

PRESS RELEASE

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr, Adrian Nechita Oros, visited the Azomureș Plant, the most important producer of agricultural fertilizers in Romania. He was accompanied on this visit also by the Prefect in the Mureș County, Mrs. Mara Togănel.

The discussion between Minister Adrian Oros and the Chief Executive Officer of Azomures, Mr. Harri Kiiski have highlighted once again the capacity of producing and delivering fertilizers to Romanian farmers, together with the commitment of Azomures towards the entire community.

Another approached subject was the investment amounting to over 250 million euros for the modernization of the installation on the Azomureș platform, an investment which allowed the considerable diminishing of the environmental impact.

Minister Adrian Oros stated that he understands the importance of a local producer of fertilizers for the Romanian agricultural field.

"My hope is that Ordinance 1/2020, which eliminates the negative effects of OUG (Government's Emergency Ordinance) 114/2018, affecting several fields of the economy, will resist before the political pressure and, as a consequence, will determine the effects so long expected by our country's entire economy. Otherwise, we must all be conscious that especially in the agricultural domain we will assist during the next months the phenomena of growth of fertilizers' imports. The medium and long term consequence will be that of the increase of the costs for farmers and for food products destined to the population, implicitly" Adrian Oros stated.

Moreover, Prefect Mara Togănel has also highlighted the fact that Azomureș is one of the symbols of Mureș County, an important employer and that she is fully optimistic about Azomures complying with its engagements in terms of environmental protection and citizens' safety.

As a conclusion, Chief Executive Officer Harri Kiiski highlighted once more the major importance of a local producer of fertilizers, in the conditions of an agricultural sector on a continuously growing path.

"Our actions in Târgu Mureș create a stable economic circuit. We provide a competitive product to farmers, and their results translate to food for the population. What is important to understand is that we bring an added value to natural gas and we use it as a basic raw material. The liberalization of the natural gas market from the 1st of July should reinstate normality in the area of the industry using gas as a raw material, after the last months which affected us negatively due to the effects of Ordinance 114/2018. I even considered stopping the plant, but the employees and their families were affected first and foremost", Chief Executive Officer Harri Kiiski stated.

Azomureș is the most important producer of agricultural fertilizers in Romania, with a total production capacity of 1,8 million tons/year. It is the main provider of fertilizers for Romanian farmers, but also an important actor on the regional market in South-Eastern Europe.