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"Romanian agriculture is four times less insured than the European average," said Secretary of State of Ministry of Agriculture Gheorghe Albu, at a forum on risk management, on Tuesday. He pointed out that agricultural insurance market had registered a rising trend in recent years and will continue to grow, given the need for risk management in agriculture, particularly those caused by climate change.

Albu mentioned that the development of the tools for this sector

should aim at "complete and complex" policies, encompassing a wider range of interests for farmers, and not just crops.

The Head of the World Bank Office in Romania, Benoit Blarel, listed several types of risks to which agriculture is subject to, among which the risk of price variations and the risks related to production.

He also showed that farmers could appeal to ex-ante strategies to lower the impact of such risks, such as by diversifying their crops and adapting them to climatic conditions or using performant seeds.

Blarel showed that there was a wide variety of instruments for risk management, which can be combined with investment in irrigation systems and performant planting material.

