

## **MESSAGE OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

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### **FOR REECO - INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIRS ORGANIZER 2012**

REECO, organising international trade fairs in parallel with conferences in which the offers and technical and scientific achievements regarding the renewable energy and energy efficiency are presented, answers to a major and current goal, that of achieving a fruitful exchange of information between exhibitors, visitors, specialists in the area, suppliers of equipment and technologies, experts from research and development, representatives of authorities and potential investors, developers and operators in this field.

Regarding the Romanian agriculture, we have to mention that the agricultural potential can ensure, in terms of a usual year of production and following good agricultural and environmental conditions, enough supply of raw material consumption, an important trading and available for production of biofuels and bio liquids.

Also, it should be shown that the biomass energy potential of Romania (agricultural waste, forestry residues, food industry by-products etc.), are completed lately, by non-agricultural energy crop cultivation (energy willow, miscanthus, cynara, poplar energy etc.). All this biomass potential will be an important source for biofuels from the 2nd generation and other energies, obviously by observing the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

What the authorities concerns, the interest of farmers for setting up non-agricultural energy crops and investing in renewable energy sources by economic agents, are some of the courses of action that will both fulfil the obligations we have assumed, and the satisfaction that, using renewable energy (biofuels, wind energy, solar energy, biogas, gheothermal energy, bio hydrogen, wood-fuel briquettes, pellets etc.), will help protect the environment.

The future is not only of food production but also energy production from renewable sources of energy that can be provided by agriculture and related industries.

Therefore farmers should pay attention to capitalization of biomass from agriculture, establishment of non-agricultural energy crops and development of units capable to exploit renewable energy sources.

The following is a decisive period for the future of Romanian agriculture and in terms of agro-energy production.

Therefore it requires farmers to participate in future investment projects because huge sums are accessible.

I appreciate the effort of the organizers and of participants at the fair and conferences and I wish you much success in everything you undertake in professional and business plan and I hope this events and technical and scientific approaches will enjoy the benefit of all those involved in renewable energy.

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