Viewpoint: Sri Lankan organic farming disaster foreshadows what could unfold if Europe moves ahead with Green Deal Farm to Fork plan

The Sri Lanka experiment shows very clearly what the future of Europe and Romania will be, in the context of the Green Deal imposition. Last year, the Asian country adopted the first 100% organic farming program and imposed a national ban on chemical fertilizers and pesticides. The consequence was a 50% drop in agricultural production, an explosion in food prices and the state's economic bankruptcy.

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At the same time, it was found that fully organic agriculture is 10 times more expensive. The head of the central bank resigned due to the crisis, and the president declared a state of emergency due to the crisis, trying to ban "food accumulation".

By mid-October 2021, the ban on the use of pesticides and fertilizers was largely lifted for some crops, until the island was able to produce enough organic fertilizer, but the damage had already been produced and the way out of the crisis was marked by uncertainty. This year, the Sri Lankan government had announced \$ 200 million in compensation for more than a million farmers who lost their crops as a result of the ban.

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Given that Romania uses the least fertilizers and pesticides among EU countries, the European Commission requires us to reduce them by 35%, and by 50% by 2030, which will have a devastating impact on productivity and efficiency.

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