

Conference “Romanian agriculture – financial facilities for investments, before and after the accession to the EU”

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Romanian Information Centre in Brussels organized on the 17th of March, together with Flanders Investment and Trade Agency, the conference “Romanian agriculture in preparation for the Common Agricultural Policy: perspectives and opportunities” aimed to promote the Romanian agricultural sector and the foreign investments in Romania and to improve the transfer of expertise in those sectors that are relevant in the context of the accession of Romania to EU.

The series of conferences for the promotion of the Romanian agricultural sector has been opened in September 2005 with a conference at which 90 executive directors of Belgian companies from the sector participated. The conference answered the interest of Belgian general and executive directors from the agro and food industry, as well as of representatives of European associations of agricultural producers and processors. The conference focused on the presentation of the investments environment in Romania and on the financial assistance offered through SAPARD program.

The conference was opened by D. Flammens of Flanders Investment and Trade Agency, who explained the interest and openness of the Agency towards the expanding market of Romania. On behalf of the Romanian Information Centre in Brussels, Magdalena Mihordea provided the participants with information and figures about the Romanian agricultural sector from the European perspective, mainly the potential of growth through investments. Achim Irimescu, expert in agriculture at the Romanian Mission to the EU, presented the SAPARD program and the measures financed in 2006. Freddy Jacobs of PBS Worldwide Belgium completed the session by focusing on the practical steps of how to initiate, receive and carry on SAPARD projects. John Loughheed, representative of the European Commission, DG Agriculture, was invited to present the Commission’s perspective and the implications of the Common Agricultural Policy on the future development of the agricultural sector in Romania.

The event concluded with a cocktail of Romanian wine.

The partners of the event were the Flanders Investment and Trade Agency (that hosted the event), the Federation of Food Industry in Belgium, the Mechanical and Machatrical Engineering Federation, and the Professional Association of Fodder Producers.

The events of the Romanian Information Centre in Brussels are developed around the opportunities offered by the Romanian economy and the programs of European financing and seek to bring Romania in the attention of the European producers and investors interested in the extremely dynamic Romanian market.

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