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# North-West Region

**The North-West Regional  
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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

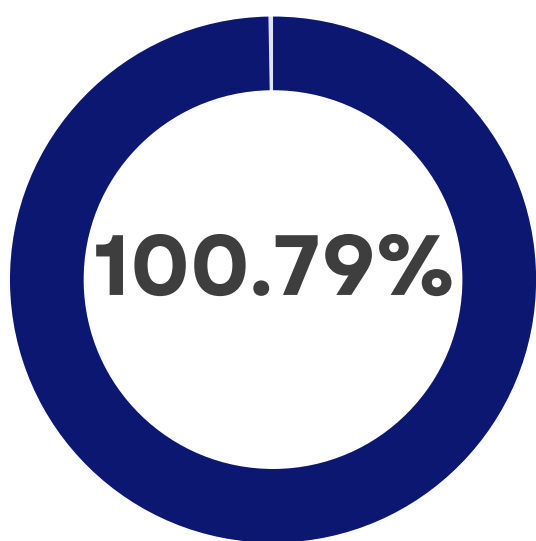
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# 54

calls published

## €1.448.733.883,02

budget of the published project calls



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

## € 1.417.916.099,25

budget of the launched project calls

# 50

calls launched





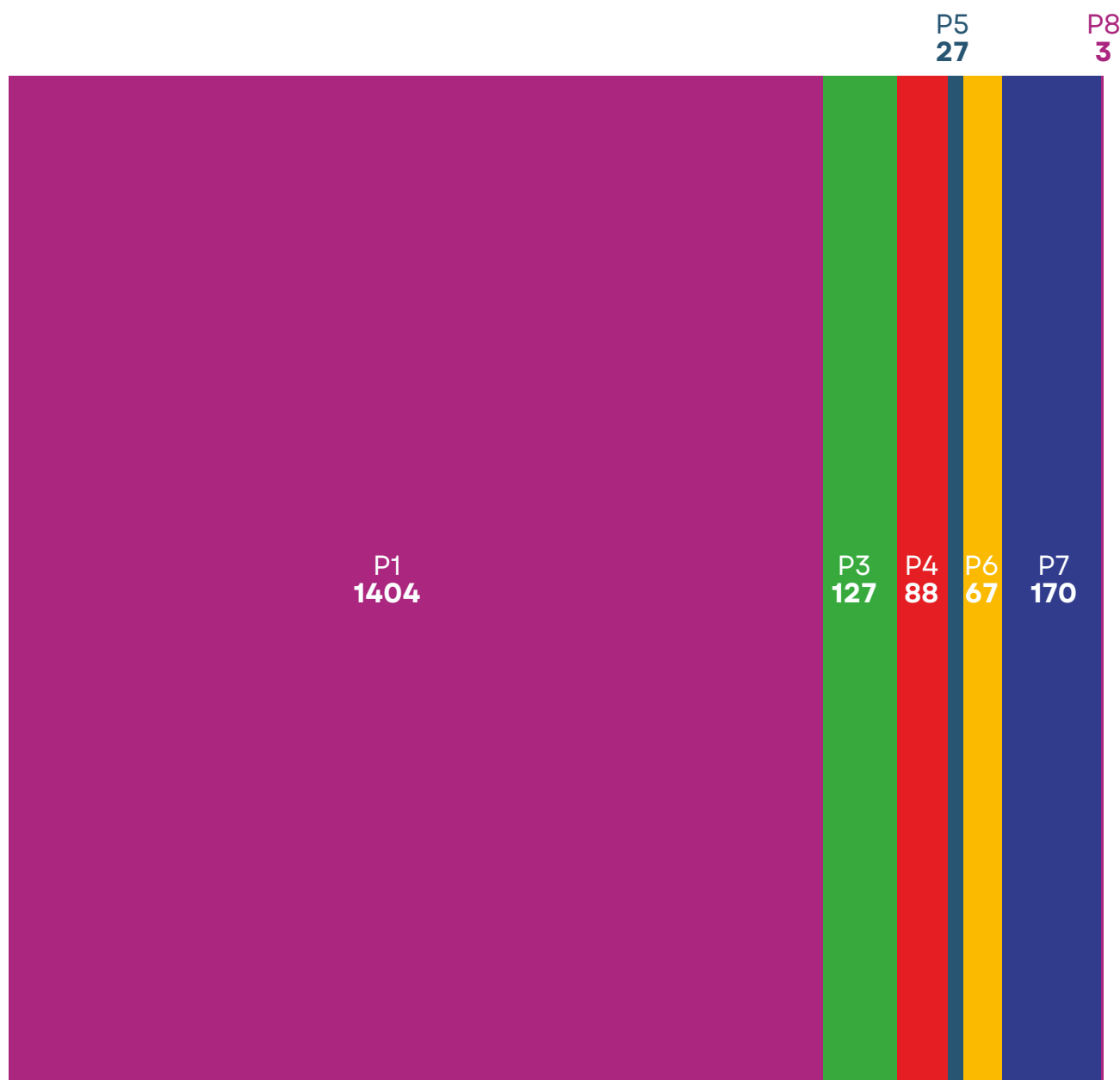
# Submitted Projects

**1887** in total

**€ 4.466.720.139,31**  
Eligible budget of the submitted projects

**310,78%**

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



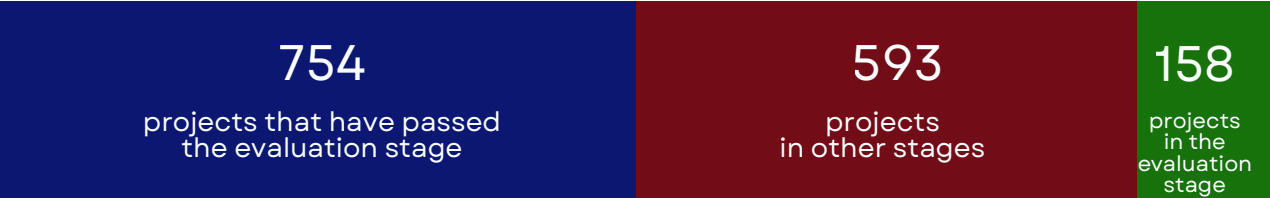
of the budget of the  
2021-2027 North-West  
Regional Programme

**412,55%**

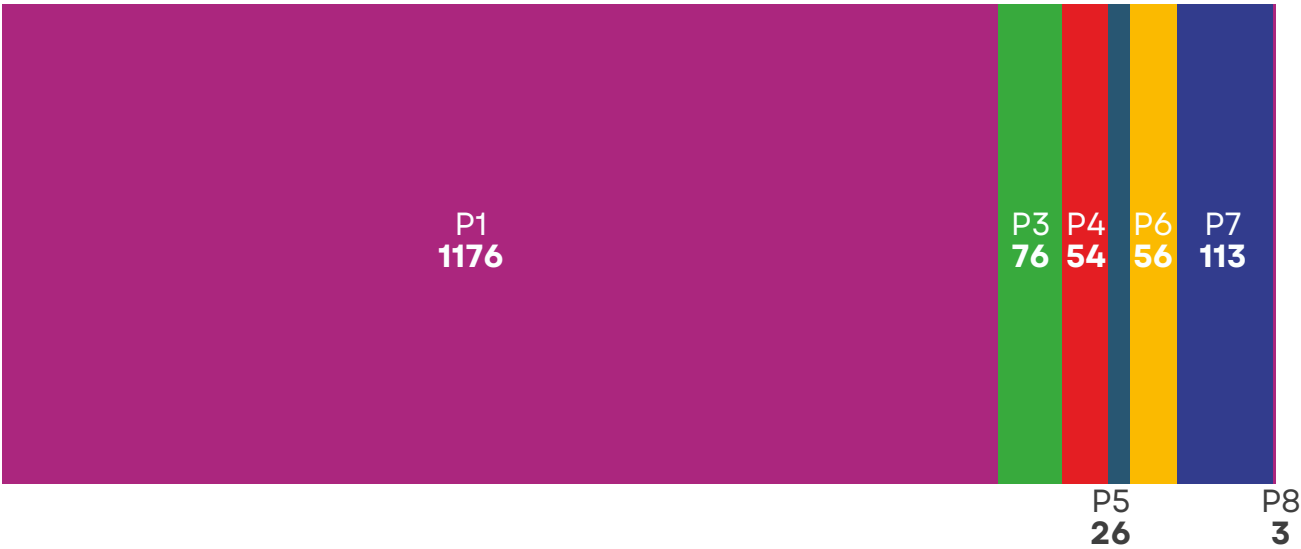
**€ 5.929.467.496,26**  
The total budget of submitted projects

# Evaluation of Projects

**1505** in total



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



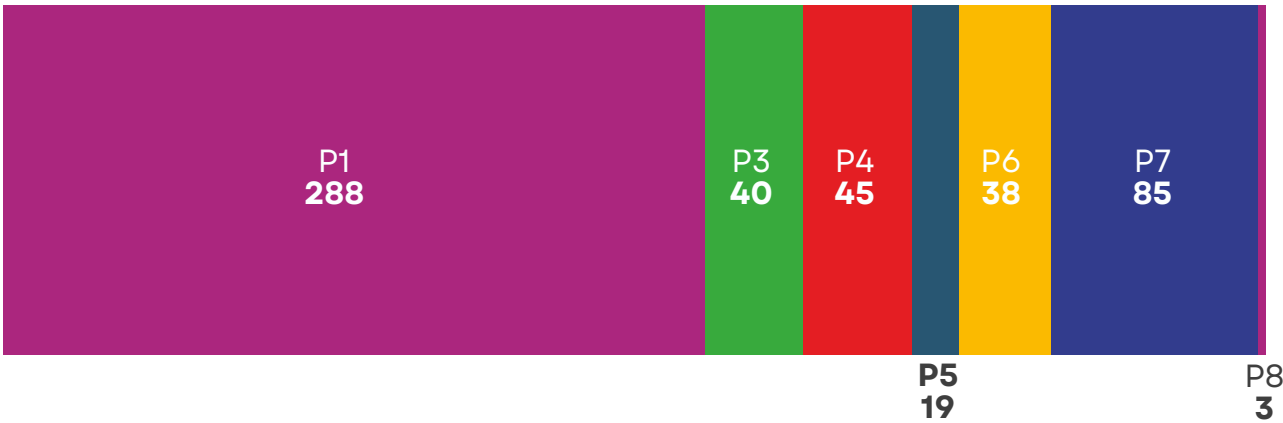
# Projects in Contestation

**379** in total



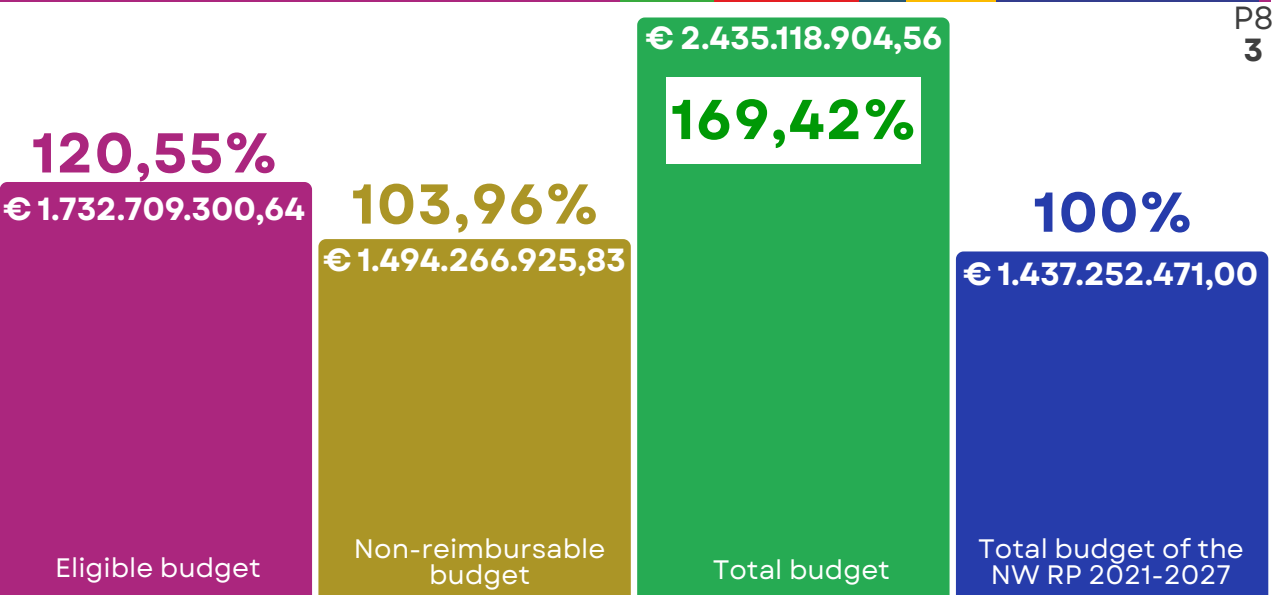
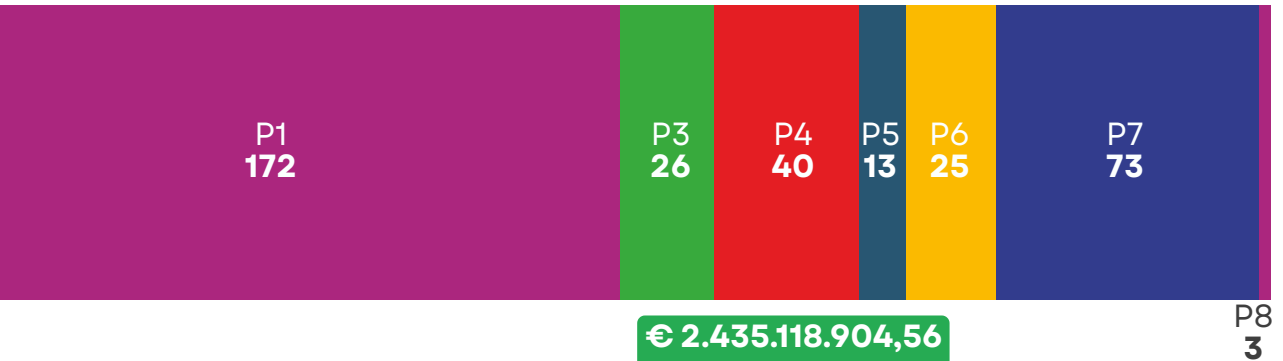
# Projects in Contracting Procedure

**522** in total



# Signed Contracts

**352** in total



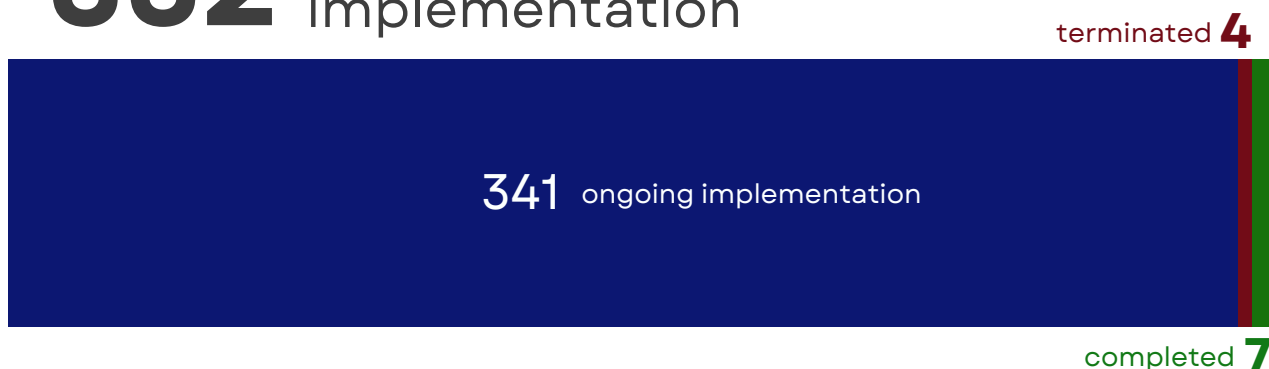
# Monitoring of Projects

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**211** monitoring visits in total



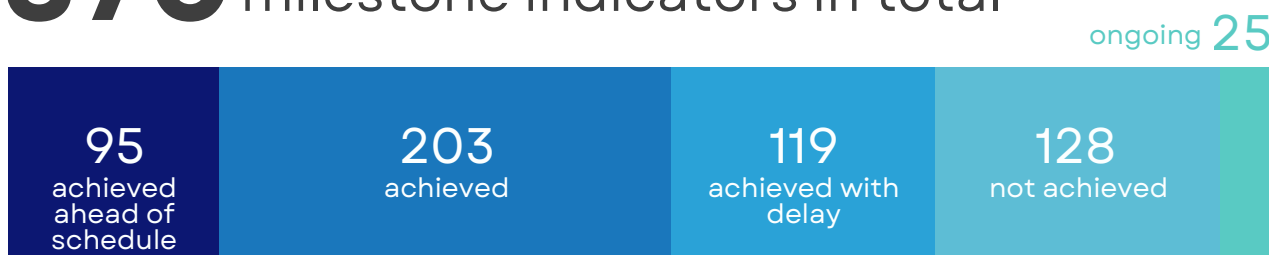
**352** projects in implementation



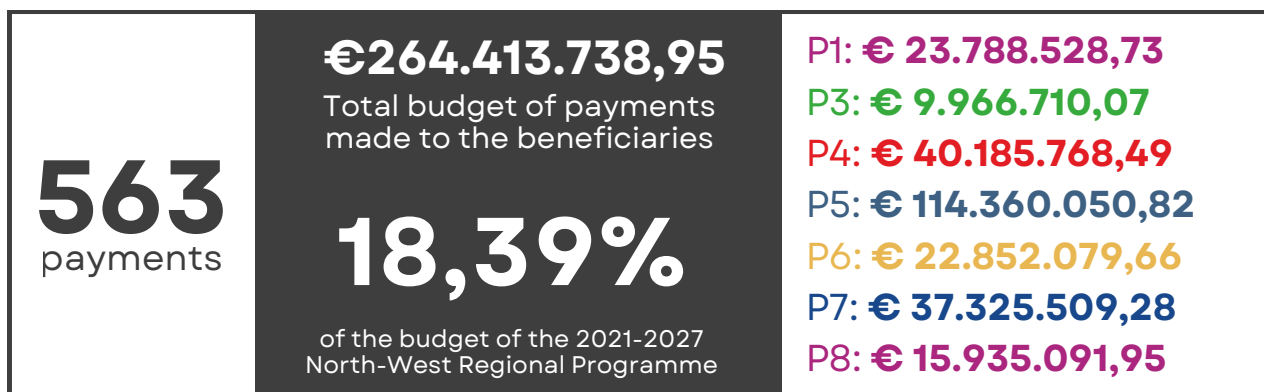
## Milestone indicator reports

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**570** milestone indicators in total

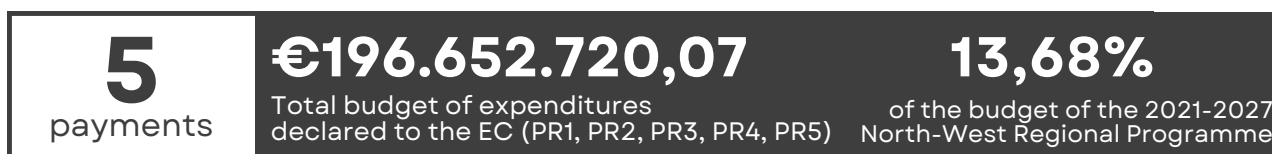


# Payments Made



## Payment Requests

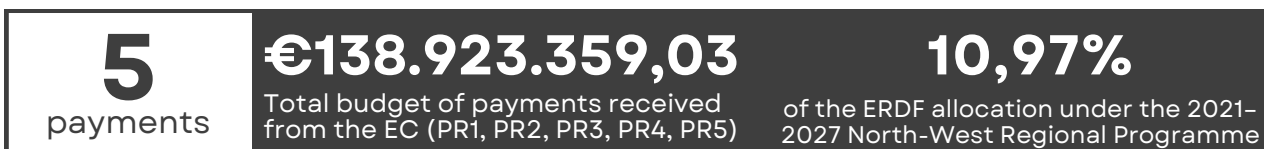
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P4: € 20.753.841,77, out of which € 17.640.765,48 are ERDF expenditures  
P5: € 98.054.029,75, out of which € 83.345.924,87 are ERDF expenditures  
P6: € 11.878.629,02, out of which € 5.939.314,51 are ERDF expenditures  
P7: € 23.073.029,66, out of which € 19.612.075,11 are ERDF expenditures

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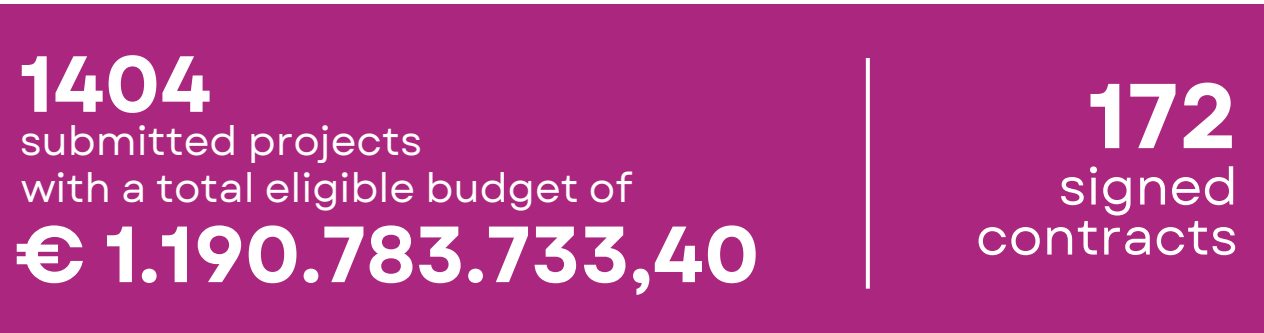
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# Priority 1

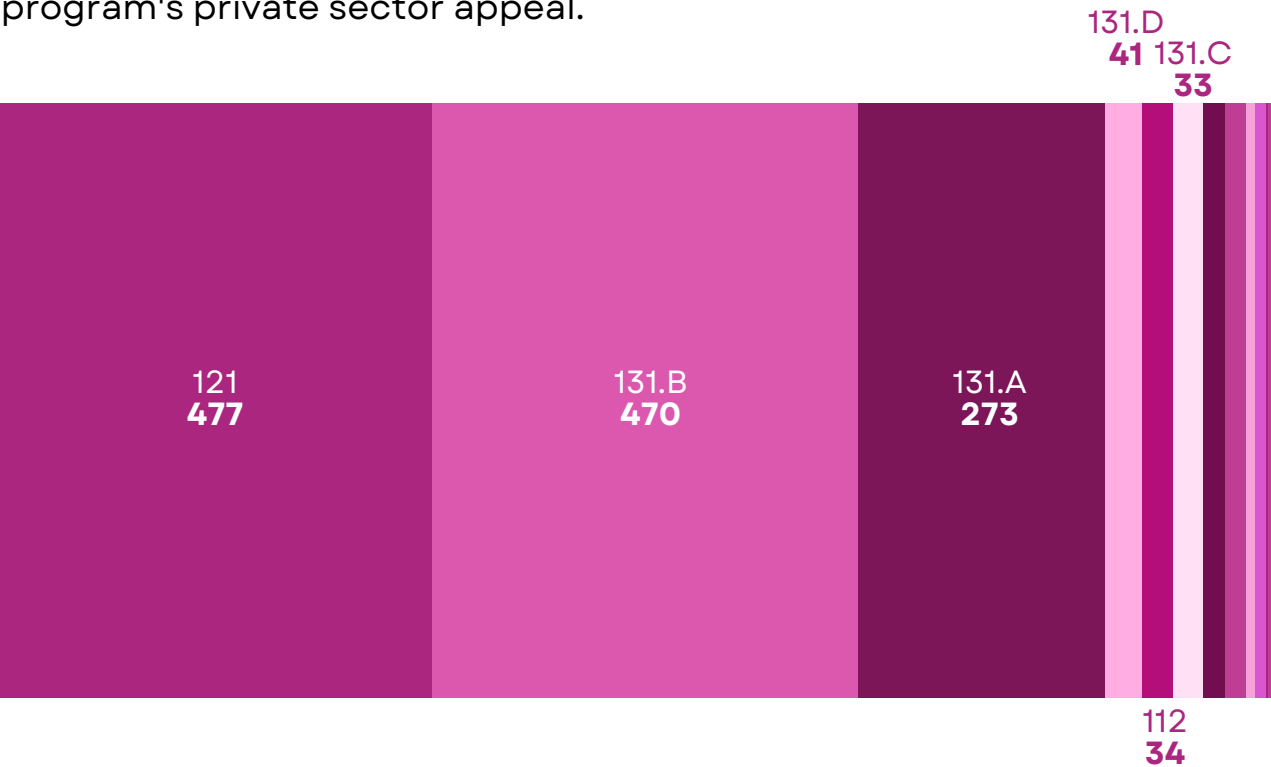
Overview



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.

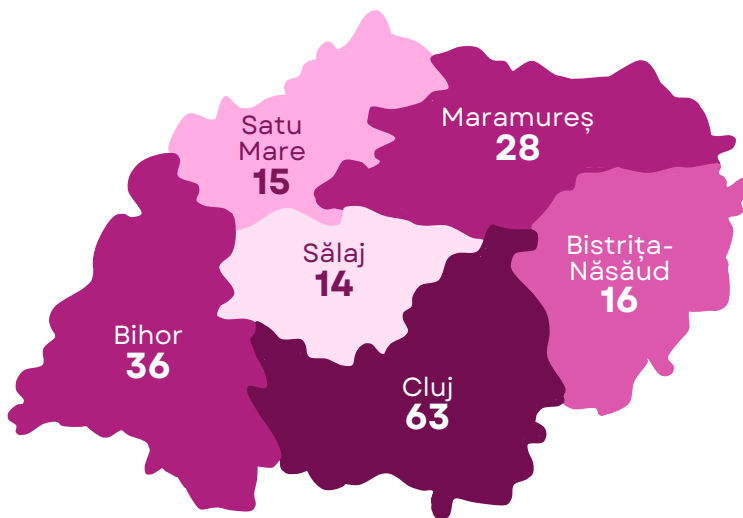
Out of the **100** contracts secured through this priority, **13** pertain to the **Smart Specialisation Parks**, while the remaining **87** support the **private sector**.

**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

€ 254.092.856,33

The total budget of the signed contracts

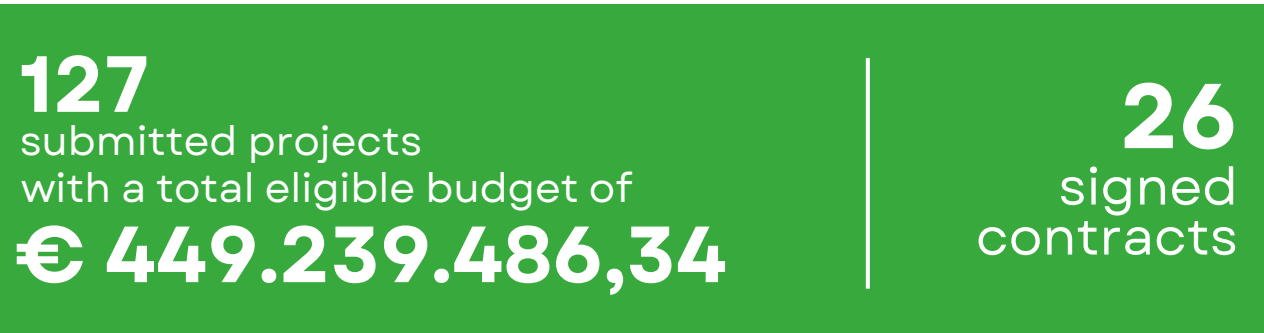
€ 311.936.259,62

The **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027** is driving regional growth by supporting **154 SMEs across six counties**, with over **€165 million** in eligible funding already allocated and a total investment exceeding **€202 million**. The contracts span sectors from advanced manufacturing and robotics to medical innovation and green technology, reflecting the region's economic diversity and future focus. Projects funded range from **new digital factories and automated production lines to high-tech healthcare and sustainable materials**, enabling local businesses to scale up, modernise, and create new jobs. With contract sizes from **€128,000 to over €15 million**, and new contracts being signed every week. These investments are strengthening the competitiveness of **local businesses, accelerating technology adoption, and creating high-quality jobs**, delivering direct benefits for communities and positioning the North-West region as a national and European leader in innovation-driven growth. This dynamic pipeline demonstrates the **impact of EU funding in transforming regional economies**, advancing the green and digital transitions, and building resilience for the future. As additional contracts are signed, the **positive effects for the region's people, businesses, and economy** will continue to grow.



# Priority 3

Overview

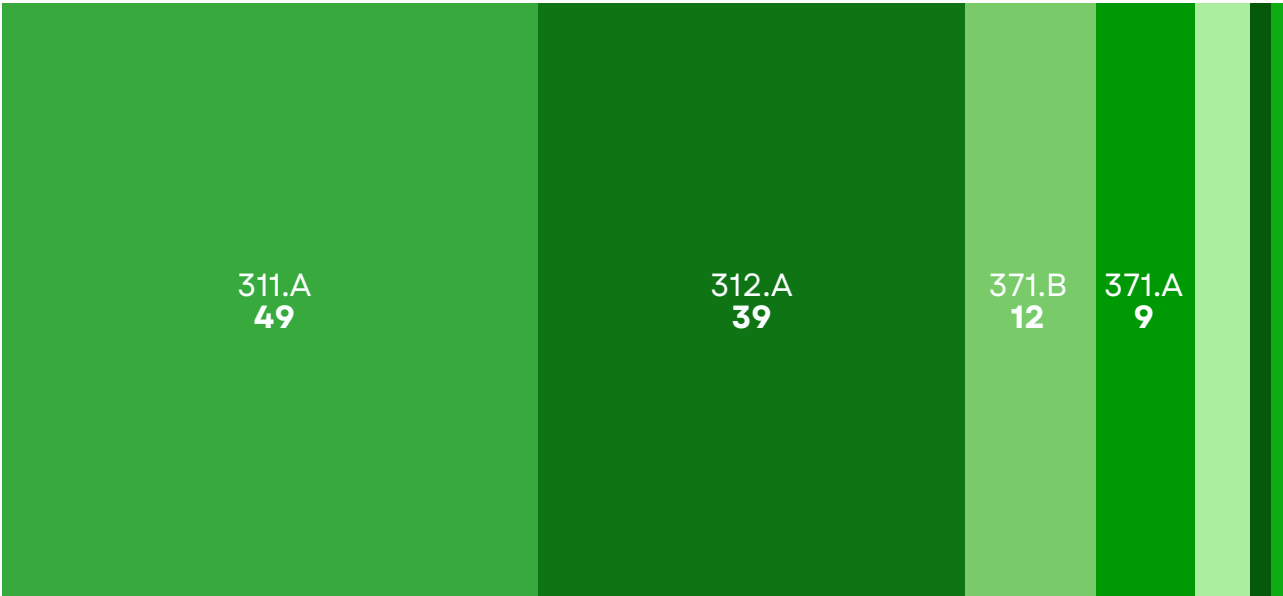


This priority marches for a **greener Europe**. It involves tenders targeting **energy efficiency in housing, public buildings (including heritage sites), and renewable energy in rural areas**. It also supports **green cities and improved urban green infrastructure**.

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**.

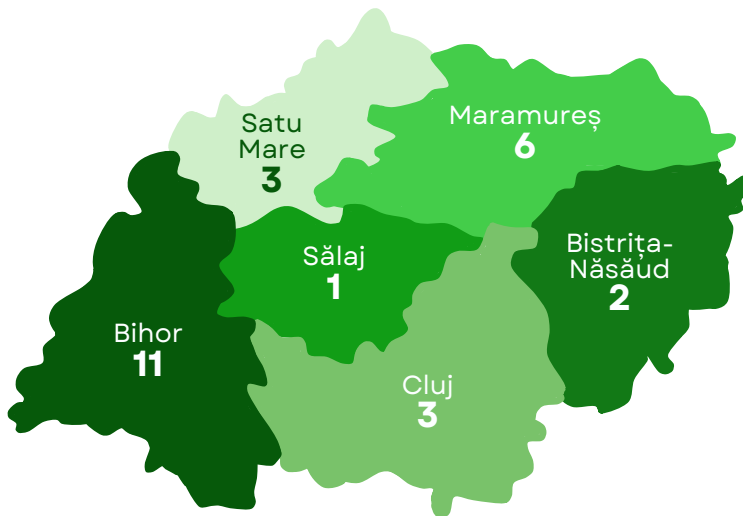
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# Priority 3

## Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 95.495.780,91

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 137.109.439,03

The town of **Ardud (Satu Mare county)** will create a new Urban Garden covering over 1.6 hectares, thanks to a signed contract worth **€2.47 million** under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. The project aims to turn a currently degraded and unused plot into a vibrant green space that delivers multiple environmental, social and health benefits to the local community.

The future Urban Garden will include hundreds of newly planted trees, shrubs and perennials, contributing to air purification, carbon capture, and a significant reduction of urban heat and noise. Natural meadows, a small lake with a pontoon, and pedestrian and cycling paths will support biodiversity and create new opportunities for leisure, social gatherings, and educational activities for all ages. The green infrastructure will rely on renewable energy, with public lighting powered by solar panels and LED technology.

Covering almost **17,000 square metres**, the new park will increase the local share of green space by over **60%** and improve access to nature for more than **7,500 residents**. All interventions are designed to avoid any tree loss or emissions, focusing on ecological restoration and enhanced climate resilience. Scheduled for completion by **January 2028**, the Ardud Urban Garden project is an example of how EU cohesion policy supports greener, healthier, and more resilient communities in less-developed regions of Romania.



# Priority 4

Overview

88

submitted projects  
with a total eligible budget of

€ 1.134.529.127,84

40

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.

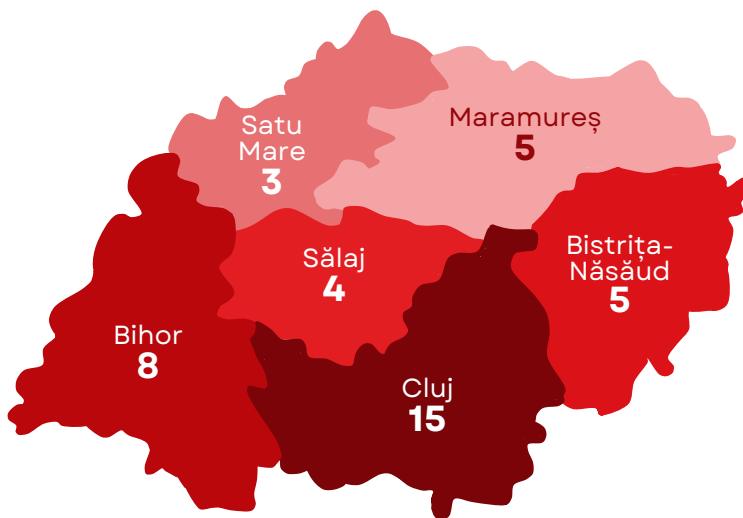
481.B  
46

481.A  
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481.Etap  
10

# Priority 4

## Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 379.123.666,66

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 523.837.576,72

The **Municipality of Zalău (Sălaj county)** will modernise its key urban mobility corridor thanks to a signed contract of over **€21.1 million**, financed through the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. The investment is designed to promote sustainable mobility and reduce greenhouse gas emissions as part of Zalău's commitment to a greener, more connected city. The project covers nearly **4 km of urban streets**, targeting the rehabilitation and modernisation of roadways used by public transport, alongside extensive improvements to pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. Over **1.6 km of new or improved cycling lanes** will be created, making active travel easier and safer for residents and visitors alike. The project will also deliver **fully modernised public transport stations**, new and upgraded sidewalks, improved street lighting, including energy-efficient LED systems and illuminated pedestrian crossings, and the planting of new trees and shrubs for better urban air quality and comfort.

A particular focus is placed on **safety and accessibility**, with modern furniture, real-time information panels, bicycle racks, and accessibility features for people with reduced mobility. Underground infrastructure for communications and rainwater drainage will also be modernised to support a resilient and future-ready urban environment. By the time the works are completed in **April 2029**, the upgraded corridor will directly benefit more than half of Zalău's population (over **33,000 people**), improving everyday journeys for public transport users, cyclists and pedestrians. The project is expected to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by at least **7.5%**, while boosting the number of users of public transport and cycling infrastructure by at least **25%**.



# 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.

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10

522.B  
8

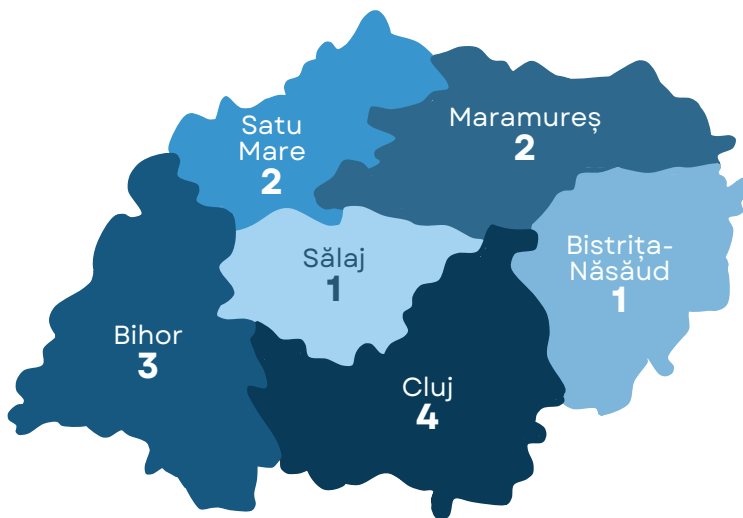
521  
6

523  
3



# Priority 5

## Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts  
**€ 403.278.094,82**

The total budget of the signed contracts  
**€ 670.672.334,95**

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.

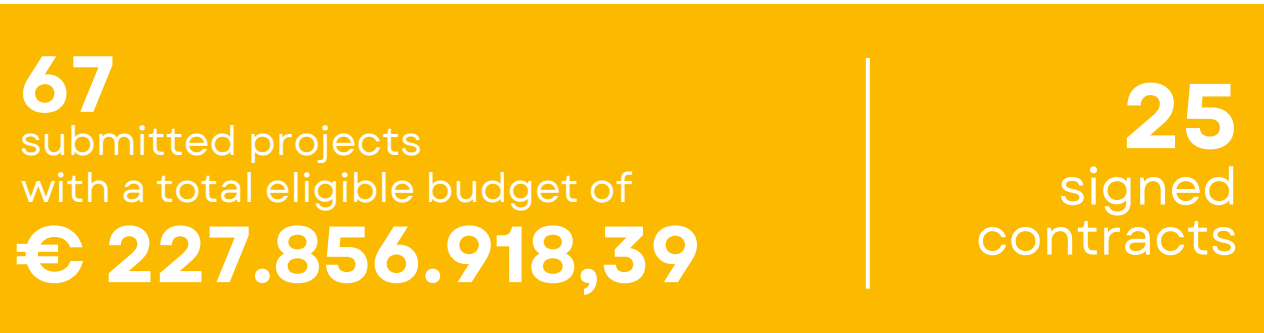
This strategic investment will deliver **275 meters** of underpass infrastructure, alongside the modernization of **444 meters** of tram tracks to enhance multimodal transport options. The project also prioritizes pedestrian and cyclist safety, incorporating **4,300 square meters** of upgraded sidewalks,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



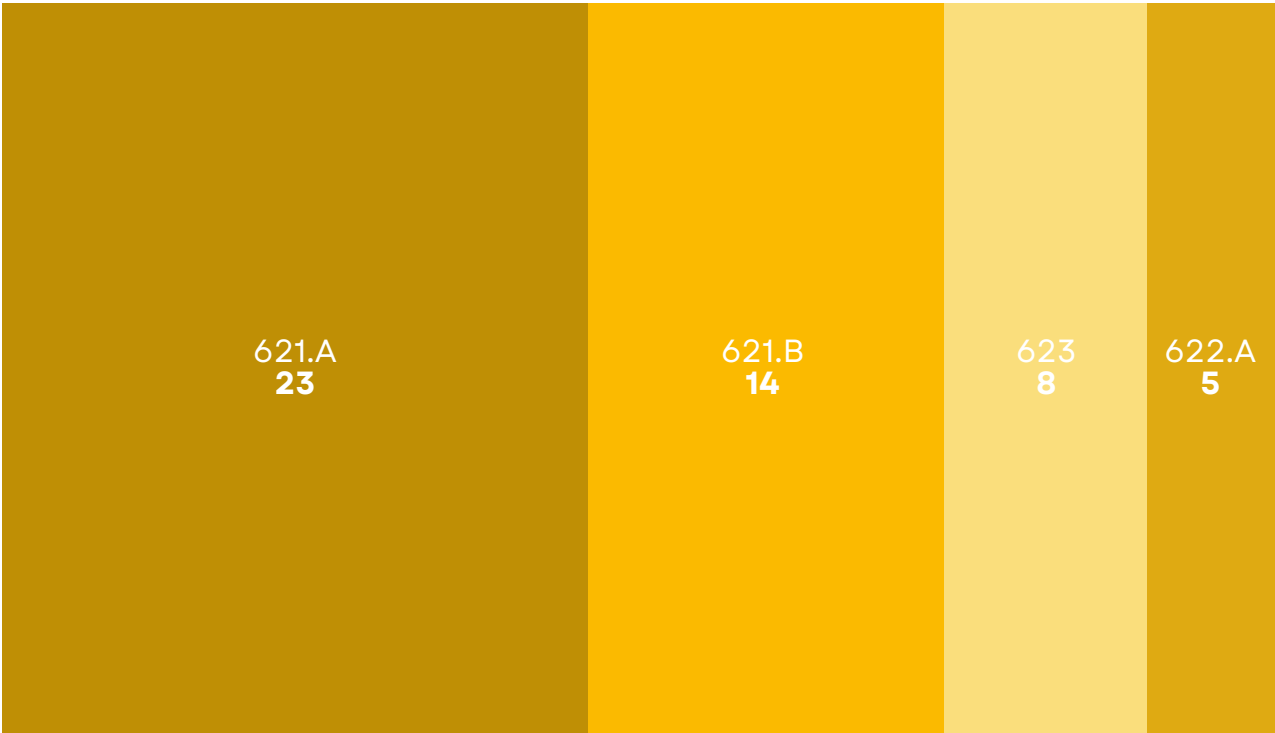
# Priority 6

Overview



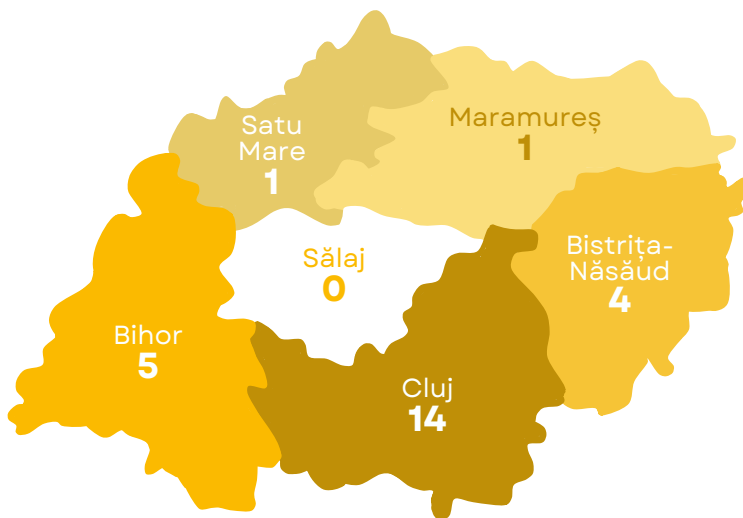
This priority marches for **a more social and inclusive Europe**. It involves tenders aimed at **enhancing educational infrastructure** across various levels, **from early childhood to university education**, and at **modernizing school facilities**.

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

€ 81.382.438,69

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 131.231.258,37

The **Technical University of Cluj-Napoca** (Cluj County) is set to enhance its educational environment through the comprehensive rehabilitation and modernisation of its outdoor amphitheatre, supported by a contract of over **€1.76 million** under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**.

The intervention will deliver a new open-air amphitheatre sheltered by a contemporary metal canopy, seating for **252 people**, a modern stage for events and learning, and smart lighting and sound systems. Dedicated equipment, including **digital projectors, interactive tools, and technology for hybrid and outdoor teaching**, will bring the space in line with international standards for flexible, resilient higher education.

Over **4,400 students** from three engineering faculties will benefit directly from these improvements, which will support both **practical training and inclusive learning**, including online and distance formats. The upgraded amphitheatre is designed to **foster collaboration, digital skills, and hands-on experience** with the latest technology, ensuring graduates are well prepared for industry needs.

Set for completion by **December 2026**, the project reflects the Technical University's and the region's commitment to **modernising educational infrastructure** and advancing equal access to quality learning for all.



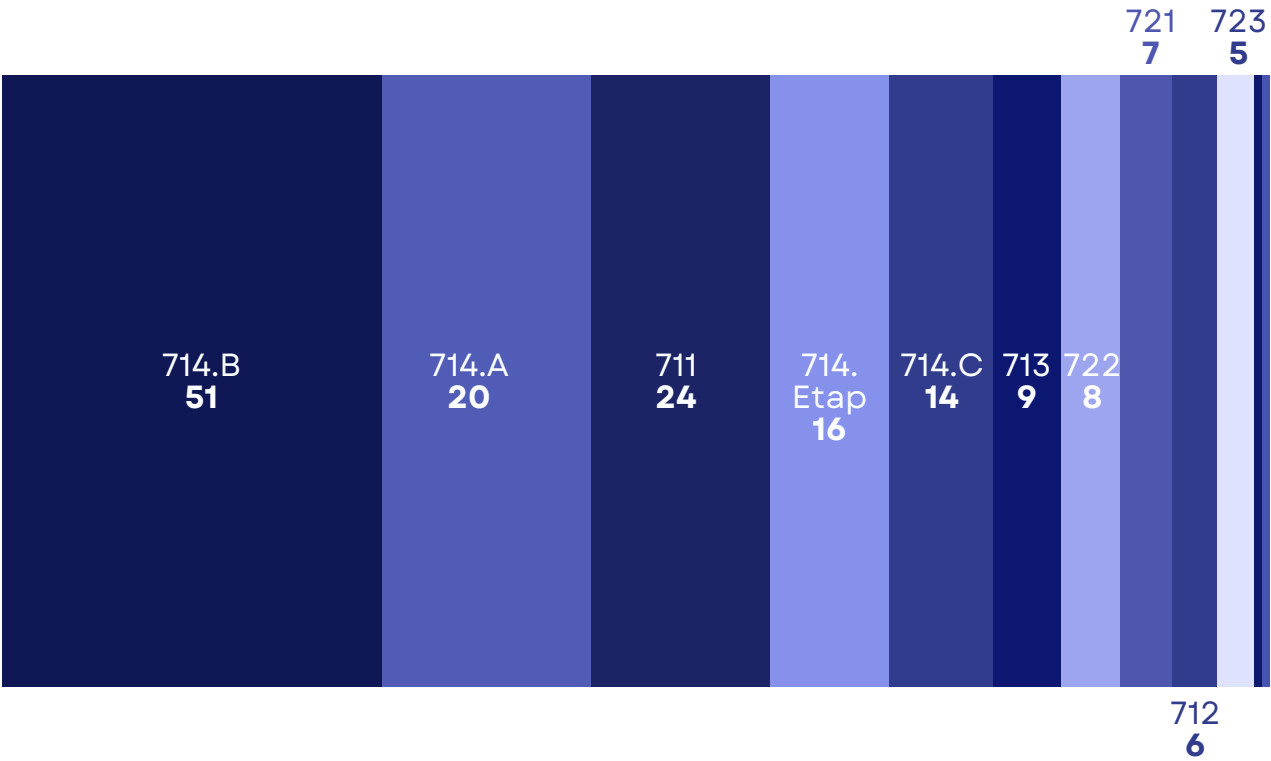
# Priority 7

Overview



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**.

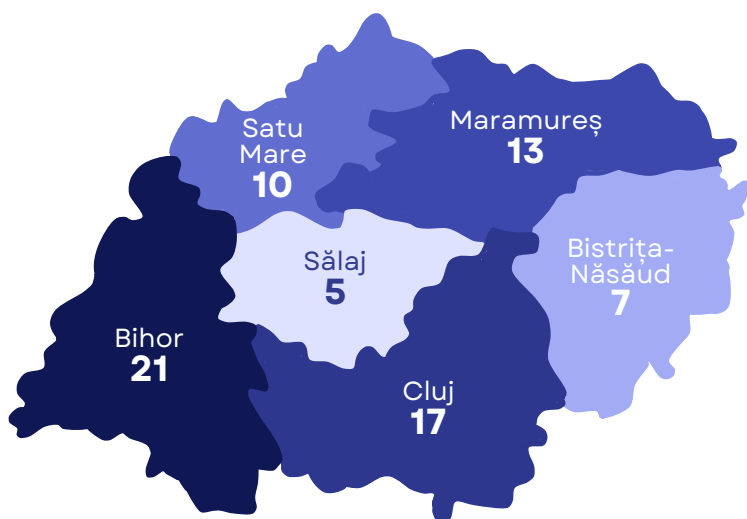
The call for projects **714.B** - Urban regeneration and the security of public spaces has **14** signed contracts, showcasing the increased interest of the public sector beautify the cities to match the beauty of the community that inhabits each place.





# Priority 7

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 428.921.695,59

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 578.059.696,23

Residents of Bistrița (Bistrița-Năsăud County) will soon enjoy a greener, safer, and more modern neighbourhood, thanks to a project worth over **€6.5 million**, co-financed by the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. Over **54,000 square metres** will be reimaged: old pathways between apartment blocks will be rebuilt, with wide pavements, cycling lanes, and new parking spaces. **One third of the area** will become **green space, with grass, trees, flowers, children's playgrounds**, and zones for sport and relaxation. New benches, waste bins, LED public lighting, and video surveillance will ensure residents feel safe at any time.

The project focuses on the northern Independentei area, home to thousands of families where many public spaces, playgrounds, and pavements have not been updated for years. The aim is to offer **everyone, children, parents, seniors**, a neighbourhood where they can walk, play, or exercise outdoors close to home. Pedestrians and cyclists will **have priority**, while cars will have dedicated parking areas.

Beyond a cleaner, more beautiful environment, the project will also boost property values and make the neighbourhood more attractive for young people and new residents. The improvements will benefit not only the local community but also visitors from across the city and county, providing **inspiration and new reasons to spend time** in this upgraded area. Works are scheduled for completion by July 2028.





# Completed projects

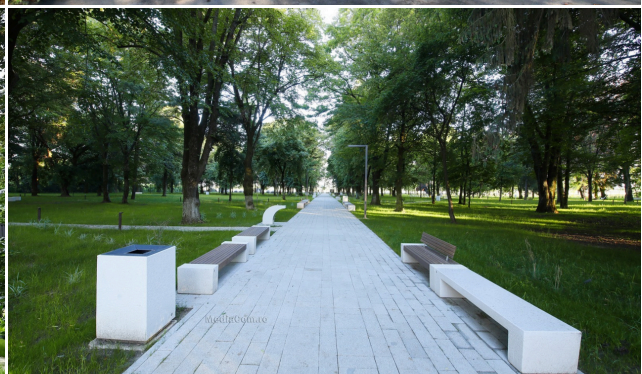
*A success story.*

A significant urban regeneration project has been successfully delivered in **Turda (Cluj County)**, with the transformation of the Aleea Obelisc Mihai Viteazu area into a new, multifunctional public park. The investment, financed through the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**, has repurposed nearly **31,500 square metres** of underused land into a vibrant space for community life, cultural events, and sustainable recreation.

With a total budget of **€500.000**, the project created extensive green areas, new cycling and pedestrian paths, public Wi-Fi, intelligent lighting, and modern parking and access infrastructure. More than **25,000 square metres of new green surfaces** and thousands of newly planted trees and hedges now buffer the urban environment, improving local biodiversity and air quality.

The new cultural pavilion is already hosting open-air music, theatre, and dance events, adding social and cultural value for Turda's more than **53,000 residents** and the nearly **40,000 annual visitors** who come to see the historic Michael the Brave monument. The revitalised park provides new spaces for **leisure, exercise, and family activities**, while supporting urban cooling and resilience to climate impacts.

Delivered within the planned schedule, the project was completed and entered its sustainability phase on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August 2025. As of today, the **Obelisc Mihai Viteazu Park** stands as a model for inclusive, people-focused urban transformation enabled by EU funding. Turda's new public park is already **improving quality of life and setting a positive example** for urban regeneration across the North-West region.





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