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North-West Region

**The North-West Regional
Development Agency**
as the Managing Authority for
the **2021-2027 North-West
Regional Programme**



The 2021-2027 North-West Regional Programme



The **2021-2027 North-West Regional Programme** is a European funding instrument aimed at supporting the development of the **North-West Development Region** of Romania, which comprises the counties of Bihor, Bistrița-Năsăud, Cluj, Maramureș, Satu Mare and Sălaj.



Its main objective is to foster **innovation** and **smart, sustainable** economic **growth** by reducing regional disparities and improving the standard of living through the **valorisation** of local **assets** and **diversity**.

€ 1.437.252.471,00

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



The 2021-2027 North-West Regional Programme

Priorities

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



P9 STEP



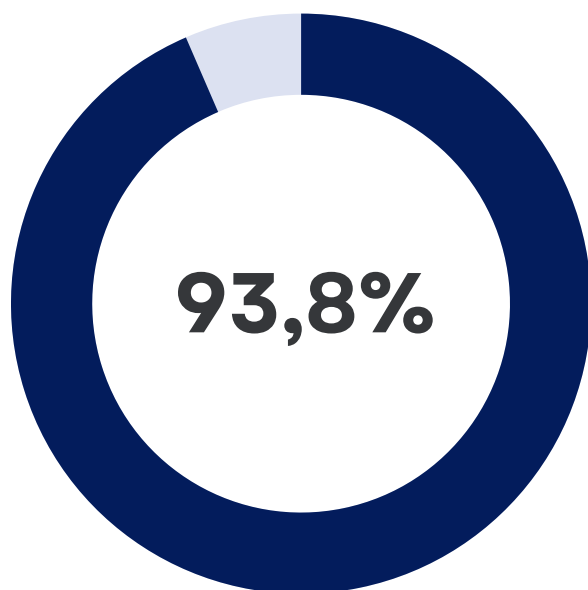
Calls for Projects

48

calls published

€ 1.348.263.746,61

budget of the published project calls



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

€ 1.343.915.769,44

budget of the launched project calls



Submitted Projects

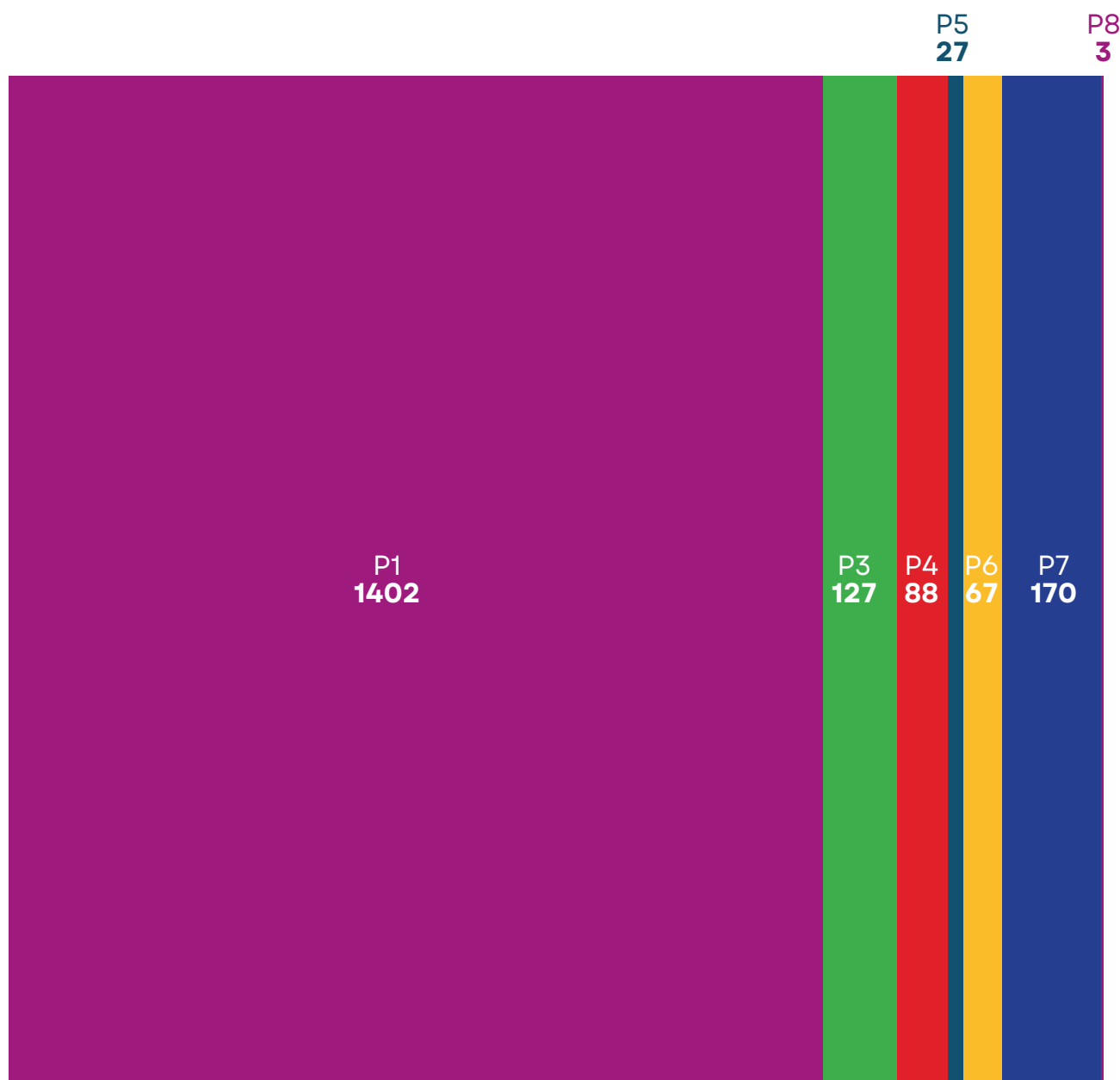
1885 in total

€ 4.590.239.397,09

Eligible budget of the submitted projects

319,37%

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



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

418,89%

€ 6.020.562.325,70

The total budget of submitted projects

Evaluation of Projects

1295 in total



Projects in the evaluation procedure for each Priority of the 2021-2027 North-West Regional Programme



Projects in Contestation

313 in total



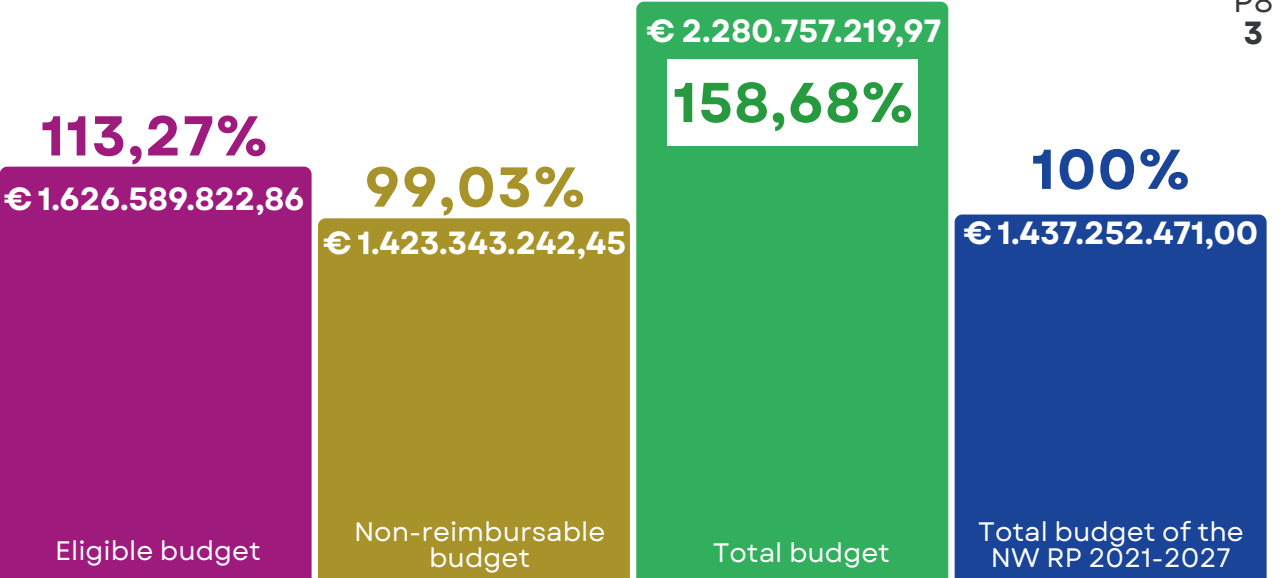
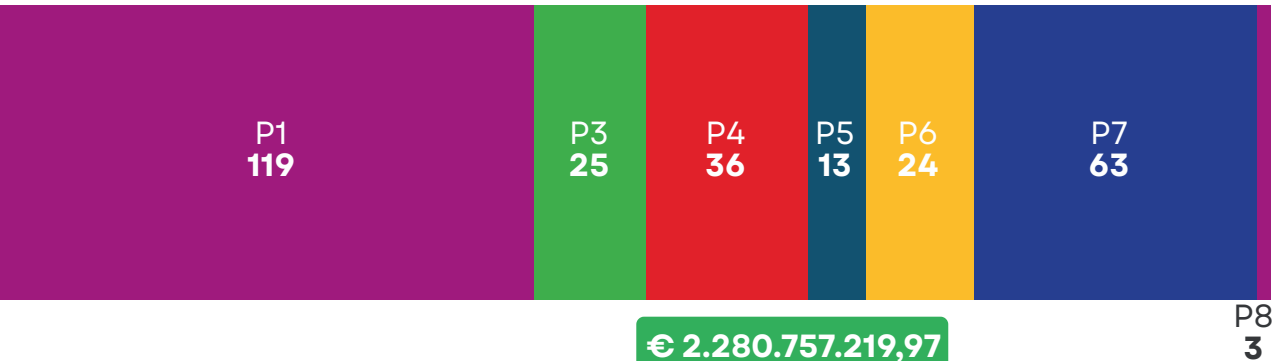
Projects in Contracting Procedure

412 in total



Signed Contracts

285 in total

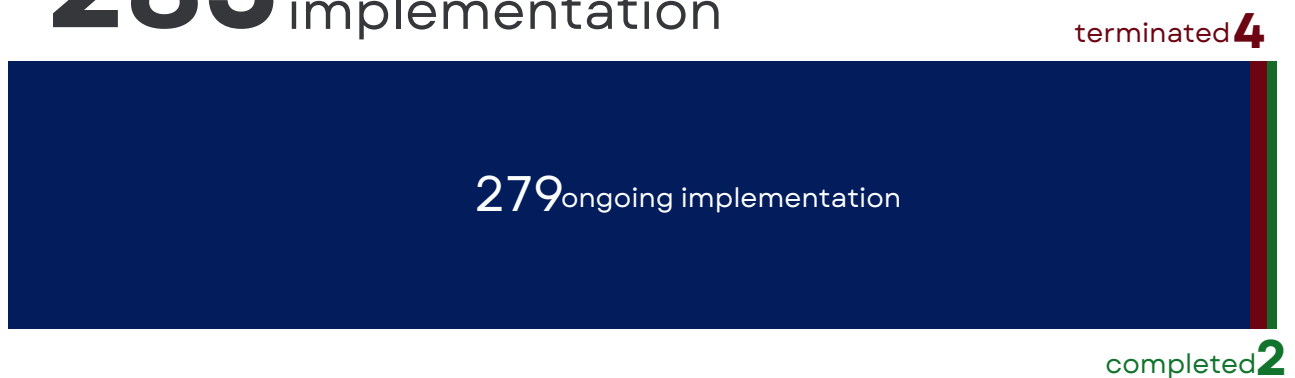


Monitoring of Projects

138 monitoring visits in total



285 projects in implementation

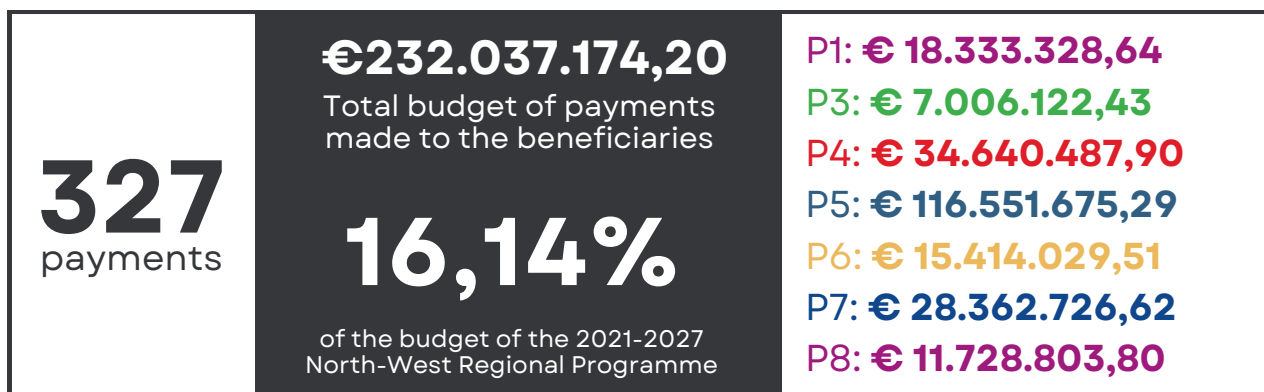


Milestone indicator reports

450 milestone indicators in total

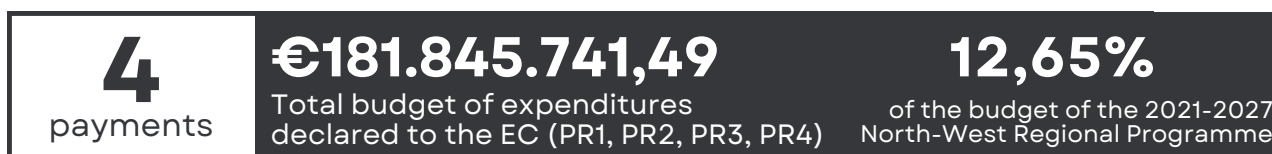


Payments Made



Payment Requests

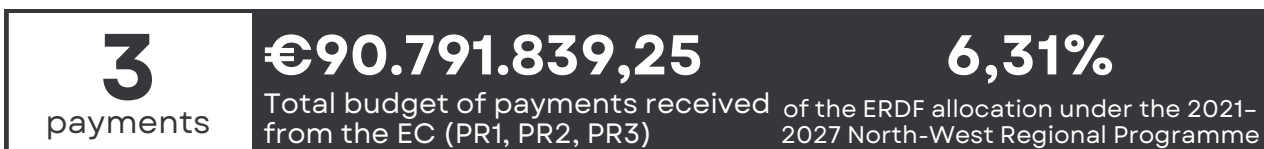
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P3: € 4.101.611,19, out of which € 3.486.369,51 are ERDF expenditures
P4: € 17.896.297,81, out of which € 15.211.853,11 are ERDF expenditures
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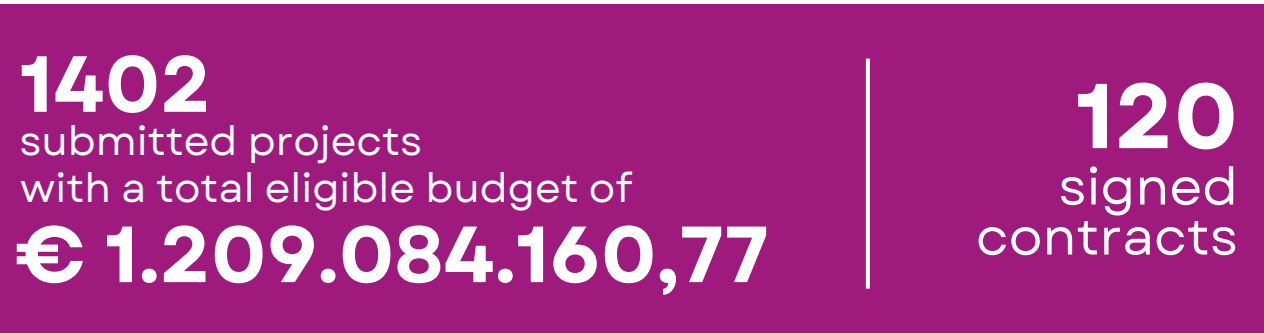
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Priority 1

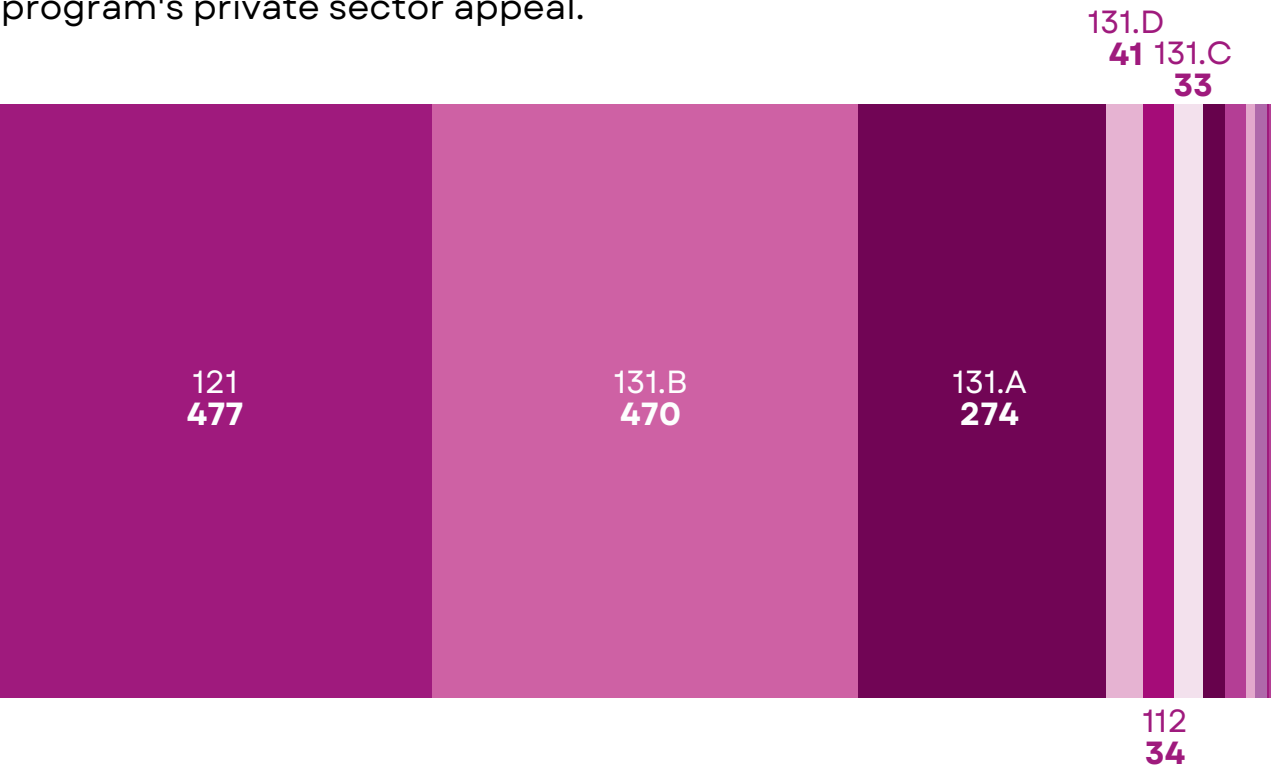
Overview



This priority marches for **a more competitive and smarter Europe**. It features Calls for Projects for SMEs, clusters, Smart Specialisation Parks and the private sector, in collaboration with public and academic counterparts.

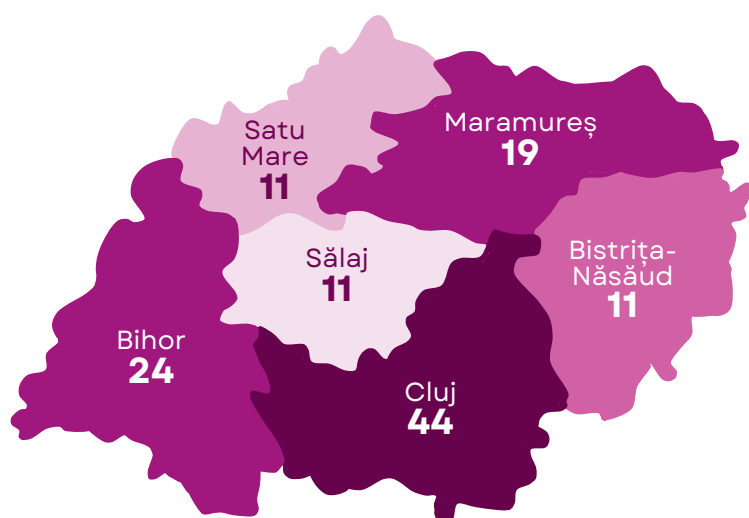
Out of the **100** contracts secured through this priority, **13** pertain to the **Smart Specialisation Parks**, while the remaining **87** support the **private sector**.

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.



Priority 1

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget
of the signed contracts
€ 227.922.246,37

The total budget of
the signed contracts
€ 277.836.391,69

The first **100 SME contracts signed** under Priority 1 represent a major milestone in the implementation of the **2021–2027 North-West Regional Programme**, confirming the strong commitment of the private sector to digitalisation, resilience, and competitiveness. With a combined value of over **€182 million**, these investments are generating more than **480 new jobs**, particularly in research-intensive sectors such as **medicine, agro-food, and cosmetics**.

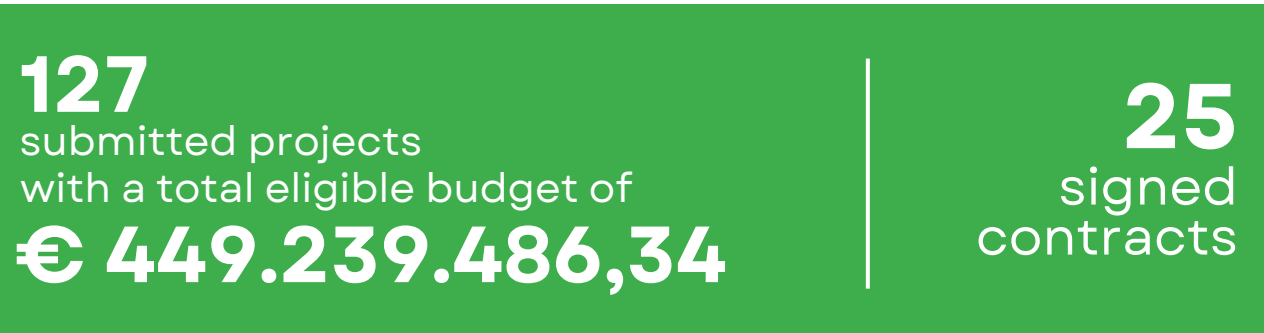
This private sector portfolio complements 15 signed contracts dedicated to smart specialisation parks. The parks are designed to host at least **100 new jobs collectively**, while also supporting adjacent employment through construction and infrastructure development.

Together, these signed contracts illustrate a dual-track approach that delivers both **immediate business support** and **long-term innovation infrastructure**. As project evaluations continue and new calls are launched, Priority 1 will remain a **key driver** of regional transformation, fostering growth that is **smart, inclusive, and forward-looking**.



Priority 3

Overview



This priority marches for a **greener Europe**. It 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**.

Out of the **25** signed contracts of this priority, **10** contracts are for **urban infrastructure** and **15** contracts for **energy efficiency in public buildings**.

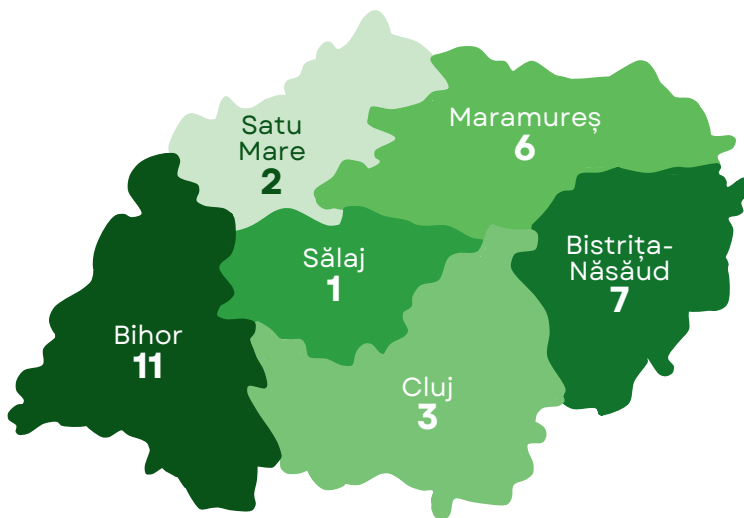
The most active calls relate to increasing **energy efficiency** in the region as part of **investments in the housing sector** and **supporting energy efficiency in public buildings, including heritage buildings**.

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Priority 3

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 94.837.850,12

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 137.219.089,75

The historical building of the “**Mihai Eminescu National College**” in **Oradea (Bihor county)** will undergo extensive renovation to improve energy performance, thanks to a signed contract of over **€19.8 million**. The project targets one of the city’s landmark educational and heritage buildings and aims to reduce energy consumption while improving the comfort and safety of users. The renovation will deliver a **80% reduction** in annual primary energy consumption and a **95% cut** in greenhouse gas emissions compared to current levels. The works include thermal insulation, improved heating and ventilation systems, the use of renewable energy sources, and the integration of smart energy management technologies. Over **300,000 kWh/year** of energy will be supplied from renewable sources.

Covering a surface of nearly **10,000 square meters**, the building serves students and teaching staff for at least 12 hours a day throughout most of the year. Beyond environmental benefits, the investment enhances air quality, indoor comfort and long-term usability of this cultural heritage site.

Scheduled for completion in **February 2029**, this project is a strong example of how EU cohesion policy supports energy efficiency in public infrastructure while preserving cultural identity in less-developed regions.



Priority 4

Overview

88

submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of

€ 1.134.529.127,84

36

signed
contracts

This priority marches for **a greener Europe**. It 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, taking a significant step forward with the signing of **35** crucial contracts. These contracts pave the way for improved urban mobility infrastructure in the benefiting cities.

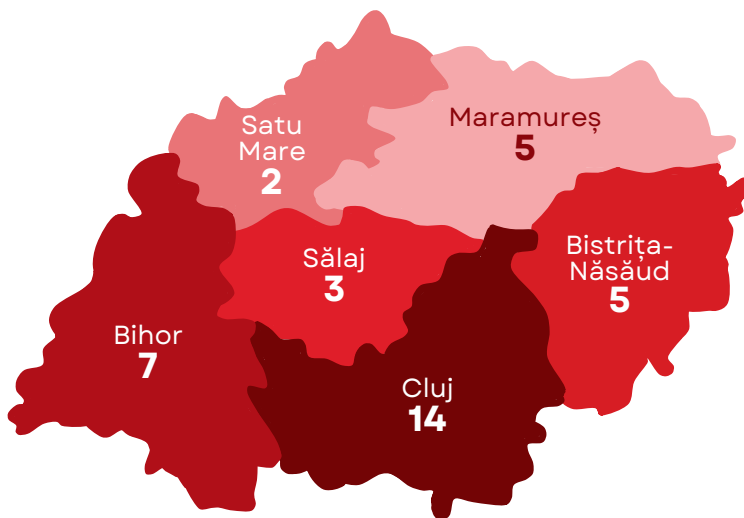
481.B
46

481.A
28

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10

Priority 4

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 358.819.518,54

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 471.938.225,92

A new sustainable urban mobility project is underway in **Cluj-Napoca (Cluj County)**, where a major investment is being made to reconstruct the **Garibaldi Bridge**, a key connection across the Someșul Mic river. With a total budget of over **€12 million**, the project aims to improve multimodal connectivity between two of the city's most dynamic areas, while promoting the use of public and active transport.

The new bridge will feature **four lanes** for public transport and private vehicles, dedicated cycling infrastructure (**250 metres**), and pedestrian walkways (**430 metres**), fully integrated into the city's smart traffic management system. The intervention also includes modernised intersections, new access routes, and public lighting. **Two electric** charging stations will be installed to support clean mobility.

The project targets over **50,000 residents** and aims to cut CO₂ emissions by **2,958 tonnes** annually. More than **3.5 million public transport users** and **1.7 million cyclists per year** are expected to benefit from improved accessibility between residential areas, major sports venues, and the city centre. Set for completion in **December 2026**, the new Garibaldi Bridge will strengthen urban links, enhance safety and efficiency, and support the transition to a climate-neutral transport network in Romania's fastest-growing city.



Priority 5

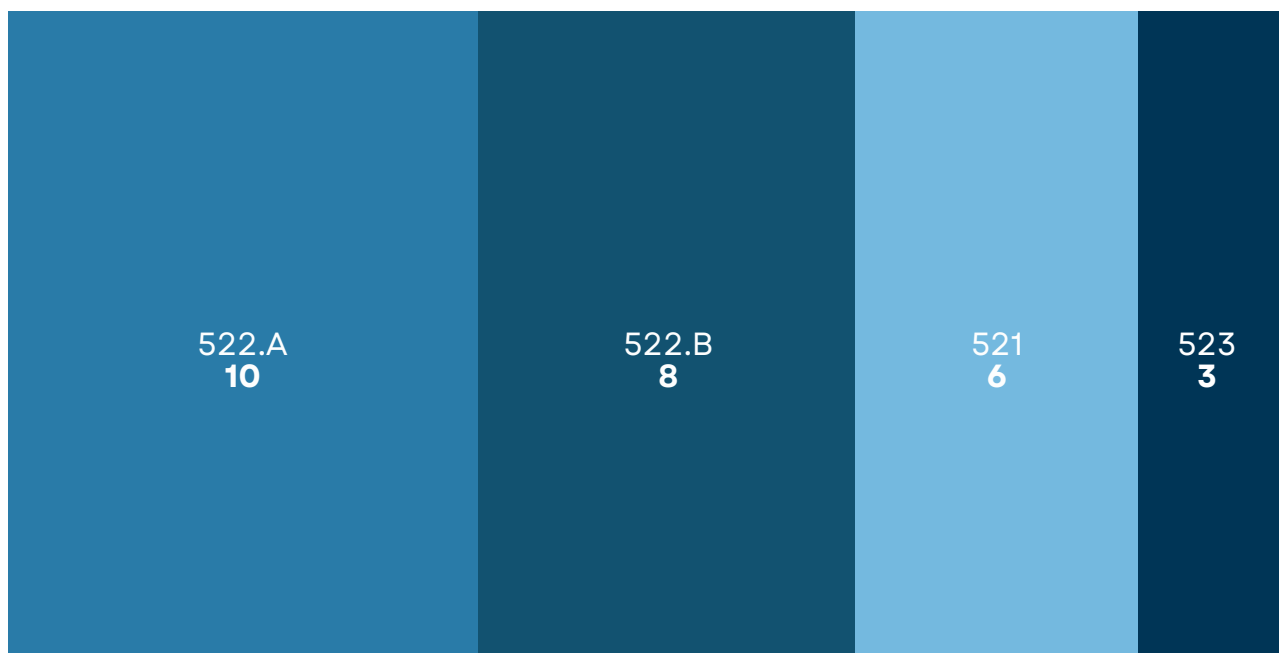
Overview

27
submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of
€ 510.966.203,02

13
signed
contracts

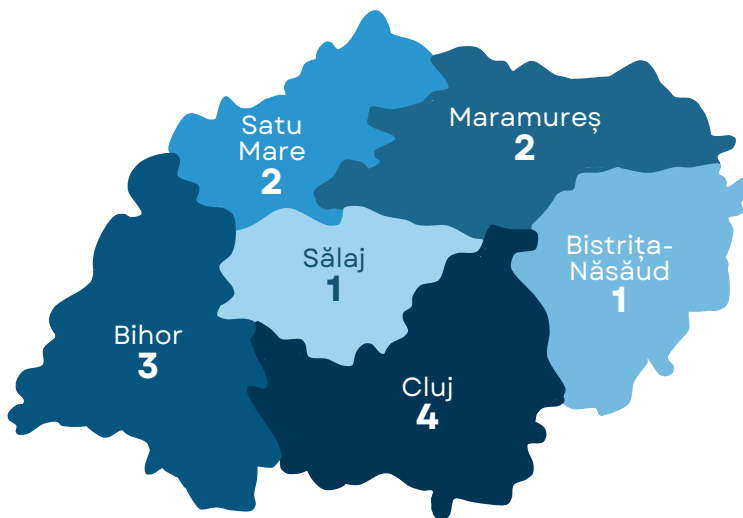
This priority is targeting **both infrastructure and safety**. **Upgrades to secondary roads**, including key **TEN-T connections**, are a focus. With 4 active tenders, the most significant interest has been seen in Call 522.A - Equipment to Increase Traffic Safety, with 8 projects submitted, followed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

13 contracts, **three** for **road safety infrastructure**, **four** for **road safety equipment** and **six** for **road infrastructure** have been secured under this priority.



Priority 5

Signed Contracts



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 (Cluj County)** 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.

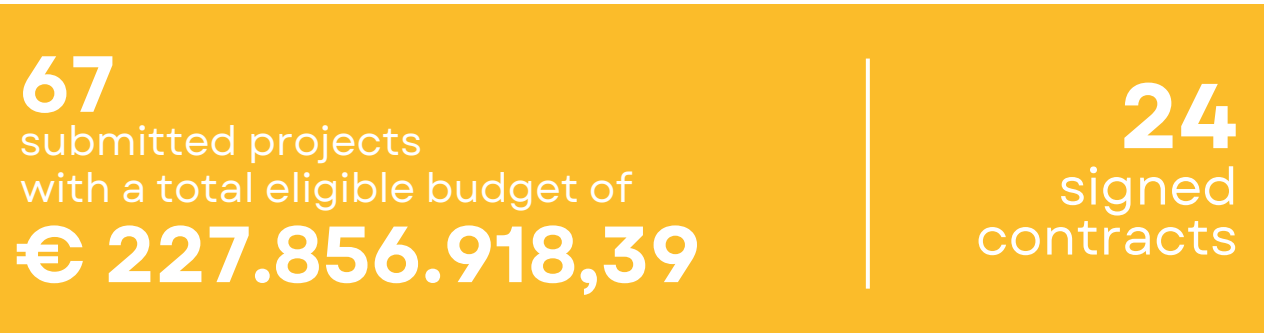
This strategic investment will deliver **275 meters** of underpass infrastructure, alongside the modernization of **444 meters** of tram tracks to enhance multimodal transport options. The project also prioritizes pedestrian and cyclist safety, incorporating **4,300 square meters** of upgraded sidewalks,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



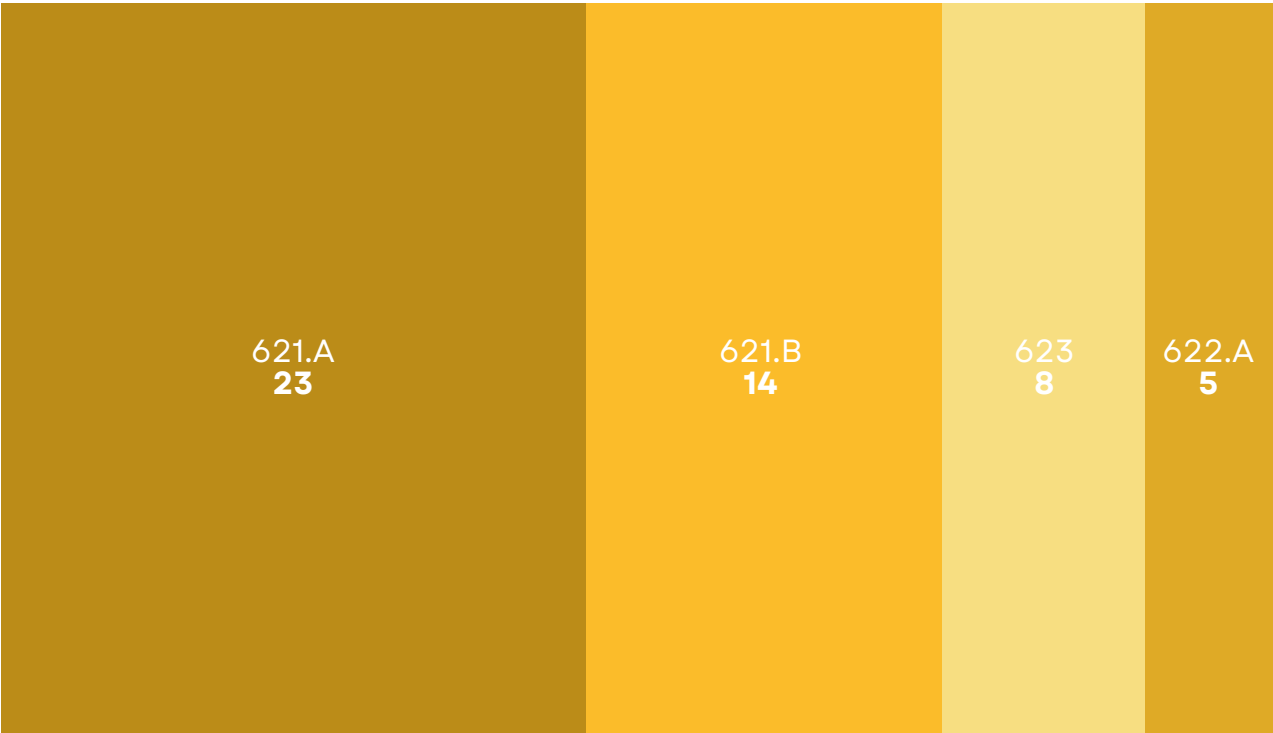
Priority 6

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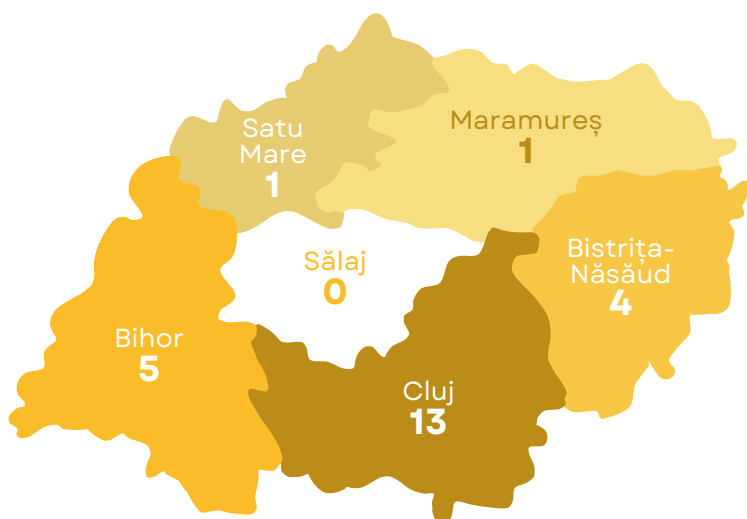
This priority marches for **a more social and inclusive Europe**. It involves tenders aimed at **enhancing educational infrastructure** across various levels, **from early childhood to university education**, and at **modernizing school facilities**.

The academic community's interest in advancing their infrastructure for future development is well seen, as the most active project calls target developments in terms of educational infrastructure.



Priority 6

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 81.237.357,96

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 124.442.135,53



Rodna (Bistrița-Năsăud County) is taking a strategic step toward inclusive and future-oriented education through a **€1.95 million** investment, co-financed by the **2021–2027 North-West Regional Programme**. The project supports the **extension, modernisation, and equipment of the Florian Porcius Vocational School**.

The investment will result in the construction of two new school buildings, including **six classrooms and four technical workshops**, fully equipped to deliver practical, **labour market-relevant training** for students in the professional and technical education stream. The new facilities will accommodate up to **190 students**, while introducing **dual-education structures** tailored to evolving sectoral needs.

Designed with **accessibility, energy efficiency, and digital readiness** in mind, the new infrastructure will provide **safe, inclusive, and high-quality** learning environments. The project will help reduce school dropout rates, support transitions to higher education levels, and increase community trust in local public services. Set for completion in **March of 2028**, this initiative reinforces Rodna's commitment to preparing young people for the **jobs of tomorrow**, while offering a **scalable model for vocational education** in rural and underserved areas across the region.

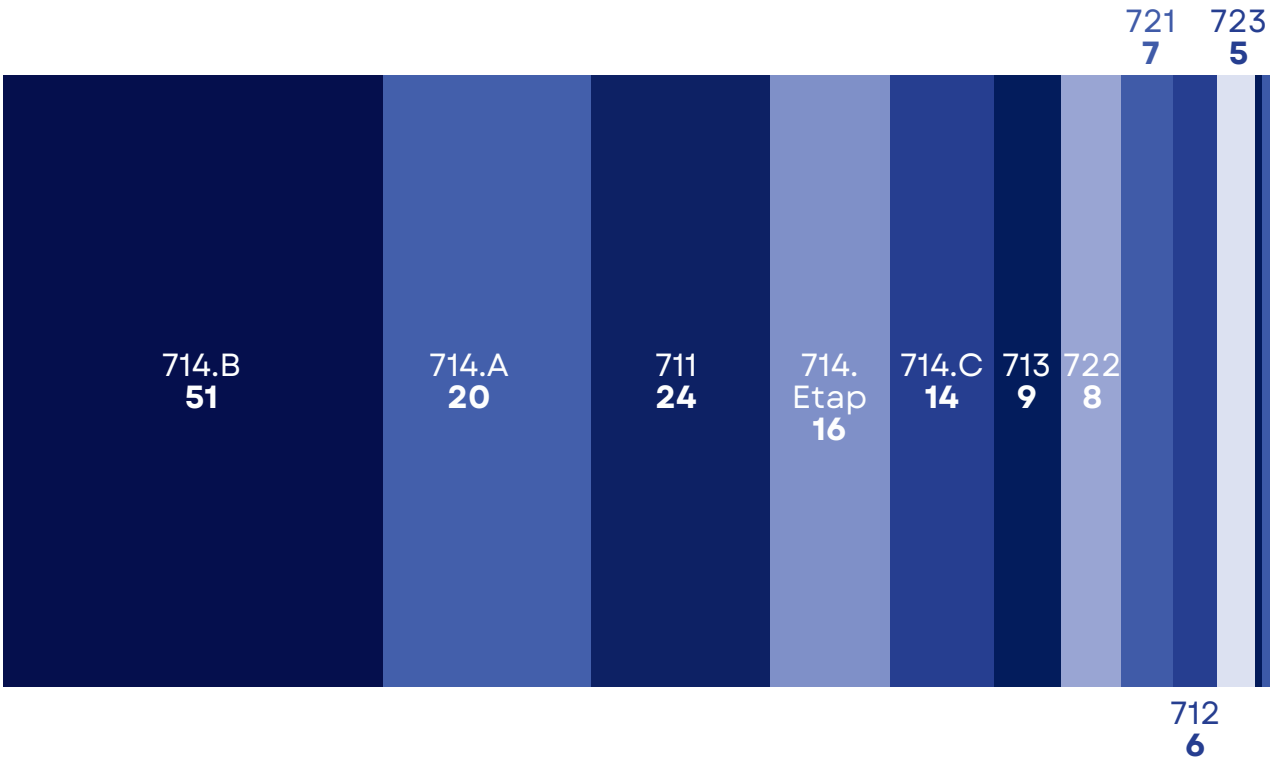
Priority 7

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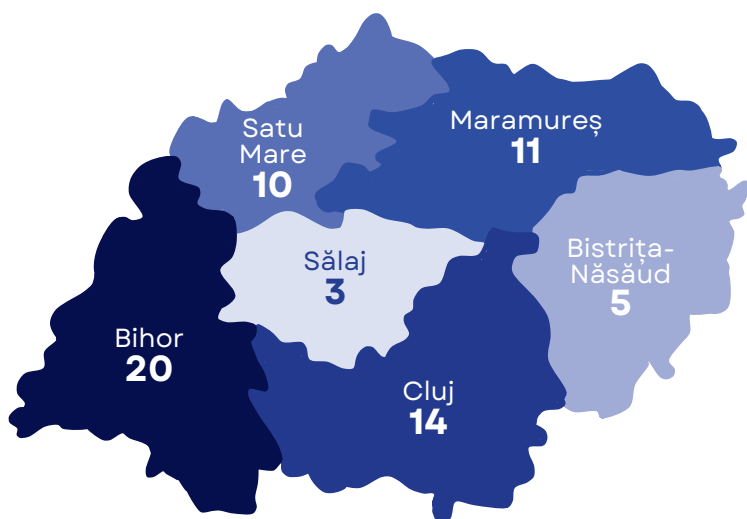
This priority marches for **a Europe that is close to its citizens**. It involves tenders promoting **integrated and inclusive development across social, economic, and environmental domains, as well as culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in non-urban areas**.

The call for projects **714.B** - Urban regeneration and the security of public spaces has **14** signed contracts, showcasing the increased interest of the public sector beautify the cities to match the beauty of the community that inhabits each place.



Priority 7

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

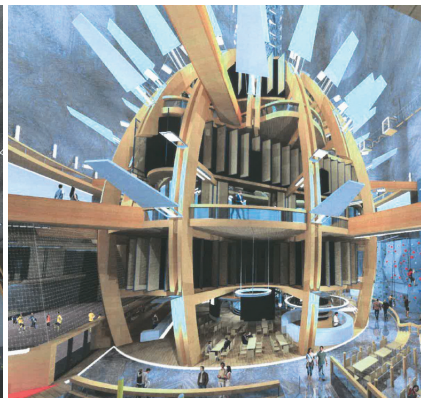
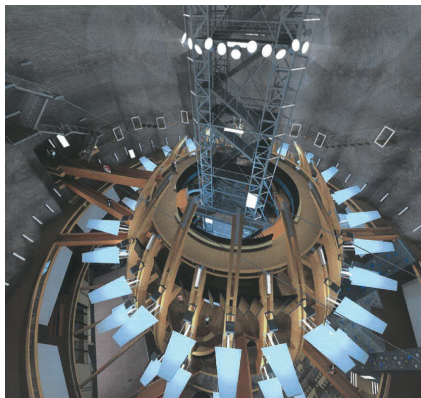
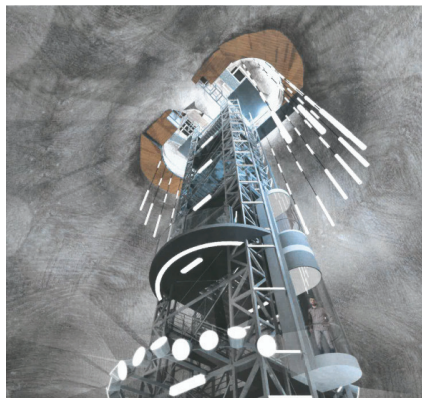
€ 361.295.403,87

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 489.969.641,45

A new tourism and health infrastructure project will enhance the appeal of **Turda (Cluj County)**, through a **€25.6 million** investment co-financed by the **2021–2027 North-West Regional Programme**. Focused on **sustainable spa** and **heritage tourism**, the initiative aims to strengthen Turda's position as a key destination for **wellness** and **cultural experiences** in the region. The investment includes the creation of a **new underground tourist attraction** by developing the Iosif Mine, alongside the **modernisation of the existing treatment facilities**. Together, these interventions will expand the functional capacity of **Salina Turda**, one of Romania's most visited tourist sites, and offer visitors **improved therapeutic** and **leisure options**.

The upgraded infrastructure is expected to drive a **20% increase** in visitor numbers within the first year of operation, while also contributing to local **economic growth** and **job creation**. The site supports both **health-based tourism** and **cultural regeneration**, in line with integrated territorial development strategies. With completion planned by **the end of 2029**, the project strengthens Turda's tourism profile and contributes to the broader vision of an **attractive, inclusive, and sustainable** North-West Region.



Completed projects

A success story.

A **major** urban regeneration **project** has been **successfully completed** in Cluj-Napoca: the revitalisation of the **Parcul Feroviarilor**, a historic green space now **fully modernised and reopened** for public use. The investment was financed through the **2021-2027 North-West Regional Programme** under Priority 7 – A more attractive region, supporting sustainable urban development.

With a total budget of over **€13 million**, the project has transformed the former railway park into a **vibrant public space** for **recreation, culture, and community interaction**. The design includes integrated green areas, new footpaths, upgraded access to the Someş River, and facilities for public events, making the park a **model for climate-resilient and inclusive urban development**.

Over **44,700 residents** are expected to benefit directly from access to the upgraded infrastructure, while more than **286,000 people** fall within the integrated territorial strategy covered by this urban intervention. Delivered in just **four months**, the project stands as a milestone of **fast and effective regeneration** under the new programming period.

The park is already recognised as an **international example of good practice** in sustainable placemaking. As of **May 2025**, the project is officially completed, with the **final implementation note submitted** and under review. Parcul Feroviarilor is now a **living proof** of how EU funds can **revitalise urban spaces** and **raise the quality of life**.





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