



AN ANALYSIS OF THE INSTITUTIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR FOOD SECURITY IN ROMANIA

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Abstract: *This paper examines the institutional framework governing food security in Romania, with a focus on the roles and interactions of key public authorities and research institutions. The analysis addresses major entities, including the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority (ANSVSA), the National Institute for Research and Development for Food Bioresources (IBA), the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MADR), the National Authority for Consumer Protection (ANPC), and the National Institute of Public Health (INSP). These institutions contribute to food security through regulatory oversight, policy formulation, research and innovation, and public health monitoring.*

• Introduction

Food security represents one of the fundamental components of economic and social stability at both national and global levels. According to the definition provided by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food necessary for an active and healthy life. In recent decades, increasing population growth, climate change, economic instability, armed conflicts, and public health crises have intensified concerns regarding the sustainability and resilience of food systems worldwide.

• Material and method

This research paper analyzed external data from third parties, data from relevant organizations in the field of competence and scientific papers by consecrated authors. The external data was obtained through accessing scholarly databases like Web of Science, ResearchGate and Google Scholar.

• Results and discussions

The National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority (A.N.S.V.S.A.) operates as the regulatory authority in the veterinary sanitary and food safety sector, as a specialized body of the central public administration, with legal personality, under the authority of the Government and coordinated by the Prime Minister. The National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority (A.N.S.V.S.A.) is headed by a president holding the rank of Secretary of State, who must be a veterinarian, and by three vice-presidents, at least two of whom must be veterinarians, holding the rank of Undersecretary of State, appointed by decision of the Prime Minister for a period of five years.

• Conclusions

Ensuring food security requires not only adequate agricultural production but also the implementation of effective policies, food safety standards, public health measures, and sustainable resource management. In this context, the role of national institutions becomes essential for coordinating and regulating activities related to food production, processing, distribution, and consumption.