



## **A new decision of the Cluj Court of Appeal regarding the retrial of the suspension of exemptions for neonicotinoid pesticides**

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The Eco Ruralis Association and the Federation of Beekeeping Associations of Romania – ROMAPIS take note of the decision pronounced today by the Cluj Court of Appeal in file no. 34/33/2025\*, regarding the suspension of temporary authorizations granted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development for the use of neonicotinoid pesticides, substances prohibited in the European Union.

The court action was filed by Eco Ruralis and ROMAPIS against the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and is in its third trial cycle. In the first instance, Eco Ruralis and ROMAPIS [obtained the suspension of the derogations](#). Subsequently, following an appeal filed with the High Court of Cassation and Justice, [the decision was quashed](#) for procedural reasons, and the case was sent for retrial to the Cluj Court of Appeal.

In [today's decision](#), the court did not examine the legality of the temporary authorizations, but admitted a procedural exception, considering that there was no longer any interest in suspending them, as the validity period of the authorizations had expired in the meantime. Consequently, the request for suspension was rejected, and the plaintiffs were ordered to pay legal costs of the defendants.

We consider this solution to be wrong. The request for suspension was filed within the time limit, at the time when the authorizations were in force and produced legal effects. The length of the legal proceedings cannot be attributed to the plaintiffs and a legitimate request filed in time cannot be rendered ineffective.

Eco Ruralis and ROMAPIS will appeal against today's decision, to request the supreme court to correctly analyze the condition of interest and ensure effective judicial control over the contested administrative acts.

We recall that neonicotinoid authorizations are subject to an [infringement procedure](#) initiated by the European Commission against Romania for non-compliance with the European legislation. This procedure confirms the importance and timeliness of our legal action, as well as the systemic nature of the temporary authorizations granted in recent years.

In parallel, the substantive trial, regarding the cancellation of the authorizations, continues at the Cluj Court of Appeal.

Eco Ruralis and ROMAPIS maintain their commitment to protecting pollinators, sustainable agriculture, healthy food and compliance with European legislation in Romania.

"We take note of this decision and will continue the legal process until the legality of the temporary authorizations is finally clarified. For small producers and peasants, this action is not just a legal trial. It is a defense of our right to cultivate the land without being exposed to prohibited pesticides and to offer consumers healthy food. Through this action, we defend not only peasant agriculture, but also people's right to clean food and a healthy environment," said Ramona Duminicioiu, president of the Eco Ruralis Association.

"Beekeepers need stability and respect for the law. We will use all legal instruments to ensure that agriculture does not endanger pollinators and to defend our right to a healthy environment. We stand with consumers and believe that respect for the law is in everyone's interest," said Constantin Dobrescu, vice president of ROMAPIS.

Eco Ruralis and ROMAPIS thank lawyer Dumitru Dobrev for his professionalism and constant involvement in this endeavor.

\* File information: <https://www.curteadeapelcluj.ro/index.php/dosare/info-dosar.html>

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