ASPECTS REGARDING AGRO-TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN 
VASLUI COUNTY

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SUMMARY

Vaslui County is part of the North-eastern region in which there are included Bacău, Botoşani, Iaşi, Neamţ and Suceava county, having a total area of 533127 ha (2,3 of the total surface of the country), of which 72.2% is agricultural zone, 16.4% represent forests and other fields of forest vegetation and 11.4% other areas (waters, built surfaces, roads, railways etc.).

Vaslui County participates only with a small part to the regional tourist traffic, being situated in a peripheral position to the main means of transport, and its tourist attractions are of reduced value in comparison to the regional patrimony.

Vaslui County can contribute on long term to the intensification of the following forms of tourism, with implications on labor force occupation:

• Transit tourism;
• Sportive tourism, leisure tourism, week-end tourism around the urban areas such as Vaslui, Bârlad, Huşi, around lakes (fishing, nautical sports at Soleşti);
• Cultural tourism, if the historical architectural and art monuments, churches, memorial houses, castles are part of a visit tour together with the monasteries of the North-Moldavia;
• Balneal tourism, possible to be developed in the Ghermâneşti-Drânceni zone, if the mineral waters are turned to good account; this area is considered resort and in the offer it is included the viticulture zone of Huşi.

Most of the accommodation units are situated in the urban area, in the cities of Vaslui, Bârlad and Huşi, the two towns (Murgeni and Negreşti) not having accommodation units.in the rural zone, the accommodation units are grouped in the localities Banca, Costeşti and Griviţa, generally being camping and halting places. As a consequence of the development of the specific tourist infrastructure, of natural therapeutic factors and of natural resources in the rural environment of Vaslui County, from the agro tourist point of view there can be developed the following administrative-territories which are situated near interesting tourist resources; Murgeni, Arsura, Bunesti, Averesti, Drânceni, Gârceni, Lipovăţ, Rafaila, Voinesti, Tutova, Al. Vlahută, Zorleni. Agri tourist practicing in each administrative unit is possible in 2-6 pensions, which, due to the incomes from renting houses and selling of natural products or the involvement of tourists in the agricultural or home activities can substantially contribute to the raise of the standard living and civilization, for keeping the youth in the rural areas. We consider that a special importance should be given to the promotion of the rural tourist product which needs: publishing informative bulletins, setting up specialized reviews, information office and spreading tourist information.