

## **Annex 1**

### **Activities initiated by MAFDR-DGRD in order to ensure a proper consultation process**

The purpose of the public consultation process is to guarantee that the National Strategy Plan 2007 – 2013, reflects the real situation of the Romanian rural environment and that the objectives respond to the needs targeted by the programme.

According with Article 6 of the Regulation (CE) no 1698/ 2005, Romania has the obligation to submit the programming documents for public consultation to all national, regional, and local level partners, also to the economic, social, ecologic and other level partners.

For the purpose of ensuring the transparency and efficiency of the programming as well as for the documents improvement, MAFRD has set up the public consultation procedure for the priorities and objectives of the National Strategy Plan for Rural Development.

In this case, in November 2005, the National Strategic Committee was established, which joins the representatives of public bodies, of NGO' s from the agricultural and forestry sector, of associations and foundations.

The National Strategic Committee, constituted for NSP and NRDP analysis and evaluation, is working on the basis of a Functioning and Organization Regulation and is compound of 48 members, 17 of them having the right to vote.

Up to now, three meetings took place, the first one on the 16<sup>th</sup> of November 2005, the second one on the 16<sup>th</sup> of February 2006, and the third on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2007. During those three meeting MAFRD has been presented the strategic aspects and the rural development opportunities included in the plan, requesting from the participants proposals and comments. in order to improve the strategy project. After the each meeting the participants submitted within 30 days their points of view. The key aspects which have been pointed out are the following:

Facilities for producers groups associations and farmers associations (training, information, consultancy and advisory, and available market instruments for various producers involved in the processing sector)

The improvement of the agricultural consultancy services through the development, at community level, of the information and consultancy center networks for the contractors from rural areas (relevance for the objectives of axe 1 and axe 2)

The abandonment of the agricultural activities, particularly in the mountain pastures has been underlined as a significant threat

Giving high importance to improve the skills and information regarding community standards fulfilling.

In many cases a lot of participants pointed out the continuation of certain measures similar to the SAPARD Programme.

Setting up and promoting an awareness system of the forests owners regarding the forest environmental and economic functions

Measures which can lead to the improvement of forestry management with the purpose of forbidding illegal cutting.

Correlation between the rural development policy and sectorial policies (market, fiscal, credit, commercial and investments) to meet the rural development strategy objectives and the major targets of Romanian agri-food policy.

Supporting the agricultural and forestry infrastructure in order to permit the access and to be adapted to the actual property situation

Giving a major support to the local and traditional products correlating with the agro tourism investments

Involvement of NGOs in the promoting process of the axe 2 measures

Appreciations regarding the local communities' involvement.

Finding solutions to the subsistence farms orientate to the non- agricultural activities, setting up micro-enterprises and involvement in the public and private partnerships

Maintaining the uniqueness of Romanian patrimony, particularly the tradition and habits specific to the Romanian village

Rural services development

Appreciations for the Leader approach, but high expectations regarding the starting of the selection process and increasing the information flows to the local communities

Enlargement of the consultation process for NRDP through professional associations and county and local consultancy bodies

Also, the National Strategy Plan was submitted for consultation to the Agriculture and Rural Development Committee of the Two Chambers of the Romanian Parliament, in February 20<sup>th</sup> 2007.

The improvement proposals of the senators and deputies targeted increasing of processing capacity for the meat and milk products in the rural area, development of public and private institutions partnerships in order to protect the environment, support for the traditional and ecological products certification.

Having in regard that, at territorial level, within the Directorates for Agriculture and Rural Development, special Departments are currently active, having as scope rural development promotion, several meetings with their representatives have been organized, with the purpose of analyzing the content of the National Strategic Plan.

Following the consultations with the territorial agricultural structure for Rural Development, a series of proposals were transmitted, taking into account the resources, characteristics, potential and the needs of each area. All of these aspects have contributed to the improvement and perfecting of the Romanian National Strategy Plan for the 2007 – 2013 period.

In the same time, on the MAFDR website, the National Strategic Plan was posted, in both English and Romanian, and the feedback arrived quickly.

The public was informed that there is an European legislation which provides the legal framework for the National Strategic Plan, by posting the Council Regulation (CE) no. 1698/ 2005 and the Guidelines (CE) for rural development 2007 – 2013 on the website.

Also on the ministry's website, in the rural development section, a link called **“contact this department”** has been created. Through this link, anyone can ask questions or can express oneself regarding rural development programme.

As a result of the analysis of all proposals and suggestions emerged from the consultation process, the National Strategy Plan was revised and filed in, where necessary. See below the bodies involved in the National Strategic Committee.

### **Bodies included in the National Strategic Committee**

1.	Ministry of Transport, Constructions and Tourism
2.	Ministry of Administration and Internal Affairs
3.	Ministry of Labor, Social Solidarity and Family
4.	Ministry of European Integration
5.	National Authority for Consumers Protection
6.	Ministry of Education and Research
7.	Ministry of Public Finance
8.	Ministry of Public Health
9.	Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs
10.	Ministry of Economy and Commerce
11.	Ministry of Environment and Water Management
12.	Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
13.	National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority
14.	National Agency for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises and Co-operatives
15.	Association of Cattle Breeders in Romania
16.	Foresters Association in Romania
17.	Association of Poultry Breeders
18.	Forest Administrators Association
19.	Association of Goat Breeders in Romania
20.	Rural Assistance Center
21.	Romanian Pork Employer's Organization
22.	Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania and Bucharest
23.	Regional Centre for Sustainable Rural Development Constanta
24.	Romanian Inter-professional Organization – Cereals and Grain by-Products
25.	Economic and Social Council
26.	Romanian Social Development Fund
27.	Partners Foundation for Local Development
28.	National Inter-professional Organization for vegetable fats and extraction residues
29.	Romanian Dairying Business Association
30.	Sheep Breeders Association – Dobrogea
31.	UNESCO ProNature
32.	Cattle Breeders Association - Schwyz Breed
33.	Inter-professional “Wine-growing” Organization
34.	WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE
35.	National Inter-professional Organization “Sugar”
36.	Association of Forest Owners of Romania
37.	National Association for Rural, Ecological and Cultural Tourism (NARECT)
38.	Romanian Association for Community Development (RADC)
39.	National Agency for Improvement and Reproduction in Animal Husbandry “Prof. Dr. G. K. Constantinescu”
40.	Bio-culture Association for Protected Areas

41.	Franco-Romanian Association for Agriculture Development Alba (FRAADA)
42.	Romanian Villages Operation
43.	National Council of Small and Medium Private Enterprises in Romania
44.	Romanian Academy – Institute of Agricultural Economics
45.	Research Institute for Pedology and Agro-chemistry
46.	Economic Studies Academy – Agri-food and Environment Faculty
47.	Research-Development Institute of Agricultural Economics
48.	Association of Hungarian Farmers from Romania 49. Communes Association from Romania
50.	Association of Popular Artist from Romania
51.	Bee-breeders Association
52.	Transylvanian Rural Tourism Association
53.	ALFA Cartel
54.	Center for Economical Development
55.	National Romanian Ownership Confederation
56.	National Confederation of Free Syndicates from Romanian FRATIA
57.	Ownership Confederation from the Food Industry
58.	Ownership Confederation from the Romanian Industry
59.	National Syndical Confederation MERIDIAN
60.	Democratic Syndicates Confederation from Romania
61.	National Council of Owners from Romania
62.	Romanian Government – Social Dialog Department
63.	The Rural Credit Guarantee Fund
64.	ADEPT Foundation
65.	CIVITAS Foundation
66.	The Research and Development Institute for goats and sheep PALAS
67.	The National Institute for Statistics
68.	The Private Farmers from Romania League
69.	UGIR 1903 General Union of the Romanian industrialists
70.	Babes-Bolyai University – the Economic Sciences Faculty
71.	The Romanian Senate- the Commission for Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development
72.	The Romanian Deputy Chamber- the Commission for Agriculture, Forestry, Foodstuff Industry and Rural Development
73.	The Romanian Government
74.	The National Agency for Consultancy in Agriculture
75.	Terra Millennium III Foundation
76.	National Syndical Block
77.	The National Center for Conserving and Promoting the Traditional Culture 78 Partnership Center for Equality Foundation
79.	The Research and Development Institute for Cattle Balotesti