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North-West Region

Dictionary

P1: A competitive region driven by innovation, digitalization, and dynamic businesses

P2: A region with SMART urban and rural communities

P3: A region with environmentally friendly cities and villages

P4: A region with sustainable multimodal urban mobility

P5: An accessible region

P6: An educated region

P7: An attractive region

P8: Technical Assistance

Prioritatea 1

O regiune competitivă prin inovare, digitalizare și întreprinderi dinamice

01

Prioritatea 2

O regiune cu localități SMART

02

Prioritatea 3

O regiune cu localități prietenoase cu mediul

03

Prioritatea 4

O regiune cu mobilitate urbană multimodală sustenabilă

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Prioritatea 5

O regiune accesibilă

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Prioritatea 6

O regiune educată

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Prioritatea 7

O regiune atractivă

07

Prioritatea 8

Asistență Tehnică

08

Calls for Projects

The budget of the published project calls

→ €1.343.915.769,44

93.5%

The budget of the 2021-2027 North-West Regional Programme

→ €1.437.252.471,00

48 Calls published

48 Calls launched

The budget of the launched project calls

→ €1.343.915.769,44

Submitted Projects

1864

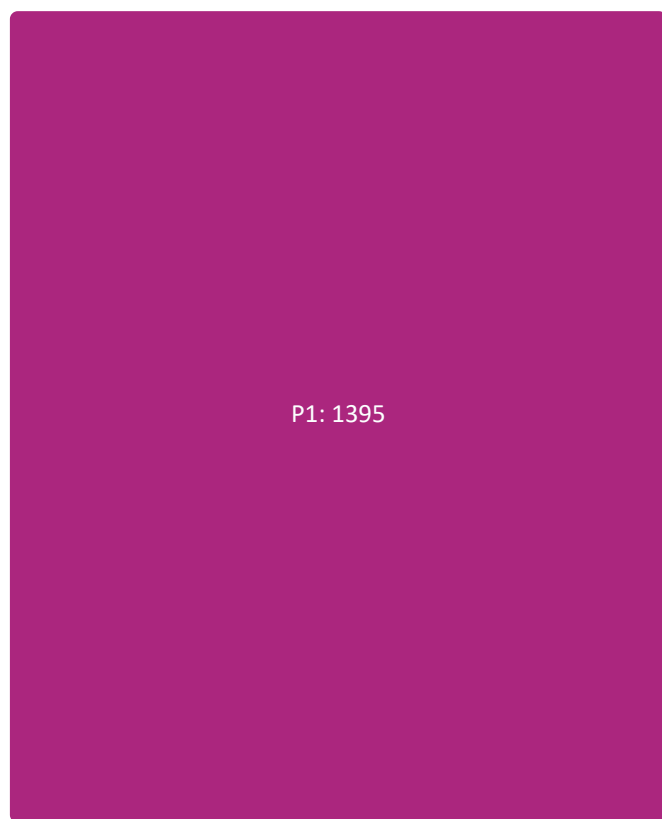


Total Value of
Submitted
Projects

Eligible Value
of Submitted
Projects

Value of the
Regional
Programme
North-West
2021-2027

€1.437.252.471,00 €4.548.057.649,54 €5.905.221.683,28



Submitted projects for each Priority of
the North-West Regional Programme



Evaluation of Projects

1066

Total number of projects in evaluation



607

Projects that have passed the evaluation stage

313

Projects in other stages

146

Projects in the evaluation stage

P1: 785

P7: 96

P3: 65

P6: 53

P4: 46

P5: 18

P8: 3

Projects in the evaluation procedure for each Priority of the North-West Regional Programme

Projects in Contestation

236

Total number of contested projects



Pending contestation

20

216

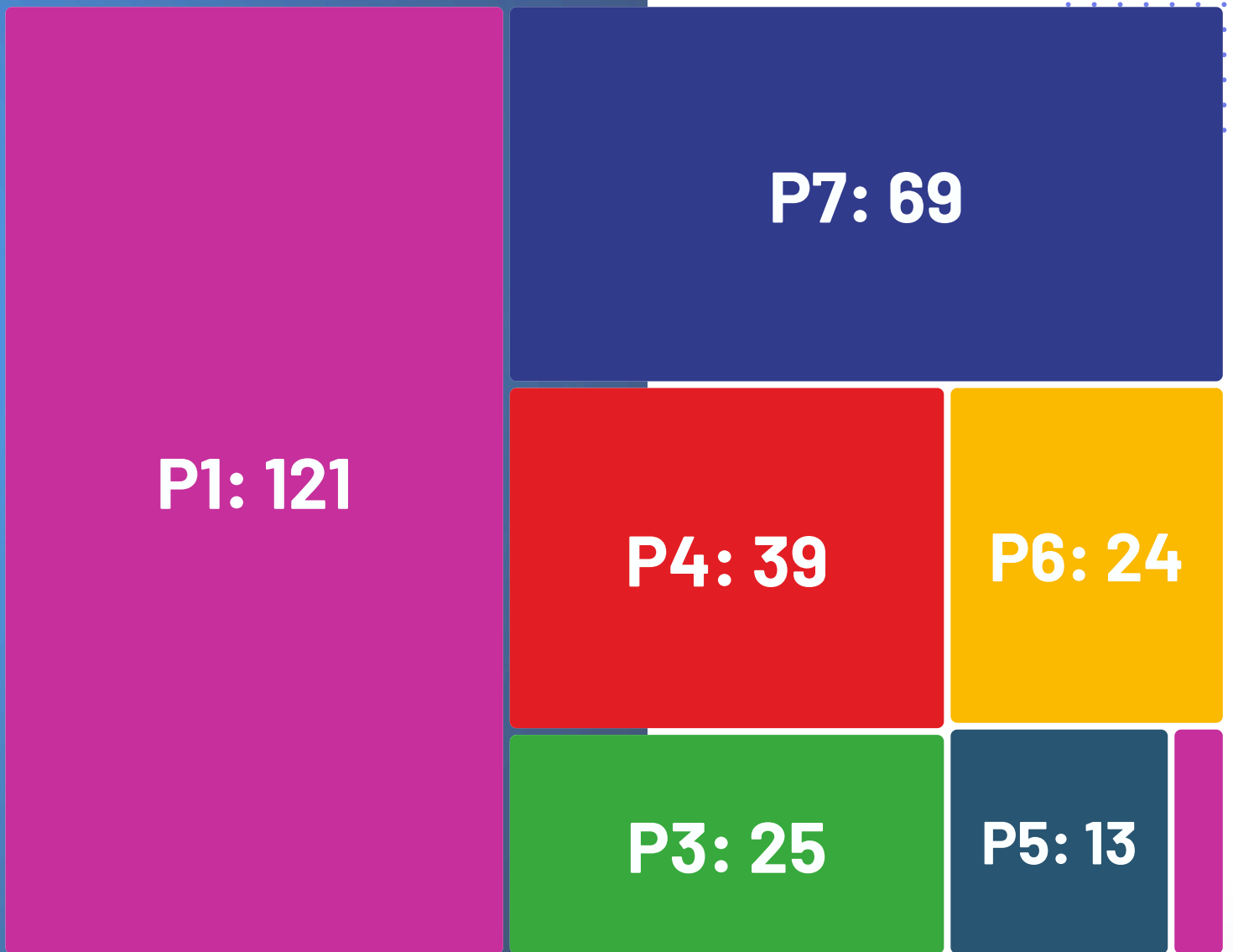
Resolved



Projects in contracting procedure

294

Total number of projects in contracting procedure



Signed contracts 206

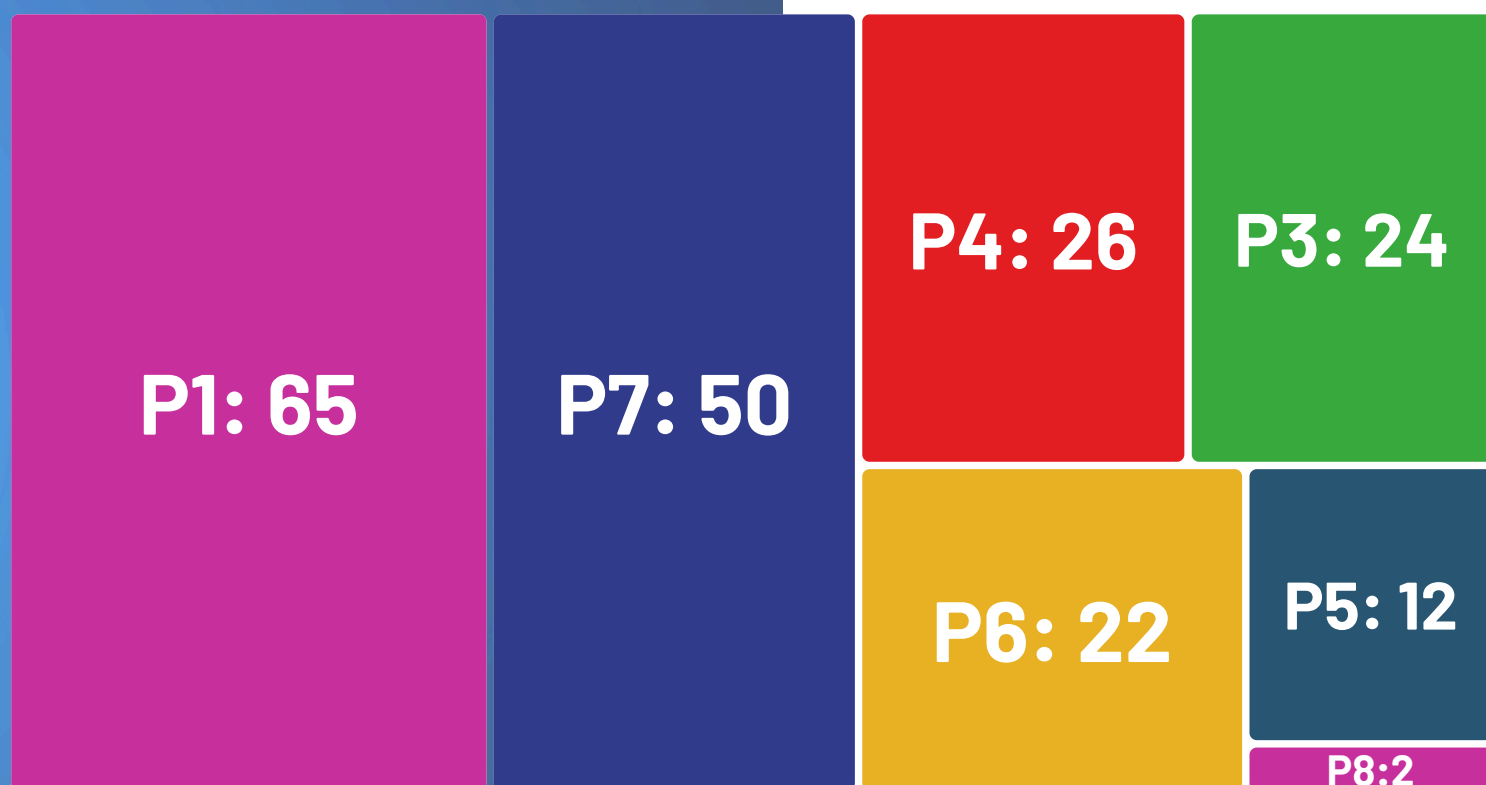


Total eligible budget of signed contracts

€1.233.451.914,56

Total budget of signed contracts

€1.746.406.064,98



The non-reimbursable budget
of the signed contracts

→ €1.123.780.171,37



78.2%

The budget of the 2021-2027
North-West Regional
Programme

→ €1.437.252.471,00



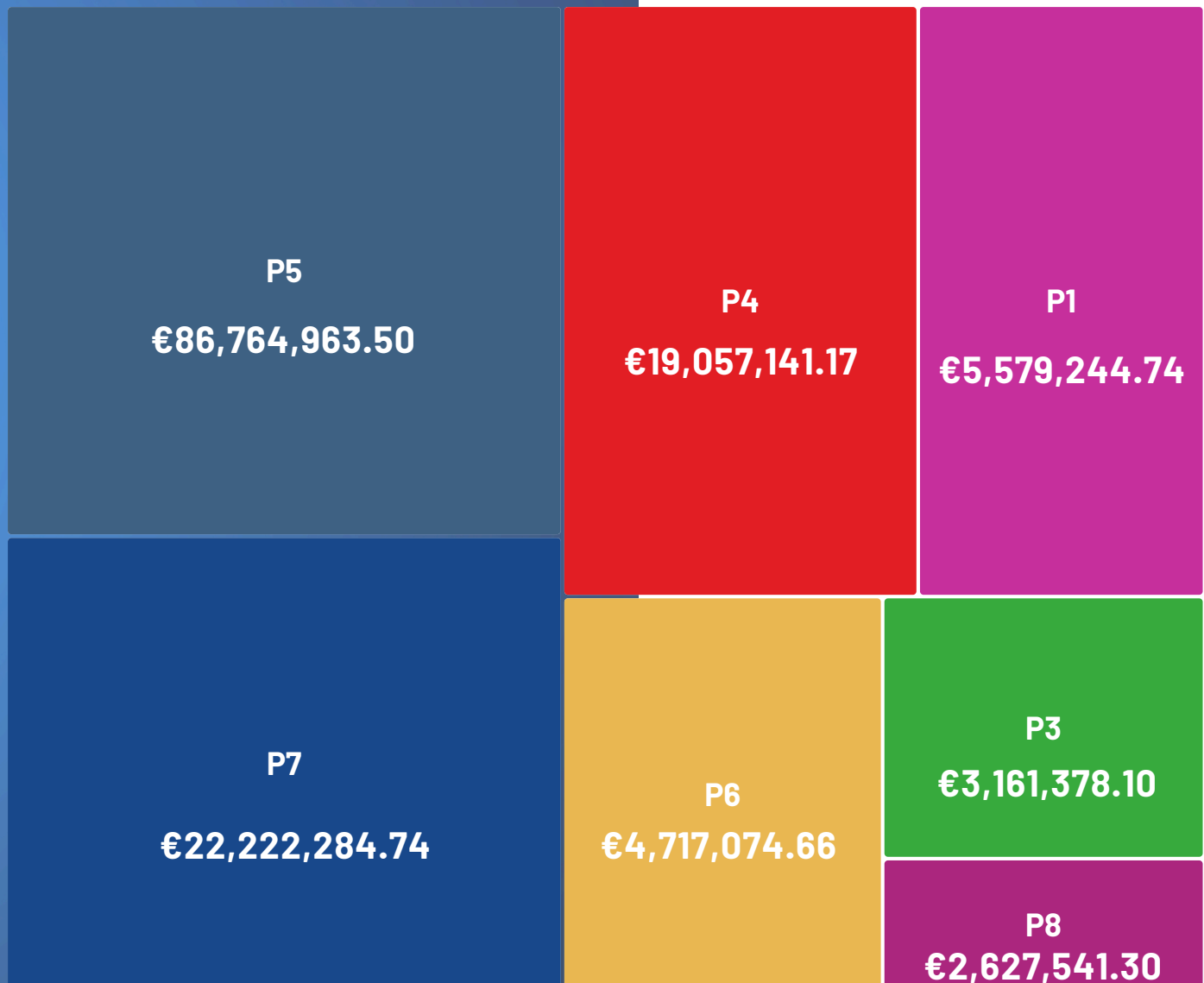
Payments made

194



Total budget of payments made to the beneficiaries

€144.129.528,22



Overview of Priority 1

1395

Submitted Projects



Total eligible budget of submitted projects:

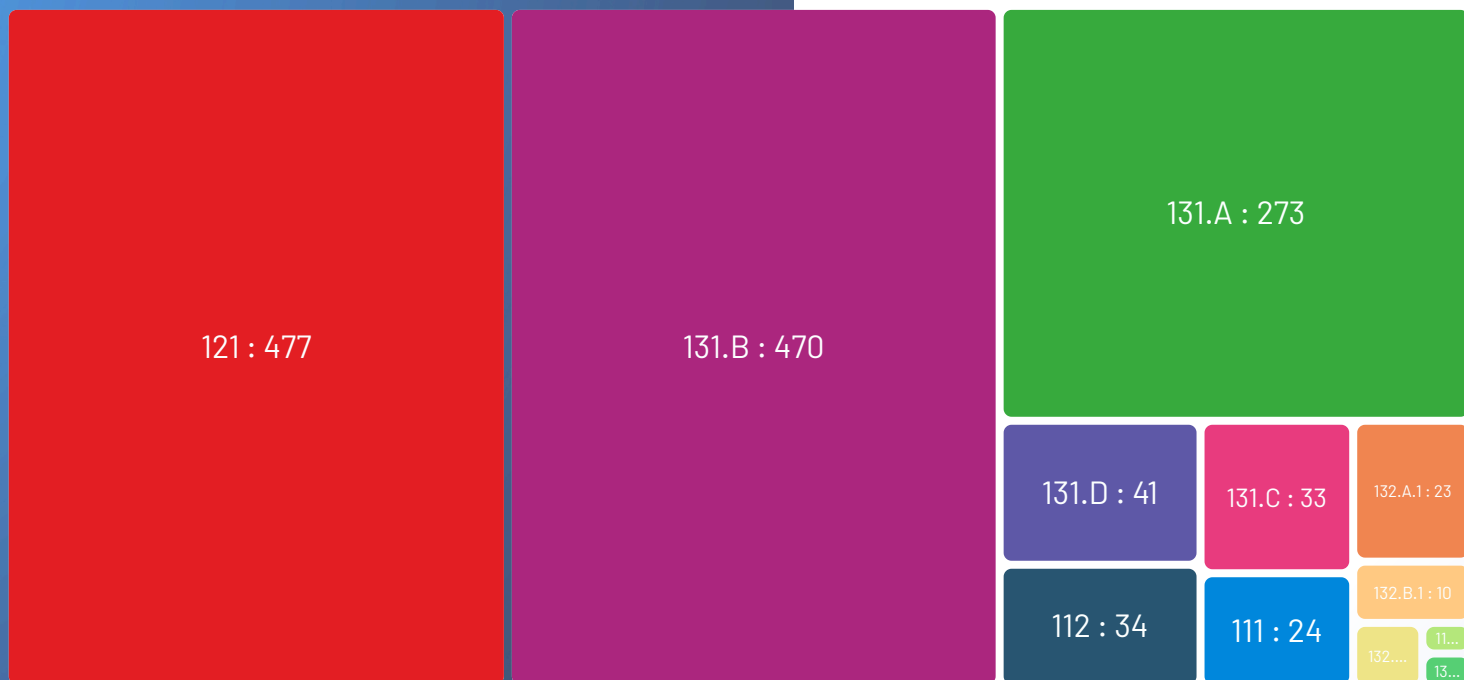
Priority 1 - A more competitive and smarter Europe

This Priority features Calls for Projects for SMEs, clusters, Smart Specialisation Parks and the private sector, in collaboration with public and academic counterparts. Tender 121 - Digitalization of SMEs in the North-West Development Region - saw a high uptake with **477** submissions, highlighting the program's private sector appeal.

€1.189.150.988,60

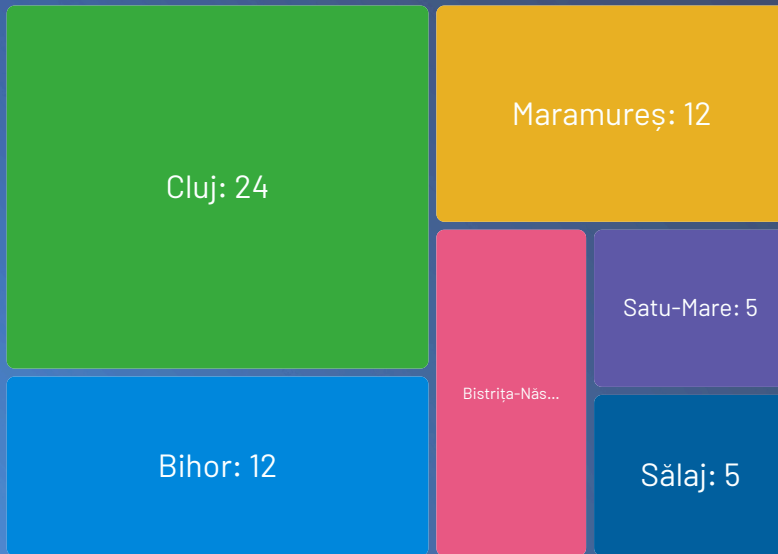
66

signed contracts



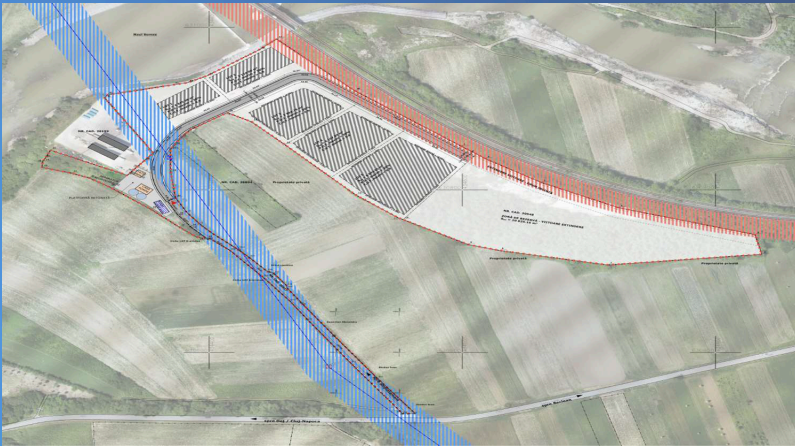
Under this Priority, **66** contracts have been secured, with **11** pertaining to the Smart Specialisation Parks and the remaining **55** supporting the private sector.

Signed contracts



The total eligible
budget of the signed
contracts
€152.829.625,60

The total budget of the
signed contracts
€185.550.782,21



A **€3,7 million** financing contract has been signed for the creation of a smart specialisation park in the town of **Beclean (Bistrița-Năsăud county)**, the eleventh in a series intended to establish a network designed to foster innovative solutions across various sectors, including medical activities, cosmetics, and the agri-food industry. These hubs are expected to draw in highly skilled workers and entrepreneurs, supplying global market with the quality products and fostering economic development within community. . .

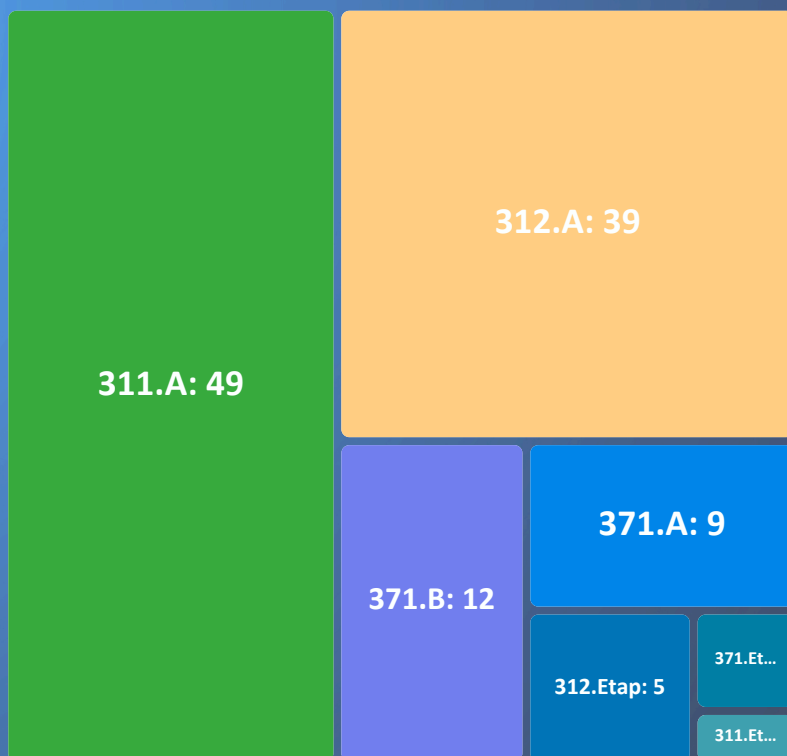
Overview of Priority 3

117

Submitted Projects

Total eligible budget of submitted projects:

Priority 3 - A greener Europe involves tenders targeting energy efficiency in housing, public buildings (including heritage sites), and renewable energy in rural areas. It also supports green cities and improved urban green infrastructure. The most active calls were **311.A** - Increasing energy efficiency in the region as part of investments in the housing sector (**49 projects**) and **312.A** - Supporting energy efficiency in public buildings, including heritage buildings (**39 projects**).



€416.337.886,61

24

signed contracts

This priority has **24** signed contracts, **10** contracts for urban infrastructure and **14** contracts for energy efficiency in public buildings.

Signed contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€84.708.621,46

The total budget of the signed contracts

€117.336.024,56



The residents from the city of **Șimleu Silvaniei (Sălaj county)** will have more parks and green spaces thanks a project with a total budget of **€1.3 million**. The project aims at taking an important step to increase the living standards of its inhabitants by developing almost **9,000 square meters** of land. The inhabitants will have two new modern parks, which include a modern promenade area which will help reduce pollution thanks to the vegetation to be planted.

The project will also implement modern walkways, play areas and street furniture, all designed to meet the needs of the community. A major benefit of the project is the planting of more than **40 trees** of local species, which will help reduce pollution and protect biodiversity. The abundant vegetation will help improve air quality and regulate summer temperatures. There will also be clear health benefits for residents. The green space is also designed to collect rainwater to combat flooding and protect the soil in the long term.

Overview of Priority 4

88

Submitted Projects

Total eligible budget of submitted projects:

Priority 4 - A more Greener Europe encompasses tenders aimed at promoting the use of public transport and other environmentally friendly urban mobility solutions. Despite having only two active calls, this priority has garnered significant community interest, with a total of **79** projects submitted. Of these, **46** were submitted for Call **481.B** - Increased use of public transport and other forms of environmentally friendly urban mobility (Urban Mobility), while the remaining **32** projects were for Call **481.A** - Increased use of public transport and other forms of environmentally friendly urban mobility (Urban Mobility) in County Municipalities.

481.B: 46

481.A: 32

481.Etap: 10



€1.166.881.803,84

28

signed contracts

Priority 4 takes a significant step forward with the signing of **28** crucial contracts. These contracts pave the way for improved urban mobility infrastructure in the benefiting cities.

Signed contracts

Bihor: 7

Cluj: 11

Sălaj: 3

Bistrița-N...

Satu Mare: 2

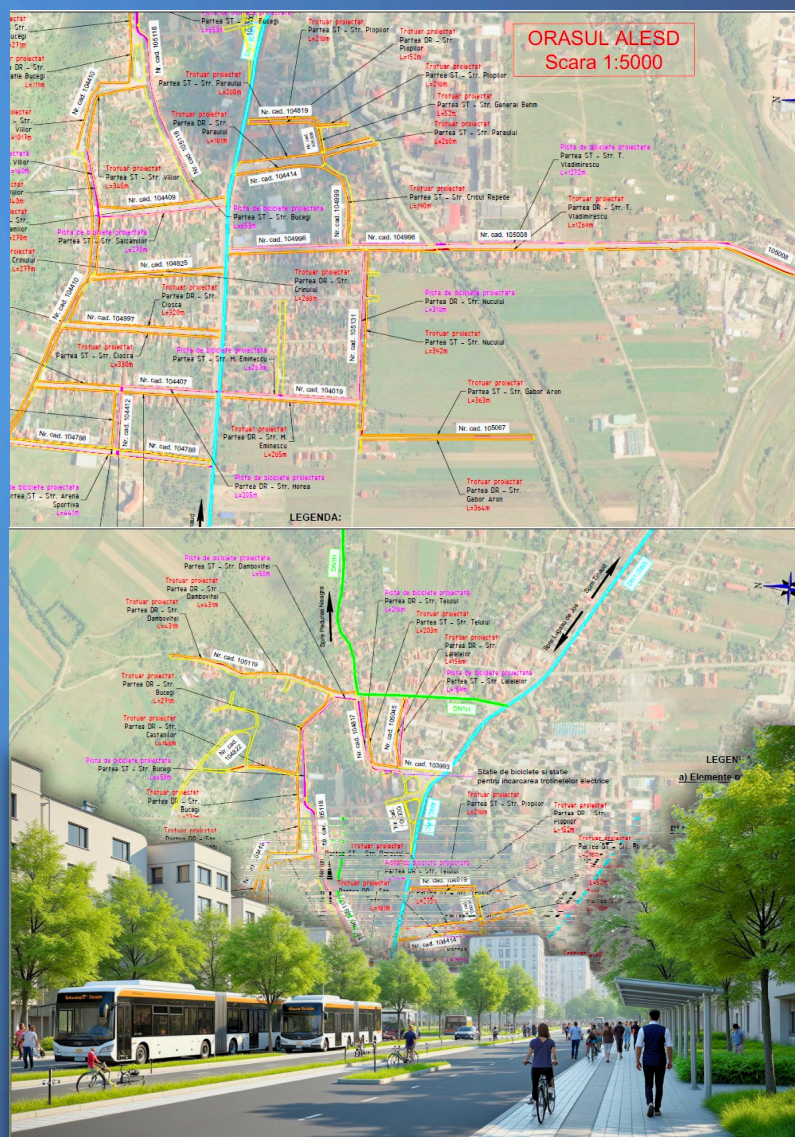
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The total eligible
budget of the signed
contracts

€260.629.741,45

The total budget of the
signed contracts

€315.993.724,30



The town of **Aleșd (Bihor county)** is taking an important step towards a sustainable transport system. With a total budget of **€15 million**, the project aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and encourage the usage of other forms of transport that will protect the environment.

The project will introduce a modern and environmentally friendly public transport system designed to encourage frequent use by residents. This will mean the rehabilitation of **8 km of road infrastructure**, the acquisition of **2 electric mini-buses**, and the installation of **3 bicycle stations** with a total of **60 bicycles** available for public use. Additionally, **3 charging stations** for electric vehicles will be installed, further supporting a transition to sustainable transport.

With these improvements, the number of public transport users is expected to grow significantly, reducing individual car use and alleviating traffic congestion. CO₂ emissions are estimated to decrease by **6%**, contributing to cleaner air and improved public health.

The corridor will also feature modern pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, green spaces, and intelligent traffic systems that prioritize public transport. The investment is due to be finalized in **November of 2028** and it will enhance the quality of life for Aleșd's residents.

Overview of Priority 5

23

Submitted Projects

Total eligible budget of submitted projects:

Priority 5 - A more Connected Europe is targeting both infrastructure and safety. Upgrades to secondary roads, including key TEN-T connections, are a focus. With 4 active tenders, the most significant interest has been seen in Call 522.A - Equipment to Increase Traffic Safety, with **8** projects submitted, followed by Call 521 - Construction / Rehabilitation of Secondary Road Links to the Road Network and TEN-T Nodes, with **6** submitted projects.

522.A: 8

522.B: 6

521: 6

523: 3



€483.574.771,32

13

signed contracts

Thirteen contracts, three for road safety infrastructure, four for road safety equipment and six for road infrastructure have been secured under Priority 5.

Signed contracts

Cluj: 4

Satu Mare: 2

Maramureș: 2

Bihor: 3

Sălaj: 1

Bistrița...

The total eligible
budget of the signed
contracts

€412.539.606,93

The total budget of the
signed contracts

€687.889.688,40



The **Municipality of Cluj-Napoca** is making a decisive investment in sustainable urban mobility and traffic safety through the construction of a state-of-the-art road underpass. With a total budget of **€26 million**, this project is a key component of the city's broader strategy to foster a more efficient, resilient, and accessible transport network.

This strategic investment will deliver **275 meters** of underpass infrastructure, alongside the modernization of **444 meters of tram tracks** to enhance multimodal transport options. The project also prioritizes pedestrian and cyclist safety, incorporating **4,300 square meters** of upgraded sidewalks, **30** newly planted trees, and **342 square meters** of dedicated public transport waiting areas.

To further optimize mobility and ensure seamless traffic flow, the initiative includes the deployment of an intelligent traffic management system, integrating real-time monitoring, advanced traffic signalization, and smart public transport stations equipped with passenger information panels. Additionally, a high-efficiency LED street lighting network will be implemented to improve visibility and contribute to energy efficiency.

Beyond its immediate impact on congestion mitigation, this project is expected to significantly enhance road safety, reduce accident risks, and improve travel times, reinforcing Cluj-Napoca's commitment to sustainable urban development.



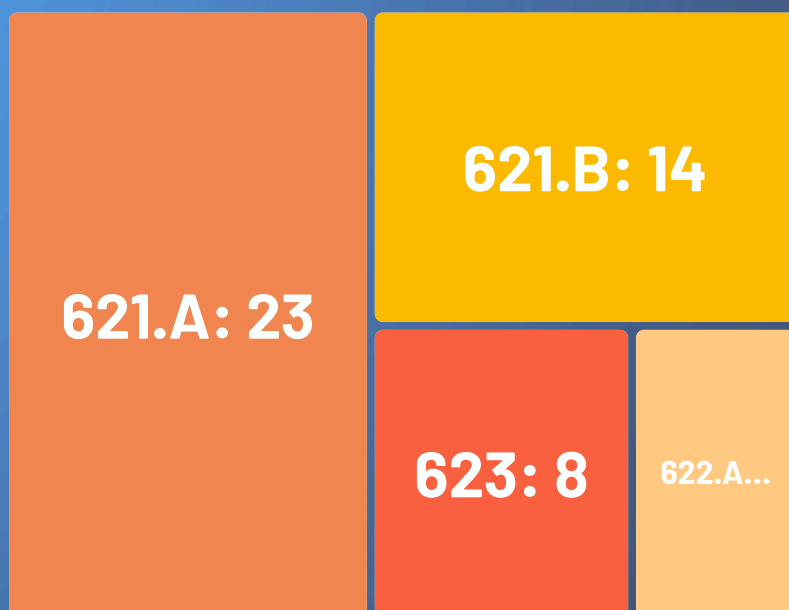
Overview of Priority 6

67

Submitted Projects

Total eligible budget of submitted projects:

Priority 6 - A more social and inclusive Europe involves tenders aimed at enhancing educational infrastructure across various levels, from early childhood to university education, and at modernizing school facilities. The most active call is **621.A** - Educational infrastructure at the early education level - pre-school (nurseries) and pre-school (kindergartens), that garnered **23** projects. This is followed by **621.B** - Educational infrastructure for primary and secondary education - theoretical and vocational stream, with **14** submitted projects.



€227.856.918,39

22

signed contracts

The call for projects 623 - Development of educational infrastructure in university education has secured **7** signed contracts, underscoring the academic community's interest in advancing their infrastructure for future development.

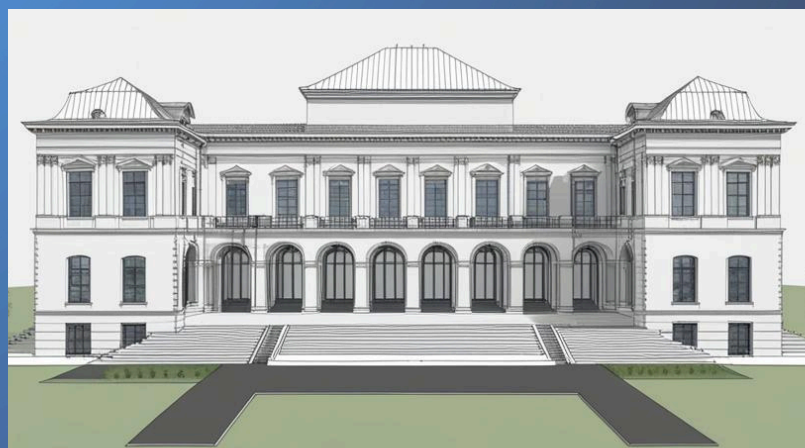
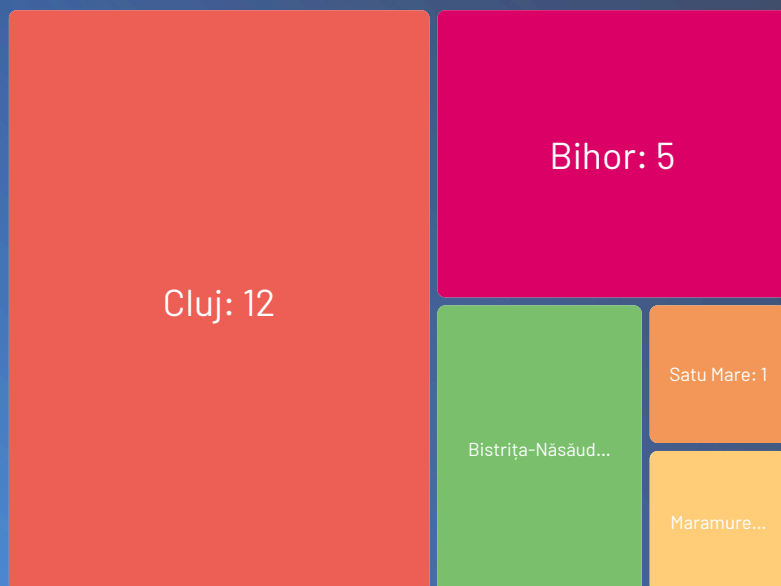
Signed contracts

The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€75.005.139,41

The total budget of the signed contracts

€107.843.068,26



The **University of Art and Design Cluj-Napoca (UAD)** is set to undertake a comprehensive modernization of its Pavilion Pictura, a key educational and artistic hub, through a strategic investment of **€2.5 million**.

The project will rehabilitate **700 square meters** of educational infrastructure, ensuring compliance with contemporary pedagogical and accessibility standards. It will create **140 state-of-the-art learning spaces**, enhancing the university's capacity to provide modern, multidisciplinary artistic training. Investments will focus on structural reinforcement, historical conservation, and the introduction of cutting-edge equipment, preserving both the heritage and functional adaptability of the building.

A key pillar of the project is social inclusivity, with a particular emphasis on accessibility improvements for students with disabilities. Dedicated facilities, adapted infrastructure, and barrier-free access will ensure equal opportunities in higher education, in line with the European Pillar of Social Rights.

Sustainability is at the core of this initiative. The upgraded facility will adhere to nearly zero-energy building (**nZEB**) standards, integrating high-efficiency insulation, smart lighting, and environmentally friendly heating solutions to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions. These measures contribute to EU Green Deal objectives and support Romania's climate resilience and energy transition commitments.

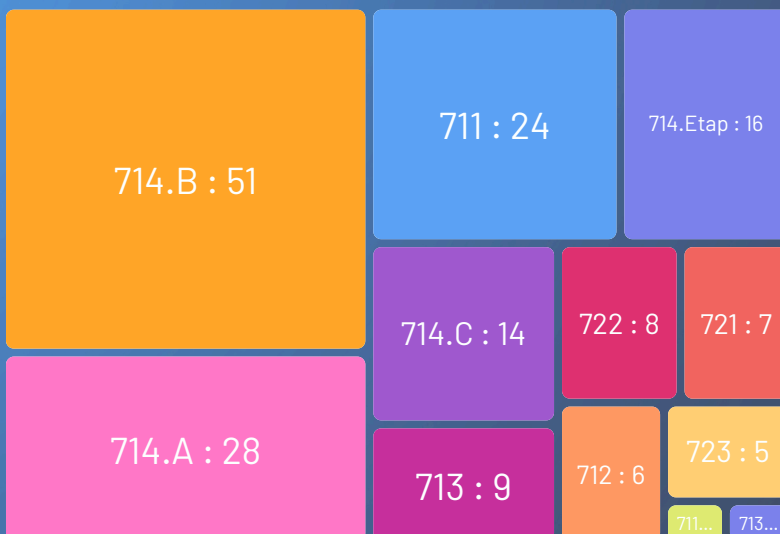
Overview of Priority 7

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Submitted Projects

Total eligible budget of submitted projects:

Priority 7 - A Europe close to its citizens involves tenders promoting integrated and inclusive development across social, economic, and environmental domains, as well as culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in non-urban areas. The most active tender is **714.B** - Urban Regeneration and Security of Public Spaces, with 51 submitted projects. Additionally, call for projects **714.A** - Conservation, Protection, and Sustainable and Competitive Enhancement of Cultural and Historical Heritage, including ensuring and/or improving access to them in urban areas, has garnered 28 submitted projects.



€ 940.496.549,41

51

signed contracts

The call for projects **714.B** - Urban regeneration and the security of public spaces has **12** signed contracts, showcasing the increased interest of the public sector beautify the cities to match the beauty of the community that inhabits each place.

Signed contracts

Bihor: 14

Maramureș: 10

Cluj: 12

Satu Mare: 7

Bistrița-Năsăud: 5

Sălaj: 3

The total eligible
budget of the signed
contracts

€213.793.322,02

The total budget of the
signed contracts

€297.846.919,57



The village of **Sânmartin (Bihor County)** will undergo a major transformation with the Aquapark project, valued at **€39 million**. This investment will feature outdoor pools, modern slides, a dedicated spa area, and vibrant green spaces, designed to harmonize with the natural landscape of the area. Visitors will enjoy pedestrian-friendly walkways, recreational areas, and state-of-the-art facilities, creating a seamless and relaxing experience.



By blending contemporary amenities with Sânmartin's rich thermal resources, the project will enhance the attractiveness of the region, appealing to both local residents and international tourists seeking a wellness retreat.



The project is expected to increase visitor numbers by over **21%**, creating significant opportunities for local businesses, from hospitality to adjacent service providers. It will also generate **110 new jobs** during the operational phase, strengthening the local economy and fostering long-term growth. Additionally, the facility will meet sustainability standards, incorporating energy-efficient systems and ensuring accessibility for all.

Set for completion by **August 2029**, the aquapark will elevate Sânmartin as a top wellness and tourism destination, enhancing the quality of life for residents while attracting visitors from across Europe.