

Governing program: Agri-Invest, programme dedicated exclusively to farm sector in 2021-2024

The agricultural sector will benefit, in the period 2021-2024, from a programme similar to SME Invest, respectively Agri-Invest, a programme dedicated exclusively to agriculture, shows the government programme submitted on Wednesday morning to the Parliament by Prime Minister-designate Florin Cîtu.

This programme includes guarantees for loans with 100 per cent guaranteed interest, interest subsidizing (approximately 8 months) and a loan repayment period of up to 10 years.

Also, in order to support the farmers from the mountain areas, the provisions of the Mountain Law will be put into practice, and in the new National Strategic Program the mountain support system will be re-evaluated and redefined.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development is working on three other important projects to be financed by the National Resilience and Economic Recovery Plan (PNRR) and the National Strategic Plan, and the first of them is the water management strategy, respectively irrigation infrastructure, drainage infrastructure, works to combat soil erosion, completion of the national anti-hail system and increase in precipitation. The other projects aim at creating a national network of centers for collecting, storing, processing and distributing Romanian products and financing agricultural associations, covering the costs of setting up and operating and launching lines dedicated to them for the development of food hubs.

Among the main objectives for the period 2021-2024 included in the chapter on agriculture in the government program are the consolidation of farms, the consolidation of the position of farmers in the agri-food chain and the consolidation of the associative environment.