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#Projects - CAP Strategic Plan 2023-2027

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

28.04.2026 - published in the Official Gazette, Part I, No. 338.

This order ensures **the establishment of the unitary amount and the necessary reallocations for all direct payment interventions within the 2025 campaign of the CAP SP**, by amending MARD order no. 42/2026.

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INTRARE ÎN VIGOARE:

28.04.2026

01 Adopted normative acts

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Government Decision approving the ceilings allocated to transitional national aid in the crop and livestock sectors, for the 2025 application year

#Transitional National Aids

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

30.04.2026 - adopted by the Government.

This decision sets the ceilings allocated to transitional national aid in the plant sector (ANT 1–6) for the claim year 2025.

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NEXT STEPS:

 Publication

01 New initiatives

Aid scheme

State aid scheme aiming to support investments in biofuel production with financing from the Modernization Fund - Key Program No. 8 Alternative Fuels - Support for the production of biofuels/biofuels

#Biofuels

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

28.04.2026 - published on the Ministry of Energy's website, in the Modernization Fund - Key Program 8 section . Interested persons or entities will be able to formulate observations and proposals, which will be sent to the e-mail address: 'programcheie8fm@energie.gov.ro' within 15 days.

This state aid scheme introduces non-reimbursable financing of up to 70% for companies building new biofuel production capacities, through a competitive procedure.

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NEXT STEPS:

-  Public debate
-  Publication

01 Updated initiatives

L121/2026 - PL-x 242/2026

Draft bill for the approval of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 4/2026 on establishing the institutional framework, as well as the measures necessary for the implementation of the provisions of Regulation (EU) 2023/1804 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 September 2023 on the deployment of alternative fuels infrastructure and repealing Directive 2014/94/EU

#Clean Industrial Deal
#Alternative fuels

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

29.04.2026 - receipt of joint admission report , issued by the Committee on Industries and the Committee on Transport.

This draft bill approves GEO 4/2026, which establishes the institutional framework and the necessary measures for the national application of Regulation (EU) 2023/1804 on the installation of alternative fuels infrastructure, with the aim of ensuring Romania's compliance with European obligations and avoiding the triggering of infringement procedures. The act creates a framework for all modes of transport and replaces the previous legislation based on Directive 2014/94/EU, repealed at European...

ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT

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NEXT STEPS:

-  Debate in the plenary session of the decisional chamber
-  Referral on the constitutionality

02 Updated initiatives

L251/2026

Draft bill for the approval of Government Emergency Ordinance no. 26/2026 on the establishment of the Agricultural Sustainability Data Network, as well as the amendment of certain normative acts

#Sustainability #Agriculture & biodiversity #Agricultural sustainability

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

28.04.2026 - The Committee on Agriculture issued an admission report .

This draft bill approves GEO 26/2026, which provides for **the establishment of the Agricultural Sustainability Data Network (RDDA)**, through the reorganization of the FADN, as a national instrument for the collection and analysis of economic, environmental and social data at farm level. The objective is to align with the new European framework and use the data to inform agricultural policies, but also to provide comparative feedback to farmers.

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NEXT STEPS:

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

03 Updated initiatives

L189/2026

Legislative proposal for amending Law no. 36/1991 on agricultural companies and other forms of association in agriculture

#agricultural cooperative

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INITIATIVE STATUS:

29.04.2026 - receipt of joint admission report with admitted amendments and rejected amendments from the Economic Committee and the Committee on Agriculture.

This legislative proposal, initiated by PSD, USR, PNL and UDMR parliamentarians, introduces the possibility that **agricultural companies can transform into agricultural cooperatives**.

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NEXT STEPS:

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

National news

NPA director highlighted plant protection priorities and drone use in agriculture: The Director General of the National Phytosanitary Authority, Romeo Săldea, participated in the event “Food Security in Romania and the Future of Agricultural Production”, where discussions focused on the role of plant protection in ensuring stable agricultural output and food security. The intervention also emphasised the importance of advancing digitalisation in agriculture, including the use of new technologies such as drones for the application of plant protection products, as tools to increase precision, efficiency and sustainability. At the same time, the need to maintain effective pest control solutions, strengthen regulatory compliance and enhance cooperation between authorities and the sector was highlighted.

Romania highlighted key priorities at AgriFish Council: State Secretary Emil Dumitru participated in the Agriculture and Fisheries Council, where he presented Romania’s positions on key agricultural topics, including the need to support farmers in the context of market pressures and rising input costs. He emphasised the importance of adequate CAP funding, measures to strengthen the resilience and competitiveness of the agricultural sector, and the need to ensure fair conditions for farmers across member states. Discussions also addressed ongoing policy developments at EU level and the importance of coordinated action to respond to current challenges in agriculture.

MARD presented the activity report of Minister Florin-Ionuț Barbu: The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has published the activity report of Minister Florin-Ionuț Barbu, outlining key measures implemented during his mandate, including the management of EU and national funds, support schemes for farmers, and investments in irrigation infrastructure.

MARD secretary of state resignation: Following a decision published in the Official Gazette, Adrian Pinteă resigned as MARD secretary of state. For the other PSD secretary, Violeta Mușat, no decision has been published yet.

Consultation on DR-14 guide: The Agency for Financing Rural Investments launched a consultation on the Applicant's Guide related to intervention area DR-14 "Investments in small farms". The consultation is open until April 24.

European news

Parliament vote on the simplification of EU chemicals legislation: The European Parliament voted on the proposal to simplify EU chemicals legislation - **COM(2025)0531**, as several amendments were introduced, regarding classification, labelling and packaging requirements, provisions easing administrative procedures for placing substances and mixtures on the market, updates to hazard classification rules and digital labelling options, measures clarifying obligations for downstream users and importers, and adjustments affecting data requirements and evaluation timelines. Following the first-reading adoption of amendments by the European Parliament, the file is referred back for interinstitutional negotiations (trilogues) with the Council and the European Commission.

Temporary EU State Aid Framework for Crisis-Affected Sectors: The European Commission introduces a temporary State aid framework allowing Member States to support sectors affected by the Middle East crisis, including agriculture, by compensating up to 70% of increased costs related to fuel and fertilisers, as well as providing limited lump-sum aid. It also enables enhanced support for electricity costs under existing schemes and allows cumulation with other aid instruments. The framework applies until the end of 2026 and is designed to provide targeted, temporary relief to the most impacted industries while maintaining EU competition rules.

Council's position on the NGTs regulation published: The following documents were published in the Official Gazette:

- Position (EU) No 6/2026 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques and their products, and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/625
- Statement of the Council's reasons: Position (EU) No 6/2026 of the Council at first reading with a view to the adoption of a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on plants obtained by certain new genomic techniques and their products.

Developments in Transnistria

Discussions regarding gas deliveries after April: The Deputy Prime Minister Valeriu Chiveri announced that gas deliveries to the Transnistrian region have been financially secured until 30 April, ensuring continuity of supply in the short term. Authorities indicated that discussions are ongoing regarding arrangements beyond this date, in the context of broader uncertainties surrounding energy supply and payment mechanisms in the region.