

Association and Cooperation in Agriculture, Sustainable Development Way of the Rural Space in Romania



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Outline

Multifunctional character of agriculture:

- Production
- Protection (nature, landscape, biodiversity)
- Rural development (economics, social, cultural and so on)



Outline – Why cooperation?

needs of the large class of small producers

- social necessity: (social advantage)
- economic necessity: (economic advantage)

Outline – Trends?

	Specification	UM	1996	1998	2000	2003	2008
Finland	No. of agricultural cooperatives	No.	64	69	52	48	46
	Turn-over	Billion €	*	8,4	11,8	13,3	14
	No. employees	thousands	*	33,6	39,7	45,2	39
France	No. of agricultural cooperatives	No.	4300	3750	3600	3500	3000
	Turn-over	Billion €	*	63	64	67	80
	No. employees	thousands	*	*	*	150	*
Italy	No. agricultural cooperatives	No.	8327	5574	5540	5169	4739
	Turn-over	Billion €	*	16,92	19,72	27,07	32,7
	No. employees	thousands	*	63,1	73,27	86,71	87,44
Ireland	No. of agricultural cooperatives	No.	113	122	*	99	150
	Turn-over	Billion €	*	11,3	*	12,4	12,58
	No. employees	thousands	*	37,12	*	35,29	36,5
Slovenia	No. of agricultural cooperatives	No.	*	105	*	86	76
	Turn-over	Billion €	*	0,44	*	0,51	0,687
	No. employees	thousands	*	*	*	3,42	3,022
Germany	No. of agricultural cooperatives	No.	4434	4221	*	3286	2994
	Turn-over	Billion €	*	37,7	*	35,3	44,5
	No. employees	No.	*	140,90	*	115,405	101,5
Holland	No. of agricultural cooperatives	No.	223	115	51	*	*
	Turn-over	Billion €	*	22,7	39,21	*	*
	No. employees	thousands	*	59,60	*	*	*
Portugal	No. of agricultural cooperatives	No.	952	908	931	901	905
	Turn-over	Billion €	*	*	*	*	2,6
	No. employees	thousands	*	*	60	*	18,15
Austria	No. of agricultural cooperatives	No.	1670	1047	1081	1046	1049
	Turn-over	Billion €	*	*	*	*	*
	No. employees	thousands	*	19,02	19,19	19,94	24,13
Greece	No. of agricultural cooperatives	No.	6800	*	6470	6370	6170
	Turn-over	Billion €	*	*	0,93	1,04	*
	No. employees	thousands	*	*	*	*	*
Spain	No. of agricultural cooperatives	No.	4350	3968	3902	4175	3989
	Turn-over	Billion €	*	8,75	10,82	14,19	18,889
	No. employees	No.	*	47	48,44	78,44	94,156
Sweden	No. of agricultural cooperatives	No.	84	53	*	36	30
	Turn-over	Billion €	*	10	*	*	*
	No. employees	thousands	*	13,6	*	*	35

COGECA,
2010

Romania – Past

Agricultural Production Cooperative
Governmental Agricultural Enterprises

- auto dissolved, (not free will, mutual or material interests were the basis establishment and their operation)

Romania – Past



Agricultural Cooperatives: undesired process, imposed

Romania – Past



Effective disappearance: destroying their effects directly or indirectly, the local investment, regional, infrastructure



Romania – Past



Effective disappearance: loss of jobs, productivity, cooperation



Romania – Past

**Law 36/1991 on agricultural companies
and other agricultural associations**
(minimal effects)



Romania – Past/Now

Law 366/2004 subsequently amended by four other acts (Act 134/2006, Law 343/2006, Law 32/2007 and Law 274/2011)

Law on Cooperatives

- Supply cooperatives;
- Production cooperatives;
- Cooperative processing;
- Marketing cooperatives;
- Cooperative agriculture and rural specific services;
- Cooperative ventures.



Romania – Now

Evolution of farms and areas by ownership, INSSE, 2011

Specification	UM	2002	2005	2007	2010
Total farm	Thousands	4485	4256	3931	3856
- of which					
- without legal status	Thousands	4462	4238	3914	3825
	%	99.49	99.58	99.57	99.20
- with legal status	Thousands	23	18	17	31
	%	0.51	0.42	0.43	0.80
- cooperative units	No.	87	:	71	149
Total utilized agricultural area *					
- from the farm:	Thousands ha	13931	13907	13753	13298
- without legal status	Thousands ha	7709	9102	8966	7445
	%	55.34	65.45	65.19	55.99
-with legal status	Thousands ha	6222	4805	4787	5853
	%	44.66	34.55	34.81	44.01
- cooperative units	Thousands ha	2.36	:	15.08	:
Agricultural surface average used on farm	ha	3.11	3.27	3.5	3.45
- without legal status	ha	1.73	2.15	2.29	1.95
- with legal status	ha	274.43	263.08	270.45	190.84
- cooperative units	ha	30.7	:	215.5	:

Romania – Now

MARD recognized cooperatives on Regional Development, MADR, 2012

Development Region NUTS II	The number of coops recognized by MADR	
	2010	2012
North- West (BH, BN, CJ, MM, SM, SJ)	15	17
West (AR, TM, CS*, HD*)	6	3
Center (AB, BV, CV, HR, MS, SB)	15	29
South-West Oltenia (DJ, GJ*, MH*, OT, VL)	20	10
South-Muntenia (AG, CL, DB, GR, IL, PH, TR)	32	27
South-East (BR, BZ, CT, GL, TL, VN)	45	19
North-East (BC, BT, IS, NT, SV, VS)	12	13
Bucharest-Ilfov (IF, B)	4	2
TOTAL	149	120



Romania – facts

Cooperative and associative forms are not (yet?) conclusive

Lack of trust (social problem) vs. lack of efficiency (economic problem)

Legislation / support are not stimulating

Romania –trends

Distinction between: **commercial** form of association and **representation** form of association

Influence on **perception** about associations

Agricultural Chambers – support and partner

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