



INVESTMENTS IN ROMANIAN AGRICULTURE, BETWEEN PROFIT OPPORTUNITIES AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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Abstract: The paper analyzes the financing opportunities in Romanian agriculture, knowing that it stands out as one of the most promising sectors in Europe, through its vast untapped potential. Investors have a remarkable opportunity to generate profit and support a sustainable development of agriculture. In terms of the richness of natural resources, cultural diversity and implicit orientation towards sustainability, Romanian agriculture is considered a strategic field. Investments become essential in agriculture, especially in terms of revitalizing and innovating this sector that occupies a vital position. Through the National Strategic Plan 2023-2027 (NSP), which is implemented through the Ministry of Agriculture, considerable resources are allocated from the Common Agricultural Policy. Essential support is provided through European and national Programs to ensure the development of infrastructure, but also for modernization.

Sustainable Development is the pillar of the future of Agriculture, which is ensured through organic and bio-agriculture, through precision irrigation systems, along with the collection of rainwater, the reuse of organic resources, integrated production, but also the use of renewable energy, innovation and research to ensure sustainability, collaboration between universities and research institutes.

• Introduction

Agriculture represents an important sector of the Romanian economy, with certain vulnerabilities under the current geo-political context and pedoclimatic changes with a direct impact upon food security at national and European levels

Romania's agriculture is characterized by a polarized structure with a very large number of small individual holdings, many of which are practicing agriculture on small plots of land for their own consumption and several thousands of large companies. Romania is the country with the highest number of farmers in the EU, amounting to almost 3.5 million. However, 90% of these are small farms of less than 5 hectares. Romania is one of the biggest producers of cereals in the EU and the largest producer of sunflower seeds, honey and plums.

• Material and method

Accelerated profitability of the agricultural sector can be ensured through the opportunities that those who wish to invest can choose, namely: specialized crops (example: choosing forest fruits, aromatic or medicinal plants), investments in dairy, meat or egg farms by adopting modern agricultural technologies and efficient management at international standards, the development of local processing units (dairy, bakery or canned food) and the adoption of Smart Farming technologies that ensure higher profit margins.

The study critically identifies and analyses the dynamics of investment level in Romanian agriculture for sustainable development. The descriptive statistics were used microeconomic indicators of statistical data obtained from the National Institute of Statistics Romania.

• Results and discussions

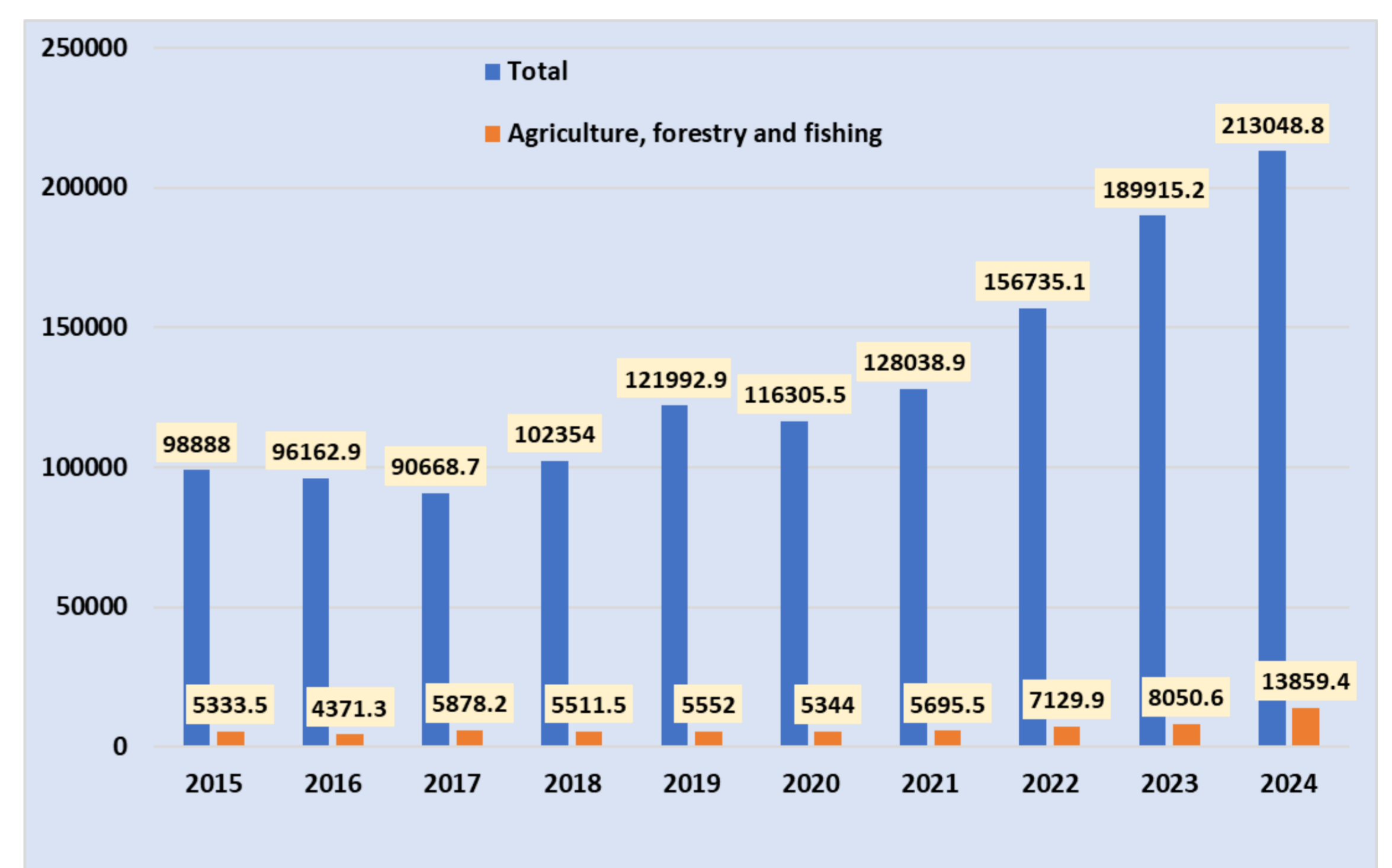


Figure 1 Net investments, by activities of the national economy - (million lei current prices)

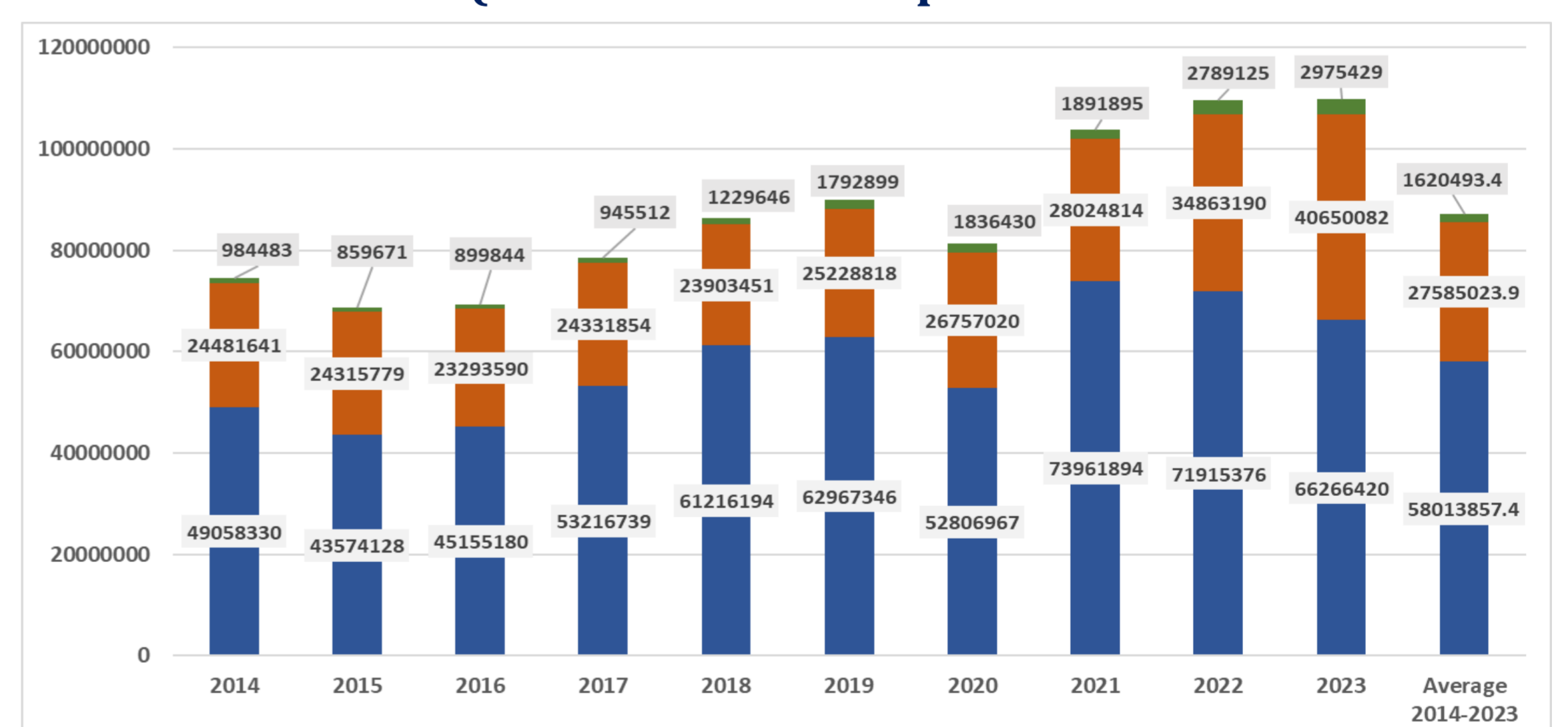


Figure 2. Agricultural production values (thousands of lei current prices)

• Conclusions

In conclusion, the sources of financing for Agricultural projects are the funds allocated through the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and its Programs, along with the engine for agricultural modernization, respectively the funds from the National Recovery And Resilience Plan (NRRP).