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IS ORGANISING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH
- the 31st edition -
on the topic:

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT: POST-ACCESSION EXPERIENCES AND RESULTS

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN A HYBRID FORMAT (ON SITE AND ON LINE)
ON **DECEMBER 10, 2026**

CONTEXT OF SCIENTIFIC DEBATE

Two decades after Romania's accession to the European Union, the transformations of agriculture and rural areas provide a framework for reflection on the outcomes of European integration and future development paths. The international session "Agriculture and Rural Development: Post-Accession Experiences and Results" proposes a debate on these transformations, starting from Romania's experience and comparing it with developments in other states. The analysis of the post-accession period allows for a discussion on the progress achieved, the challenges encountered, and the extent to which policies and mobilised resources have addressed the needs of agriculture and rural communities.

Romania's participation to the European Single Market, the implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy and the access to EU funding have changed the operating conditions for the Romanian agriculture as well as the rural development policy framework. For agricultural holdings and agri-food enterprises, European integration has entailed opportunities for investment and access to markets, as well as the need

to adapt to a competitive environment and common standards. In rural areas, public interventions have targeted infrastructure modernisation, diversification of economic activities and improvement of living conditions. The outcomes of these processes must be understood in relation to the situation at the moment of accession, the structural particularities of the Romanian economy, and the disparities across regions and communities.

The experience gained in this period has raised questions on the capacity of Romania's agriculture to valorise its potential and turn investments into sustainable economic performance. The evolution of productivity, farm incomes and competitiveness should take into consideration the diversity of holdings, access to capital and knowledge and the organisational structures of economic activity. At the same time, assessing the impact of public policies requires an examination of the achieved outcomes and their distribution across beneficiaries and regions. Such an analysis can highlight both the conditions that have fostered development and the reasons why certain constraints have persisted.

The internationality of the conference provides an opportunity to discuss Romania's experience within a comparative framework, where the results of research findings and experiences of other countries can contribute to a better understanding of post-accession transformations. Interpreting these changes requires delimiting the impact of European integration and public policies from the influence of technological change, demographic processes, and economic conditions. Dialogue among experts in economics, agricultural sciences, and rural development can contribute to a better understanding of these transformations and to the substantiation of recommendations for agricultural and rural development policies.

Viewed from this perspective, the analysis of the post-accession period provides a foundation to discuss the future. The gained experiences and results can guide research priorities and public policy choices, ensuring that the development of Romanian agriculture and rural communities meets both national needs and the demands of a changing European and international environment.

OBJECTIVE

The aim of this scientific event is to bring together members of the academic community, researchers, university teaching staff, experts and decision-makers from Romania and other countries to analyse the changes in Romania's agriculture and rural area following the accession to the European Union, in the context of the experience of other countries and current international challenges.

The event provides a forum for discussing research findings in agricultural economics, general economics, agricultural sciences and rural development, as well as in related areas. The discussions aim to understand the factors influencing post-accession developments, assess the contribution of public policies, and identify ways in which accumulated experience can support future development. Participants are invited to present empirical research, theoretical and methodological contributions, policy evaluations, and comparative studies concerning agriculture, agri-food markets and supply chains, and rural economy.

Through the exchange of results and experience, the session aims to contribute to the substantiation of recommendations on agricultural and rural development policies and to defining research directions of common interest. At the same time, the session offers an opportunity to strengthen international partnerships and foster dialogue among academia, public institutions and economic stakeholders involved in the development of agriculture and rural areas.

SECTIONS

Section 1: Viability and sustainability of agricultural holdings

The viability and sustainability of agricultural holdings must be analysed in the context of current international challenges. Geopolitical tensions, trade uncertainties, and fluctuations in energy and input markets impact costs, agri-food trade, and investment decisions. Climate risks, pressure on water resources, soil degradation, and biodiversity loss require to adapt farming practices and to reconsider how resources are used. For Romanian agriculture, responding to these challenges imply strengthening adaptive

capacity without losing sight of the economic viability of farms, food security, and environmental protection goals.

Section 2: Transformation and perspectives of agri-food chains

The functioning of agricultural markets and the transformation of agri-food supply chains in Romania represent a significant aspect in the analysis of the post-accession period. Trade integration must be examined in relation to production structure, processing capacity, and the ways in which Romanian products are marketed on the domestic and foreign markets. Relationships between producers, processors, and distributors, as well as price formation and transmission, cooperation and association influence the distribution of value added and the position of operators in the supply chains; these factors have implications on the competitiveness and development prospects of the Romanian agri-food sector.

Section 3: Socio-economic and institutional premises of rural development

In the Romanian rural area, the assessment of post-accession outcomes must examine the link between the investments made, the economic opportunities, and the population's living conditions. Agriculture continues to be closely linked to the economy of many communities, yet their development also depends on the presence of non-agricultural activities, access to services, and the capacity to attract and retain human capital. Migration, population aging, and generational renewal influence the continuation of activities and the local development perspectives. Consequently, the diversity of rural territories requires a discussion of policies in relation to the specific needs of communities and their ability to capitalise on available support.

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IMPORTANT DATES

November 23, 2026	Submission deadline for abstracts in Romanian and in English (title of paper, authors, institutional affiliation, key words, JEL Classification with an abstract of maximum ½ page - 2000 characters), to the address sympoiea@gmail.com (see abstract model)
November 27, 2026	Notification of abstract acceptance
December 10, 2026	Works of the conference
February 15, 2027	Submission deadline for full papers, to the address sympoiea@gmail.com

PUBLICATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

1. The papers presented at the conference will be published in Romanian, after evaluation, in the Proceedings Volume in the series “Agricultural Economics and Rural Development Research” (publication with ISBN).
2. A selection of the best papers will be published in English in the journal “Agricultural Economics and Rural Development”, ISSN 1841-0375, indexed in Repec and EconLit.

THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ROMANIAN AND ENGLISH

THERE IS NO PARTICIPATION FEE FOR THE CONFERENCE

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