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IS ORGANIZING THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM:

**AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH**  
- the 23<sup>rd</sup> edition -  
on the theme:

**"AGRICULTURAL MARKETS AND RURAL AREAS  
IN THE CONTEXT OF MODERNISING AND SIMPLIFYING  
THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY"**

THE SYMPOSIUM WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
**DECEMBER 11, 2018**  
VENUE: CASA OAMENILOR DE ȘTIINȚĂ  
(Piața Lahovari, no. 9, sector 1, Bucharest)

**THEME PRESENTATION:**

Throughout the years, the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) has been subject to numerous changes and adaptations to the producers' and consumers' needs, to the environmental problems, under the pressure of climate changes, for a sustainable and inclusive growth. The debates on post-2020 CAP reform gained consistency when the European Commission published its vision on the future of agriculture and food in the European Union. The public consultation in the first half of the year 2017 on the theme of CAP modernization and simplification confirmed that the current CAP instruments can address the existing challenges only to a certain extent, the environmental and climate challenges in particular, as domains on which most farmers and other stakeholders consider that CAP should focus more.

In its vision on agriculture and food, the European Commission advocates a smarter, more modern and sustainable Common Agricultural Policy, which should provide support to farmers for fair incomes, to finance investments aimed to improve the positioning of farms along the chains, ensure risk management, environmental protection and climate actions,

at the same time contributing to strengthening the socio-economic structure of rural areas and attracting young farmers to farming activities.

Economic growth and job creation in the rural areas remain CAP priorities, as the rural areas are facing structural problems such as lack of attractive employment opportunities, lack of investments in basic services and young people's low interest in living in the rural area. The rural workforce should have better access to vocational training, to skills development programmes, to quality education and connectivity. The new rural value chains such as clean energy, emerging bioeconomy and circular economy can create jobs and new opportunities for rural areas.

At the same time, the renewal of farmer generations should be a priority for the future policy, and a better implementation presupposes a better correlation between the national and the EU actions. Romania is one of the EU member states that is mostly affected by the young people's exodus from the rural area; therefore new concrete support measures are needed, for the organization of producer associations inclusively, with the massive simplification of procedures regarding the access to EU and national funds, as well as with a wide range of projects dedicated to young people in particular.

CAP modernization has also in view introducing new technologies and wide-scale innovation (the EU research programme Horizon Europe for research and innovation projects in the agri-food sector, rural development and bioeconomy), which will also contribute to the renewal of generations in agriculture and rural area. An adequate framework must be created for risk management, in order to better face the production, price and income risks, as well as for remediating the structural deficiencies.

For Romania, agriculture is an important strategic sector, yet the growth of the sector to reach the potential of its resources is still an ongoing objective. The social and economic effects obtained as a result of CAP implementation in Romania have been the object of numerous research studies, and the context of CAP modernization and simplification for the new programming period provides the framework for new opportunities for study and research in the field.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

The aim of this scientific event is to bring together researchers, academics, experts and decision-makers in agriculture, forestry, agricultural economics and rural development as well as from other related areas, to debate theoretical, methodological and practical issues concerning the agri-food sector evolution and development opportunities, in the context provided by CAP modernization and simplification for the programming period 2021-2027. The participants are invited to present their main concerns and the results of their recent research work in the investigated fields. This scientific event will also represent a good opportunity for creating new partnerships and identifying new areas of cooperation in scientific research.

## **SECTIONS:**

### **Section 1: Agricultural holding and resource management**

- Conservation and sustainable management of natural resources
- Efficient management on agricultural holdings
- Investments and risk management in agriculture
- Size and quality of labour resources

- Agriculture adaptation to climate changes

## **Section 2: Development potential of agricultural markets**

- Stability of the supply of agricultural products
- Volatility of agricultural prices
- Agricultural, food security and safety policies
- Quality and safety along the agri-food supply chains
- Competitiveness of agri-food products at national, European and world level
- Structural changes in agriculture and food industry

## **Section 3: Rural area and rural development policy**

- Economic and social changes in the rural areas
- Models and methods for rural policy evaluation
- Models of rural competitiveness
- Rural business and rural households
- Innovation and knowledge transfer
- Social responsibility in regional rural development
- Rural, regional and local development

## **SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE:**

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#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

November 01, 2018	Submission deadline for abstracts in Romanian and in English (title of paper, authors, institutional affiliation, key words, JEL Classification, and an abstract of max. ½ page - 2000 characters), to the address <a href="mailto:sympoiea@gmail.com">sympoiea@gmail.com</a> (see <i>Abstract model</i> attached)
November 15, 2018	Notification on abstract acceptance
December 11, 2018	International symposium
January 31, 2019	Submission deadline for full papers to the address <a href="mailto:sympoiea@gmail.com">sympoiea@gmail.com</a>

#### **PUBLICATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**

1. The papers presented at the session will be published, after evaluation, in the Proceedings Volume: Series “Agricultural Economics and Rural Development Research” (Romanian Academy Publishing House)
2. O selection of the best papers (double blind peer-reviewed) will be published in English in the journal “Agricultural Economics and Rural Development”, ISSN 1841-0375, indexed in Repec and EconLit.

**PARTICIPATION FEE: There is no participation fee for the symposium**

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