

Reaching the National Rural Development Plan in Romania

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Abstract

Romania's accession to the European Union means adding a surface of 238.000 km² and a population of 21.000.000 people to the EU. A main role in its economic and social development is played by the activities undertaken in the rural area.

In order to reach the level of development of the old member states, Romania will allocate in the period 2007-2013 significant funds from the national budget to the agricultural sector throughout national programmes. These will be sustained by European funds for rural development, which take into consideration the following seven years and reach as much as eight billion euros.

These funds granted throughout the National Programme for Rural Development 2007-2013 take into consideration:

1. Renovating and developing the villages, improving the basic services for the rural economy and population and acknowledging the rural inheritance;
2. Modernisation of the agricultural exploitation facilities;
3. A programme for the modernisation of the Romanian agriculture and the rural environment;
4. Direct complementary payments in the zoo technical area;
5. Direct payments per hectare;
6. European market machineries – export bonuses;
7. Over 2.1 billion euros for the III. axe of rural development “Life standards in the rural areas and diversifying the rural economy”
8. The necessity of building producers groups and organisations;
9. Research;
10. Professional and inter-professional bodies.
11. The new programme brings plenty of new elements, like:
12. More money
13. More ways of support
14. More classes of stakeholders – agricultural producers, farmers, small and medium sized entities;
15. Simplifying the procedures for accessing the funds, counselling and consultancy support.

The National Plan for Rural Development represents the framework through which Romania establishes its development actions and policies for the period 2007-2013 in agriculture, forestry and rural economy, but also its investment projects in infrastructure, development and renovation of the Romanian villages.

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