

## ***European Seminar in Romania on organic food and farming in Europe and its political framework***

**Brussels-Bucharest, 22/04/2009** – The mid- and long term development of the CAP as well as the new EU regulation on organic food and farming will be the main topics of the European seminar (1) taking place in Bucharest from April 23 to 24, 2009. These topics will also be presented by representatives of the Romanian Ministry of Agriculture, the IFOAM EU Group (2) and the National Federation of Ecological Agriculture (3) in a press conference in the Agricultural Ministry in Bucharest on April 22, 10 - 12 am (room 19).

The press conference will be opened by Catalin Aurelian Rosculete, state secretary of the Romanian agricultural ministry. Francis Blake, president of IFOAM EU Group, will present the work of IFOAM EU Group and give an overview of the subjects to be covered in the seminar. Ion Toncea, president of the National Federation of Ecological Agriculture (FNAE), will present the opinion of Romanian organic stakeholders.

The seminar, involving 40 European experts from 19 countries, will be organised by the IFOAM EU Group and FNAE with funding from the European Commission (4).

The seminar conclusions will be presented in a public presentation on Friday, April 24 at 2.30 pm in the Agricultural Sciences Academy of Bucharest. Representatives of the Agricultural ministry, IFOAM EU Group, and the organic farming movement of Romania will be present. All interested stakeholders are invited.

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### Notes

- (1) The CAP Seminar "Multifunctional agriculture in Europe – the role of organic food and farming and its political framework", will afford the opportunity to outline impacts of changing legal frameworks in

Europe. About 40 experts of the organic and environmental sector will meet in Bucharest, Romania, to discuss the future situation of the organic food and farming sector.

- (2) The IFOAM EU Group represents the 334 member organisations of IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements) in the EU, the EU accession countries and EFTA. Member organisations include: consumer, farmer and processor associations; research, education and advisory organisations; certification bodies and commercial organic companies.
- (3) The National Federation of Ecological Agriculture (FNAE) represents 6 Romanian member organisations: BIOTERRA, Romanian Association for Sustainable Agriculture (ARAD), AGROECOLOGIA, BIO – ROMANIA, ECO-RUAL and Association for Ecological Agriculture (Agri-Eco), which are the most important in the organic farming movement of Romania.
- (4) The seminar will take place from 23-24 April in Bucharest, Romania. It is co-financed by the European Community, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development. The sole responsibility for the communication/ publication lies with the author. The Commission is not responsible for any use that may be made of the information contained therein.