable use of pesticides on the territory of Romania

#Precision agriculture

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

26.11.2025 - sent for **report** to the Committee on Agriculture (deadline for amendments: 09.12.2025; report deadline: 17.12.2025).

This legislative proposal, initiated by senators USR, PNL and UDMR, regulates the aerial application of plant protection products using unmanned aircraft, and clearly defines the terms: operator, pilot and unmanned aircraft, the obligations of each, the necessary certifications and the technical conditions for application.

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NEXT STEPS:

 Debate in the report committee of the decisional chamber

 Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber

04 Updated initiatives

L392/2025

Legislative proposal to supplement Emergency Ordinance no. 34/2012 for establishing the institutional framework for action for the sustainable use of pesticides on the territory of Romania

#Precision agriculture

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

26.11.2025 - receipt of rejection report from the Committee for Water, Forests, Fisheries and Hunting Fund.

This legislative proposal, initiated by PSD senators, regulates the possibility of aerial application of plant protection products using drones on Romanian territory, for agricultural purposes.

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NEXT STEPS:

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

National news

AAC request regarding neonicotinoids: The Alliance for Agriculture and Cooperation requested, within a COPA COGECA working group, the amendment of Art. 2 of Regulations 783, 784 and 785 of 2018, to allow Member States to use neonicotinoid-based seed treatments in specific situations, where there is a very high economic damage threshold by nature, which would be valid until effective and cost-effective alternatives appear. In response, Oliver Varhelyi, European Commissioner for Animal Health and Welfare, stated that Romania is a special case, and the Commission is open to talking to organizations, farmers, and national authorities on alternatives, and offered details regarding the Omnibus package.

Meeting on the agricultural sector in the Parliament: On November 24, a joint meeting of the Committees on Agriculture of the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies took place, to evaluate and correlate the legislative priorities necessary to modernize and consolidate the agricultural sector in Romania, as topics such as the development of irrigation infrastructure, climate risk management, adapting lending instruments to the specifics of agricultural holdings and accelerating digitalization processes in agriculture were discussed.

NPA at agricultural events: The management of the National Phytosanitary Authority participated in the 2025 edition of the AIPROM event "Cultivating the Future Together", during which topics related to the responsible use of plant protection products, the impact of legislative changes and the need to connect field results with regulatory decisions were addressed. Representatives of the Authority were present at the Scientific Communications Session "ProPlantSus2025", organized by the Research and Development Institute for Plant Protection, as the NPA team gave the presentation "Species harmful to plants and plant products, newly reported in Romania".

AGRI4FUTURE Romania - Objective 2035 event: The Romanian Farmers Club launched the first regional conference of the national program "AGRI4FUTURE Romania - Objective 2035" during which an analysis of the European Commission's proposals regarding the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy 2028-2034 was presented and topics such as access to financing and uncovered financing for agriculture, digitalization, innovation, and preparing for a competitive agriculture were discussed.

New ASAS president: Florin Stanica was elected as president of the "Gheorghe Ionescu-Șișești" Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences – ASAS. Florin Stanica is Vice-Rector of the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine USAMV Bucharest.

European news

Commission presented new Bioeconomy Strategy: The European Commission adopted a new Strategic Framework for a Competitive and Sustainable EU Bioeconomy, aimed to boost innovation and support European companies in making a success of the green transition. To unlock investment and enable scale-up, the Commission identified innovative markets for bio-based materials and technologies, including bio-based sectors, such as plastics, fibres, textiles, chemicals, fertilisers, plant protection products, construction materials, biorefineries, advanced fermentation and permanent storage of biogenic carbon, as the EC will boost demand for bio-based content in products, for example, by setting targets in relevant legislation.

EP adopted report on biological control agents: The European Parliament adopted an own initiative report on ways to speed up the registration and uptake of biological control agents calling for a targeted revision of Regulation (EC) No 1107/2009 on the placing on the market of plant protection products, as the Parliament wants a clear legal definition of biological control agents as well as faster approval and authorization procedures, and calls on member states to increase and facilitate the use of the mutual recognition procedure for biological controls. Thus, the Commission is expected to propose targeted amendments to Regulation 1107/2009 or draft a dedicated BCA regulatory framework.

EP resolution regarding genetically modified maize MON 87427: The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the draft Commission implementing decision on the renewal of the authorization for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of, or produced from genetically modified maize MON 87427, calling on the Commission to withdraw its draft implementing decision, not to renew the authorization for genetically modified corn due to the risks associated with the use of glyphosate, and to present, without delay, a legislative proposal to reform the decision-making procedure on GMOs.

EFSA assessment of genetically modified maize NK603 × T25: The European Food Safety Authority published an assessment of genetically modified maize NK603 × T25 for renewal authorisation under Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003, as well as consultation on the GMO.

Industry request regarding NGTs: A coalition of 26 EU organizations representing the vast majority of plant-based operators, called on the European Parliament to avoid adding new restrictions and to finalize an agreement with the Council and Commission regarding New Genomic Techniques, warning that additional requirements currently discussed in the European Parliament, such as extra sustainability criteria, traceability and labelling obligations, or extensive monitoring, go beyond the scope of the Commission's original proposal.

ENVI meeting on December 3-4: During a meeting to be held between December 3 – 4, the ENVI Committee will be briefed on the progress and outcome of those negotiations regarding the NGTs proposal by Rapporteur Jessica Polfjard, and will vote objections on renewing the

authorisation for the placing on the market of products containing, consisting of or produced from genetically modified maize NK603 and sugar beet KWS20-1, calling on the Commission to withdraw its implementing decisions.

Developments in Transnistria

Transnistria is running low on gas reserves: Energy Minister Dorin Junghietu claims that Transnistria currently has 54-56 million cubic meters of gas, enough for approximately two weeks at the current level of consumption. Energy Minister Dorin Junghietu says that Transnistria currently has 54-56 million cubic meters of gas, enough for about two weeks at the current level of consumption, and in the event of an interruption, the 60-million-euro support mechanism proposed by the Government and supported by the European Union can be used. Although Tiraspol initially refused this support, the authorities in Chisinau emphasize that the priority is to protect the citizens of the Republic of Moldova on the left bank of the Nistru River and avoid a new humanitarian crisis.