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**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



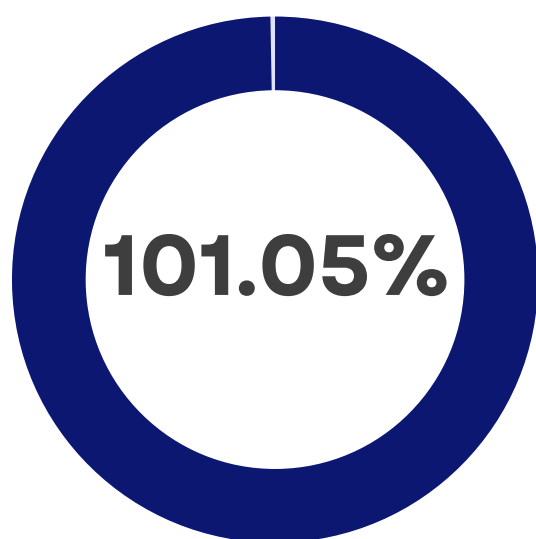
Calls for Projects

57

calls published

€1.452.374.670,50

budget of the published project calls



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

€1.452.074.670,50

budget of the launched project calls

56

calls launched



Submitted Projects

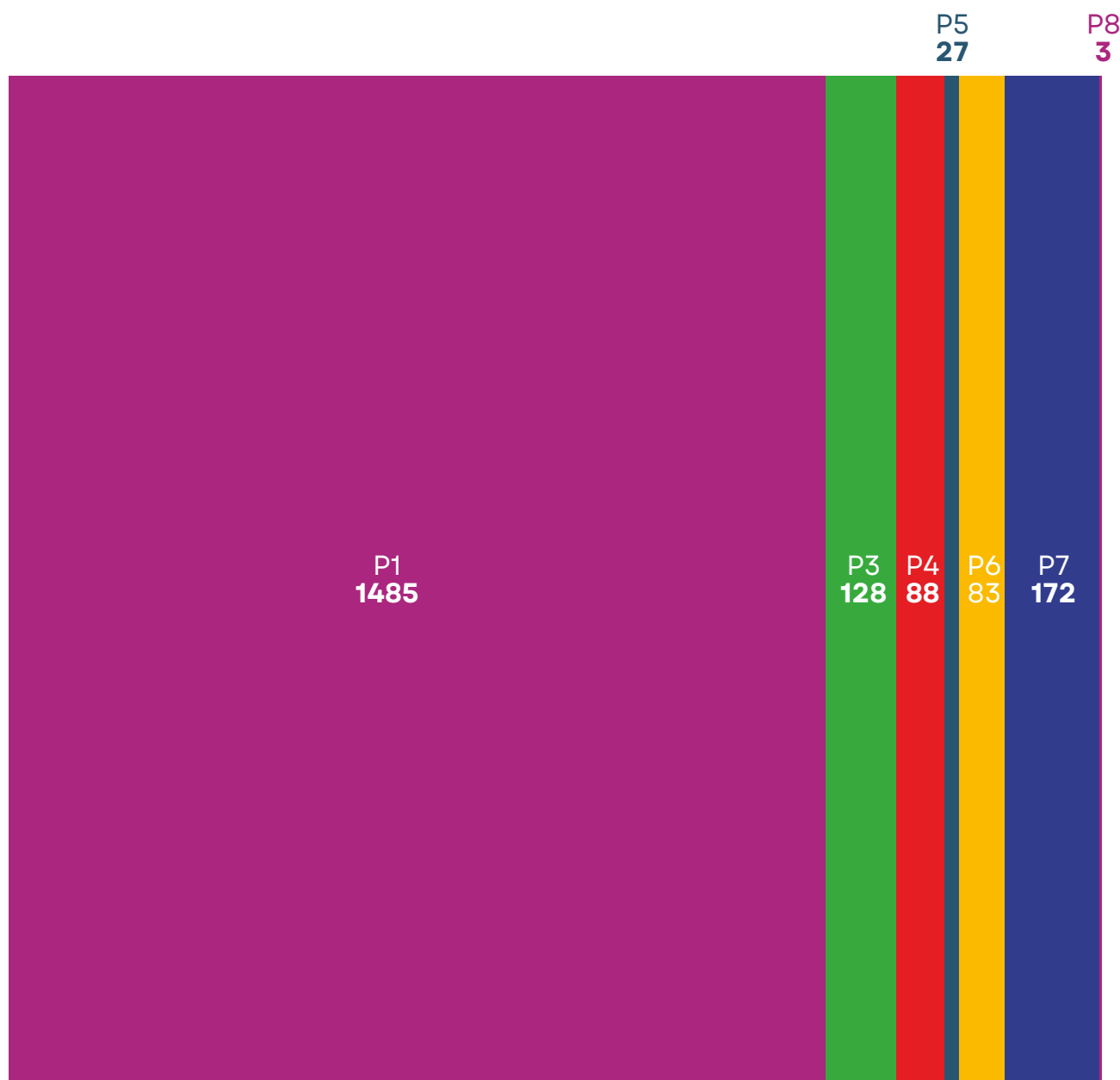
1987 in total

€ 4.537.234.300,62

Eligible budget of the submitted projects

315,68%

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



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2021-2027 North-West
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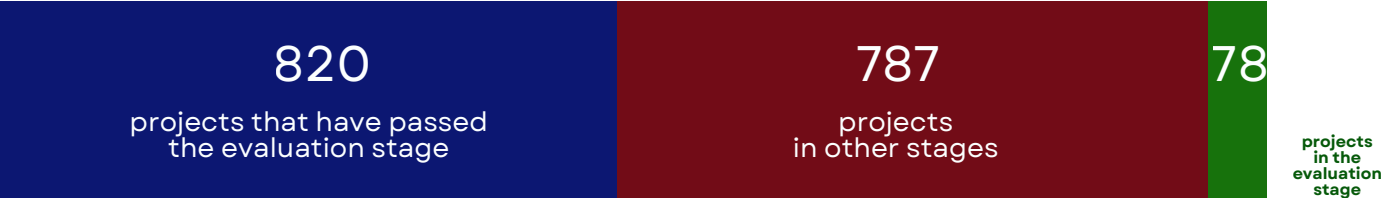
419,43%

€ 6.028.343.887,47

The total budget of submitted projects

Evaluation of Projects

1685 in total



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



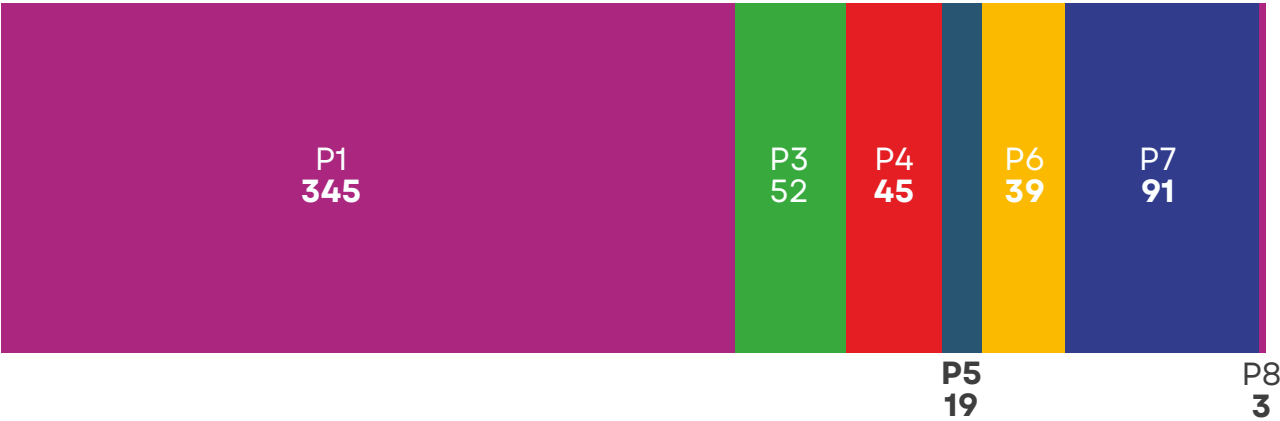
Projects in Contestation

463 in total



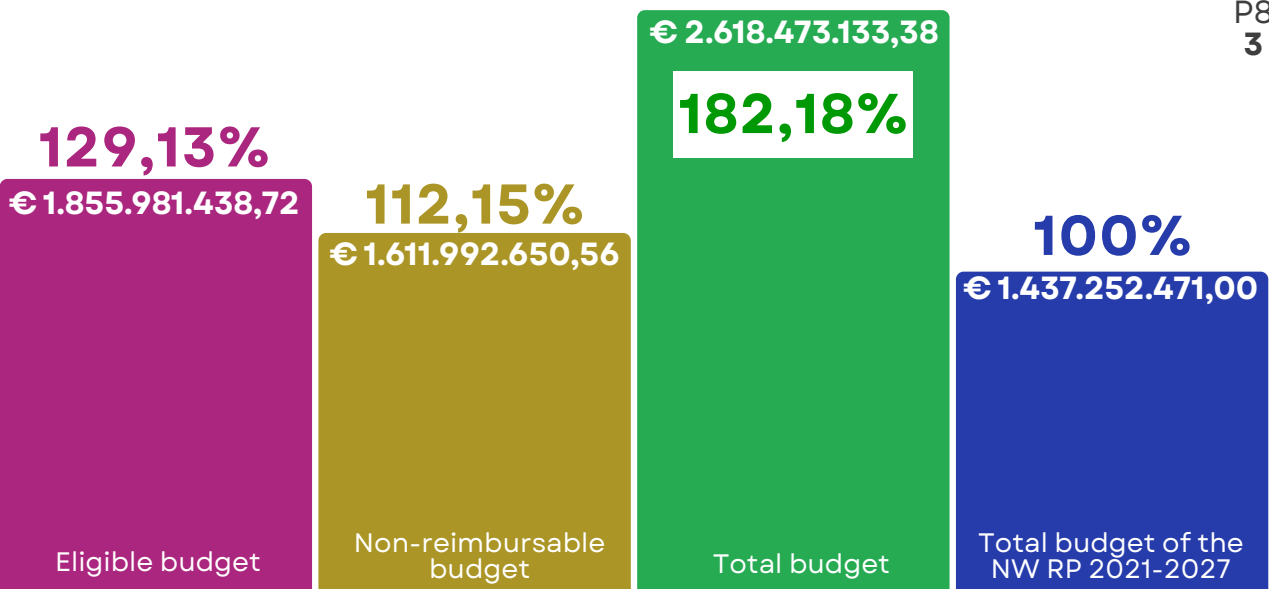
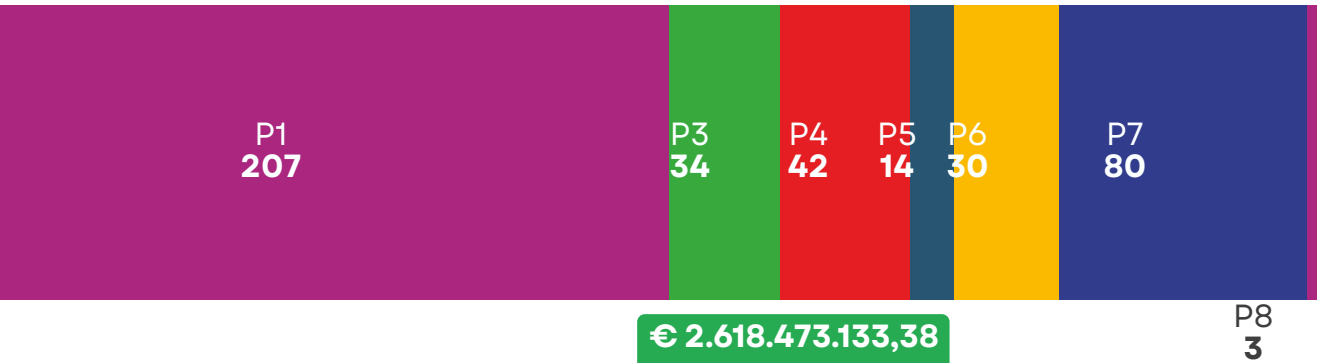
Projects in Contracting Procedure

599 in total



Signed Contracts

425 in total

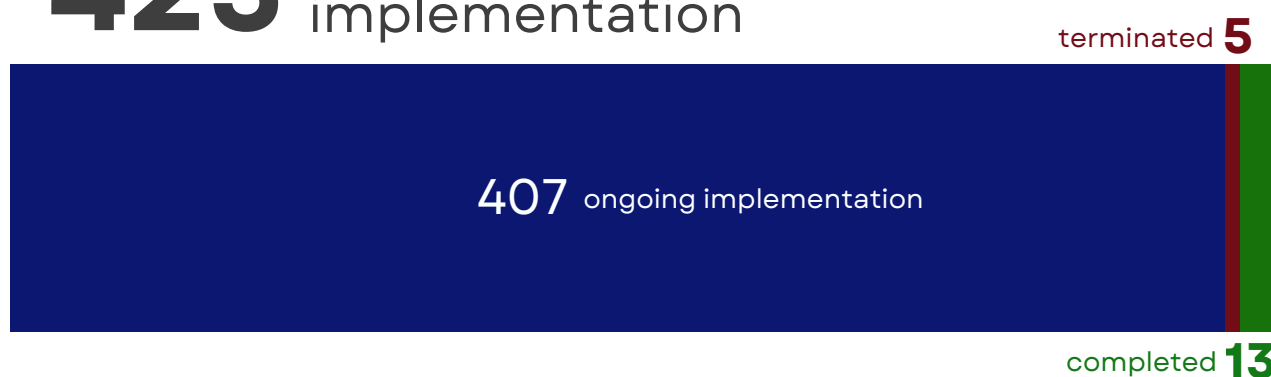


Monitoring of Projects

325 monitoring visits in total

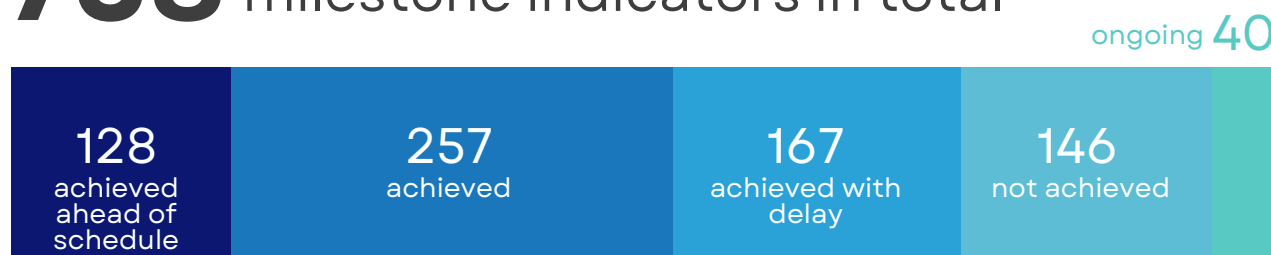


425 projects in implementation

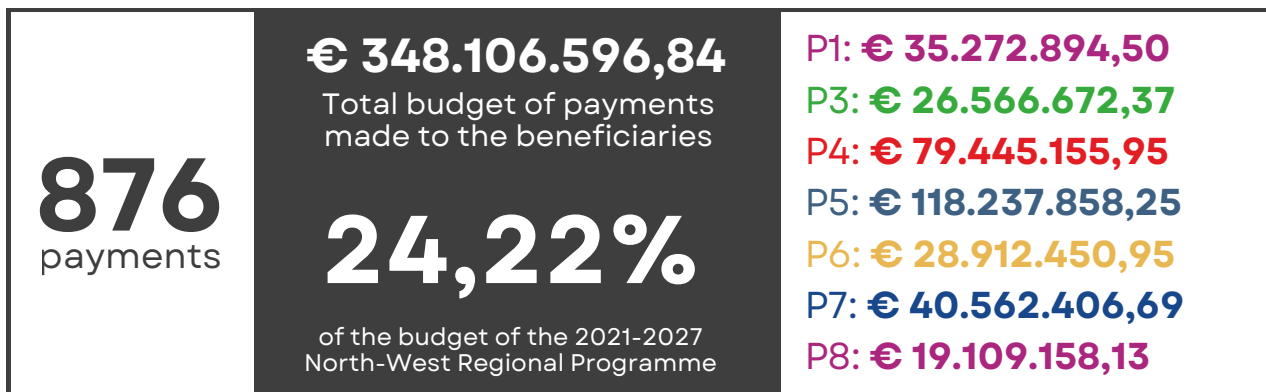


Milestone indicator reports

738 milestone indicators in total

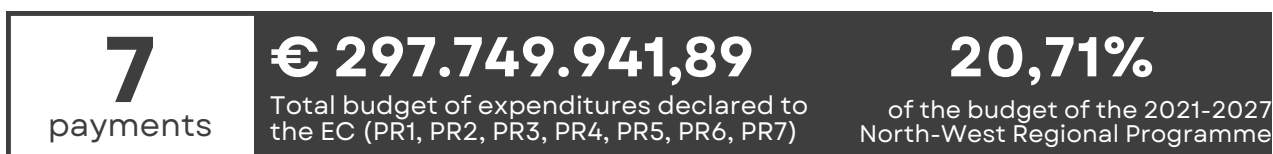


Payments Made



Payment Requests

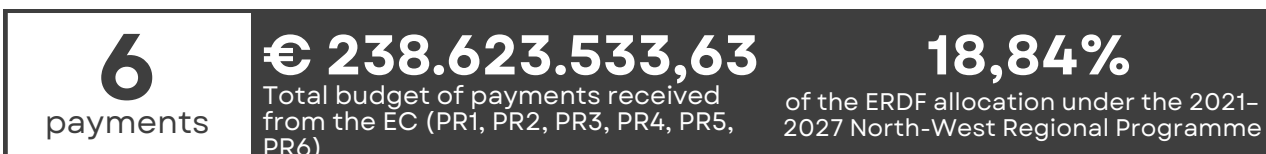
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P1: € 35.272.894,50, out of which € 30.103.417,35 are ERDF expenditures
P3: € 26.566.672,37, out of which € 23.620.224,39 are ERDF expenditures
P4: € 79.445.155,95, out of which € 68.250.273,24 are ERDF expenditures
P5: € 118.237.858,25, out of which € 104.538.123,39 are ERDF expenditures
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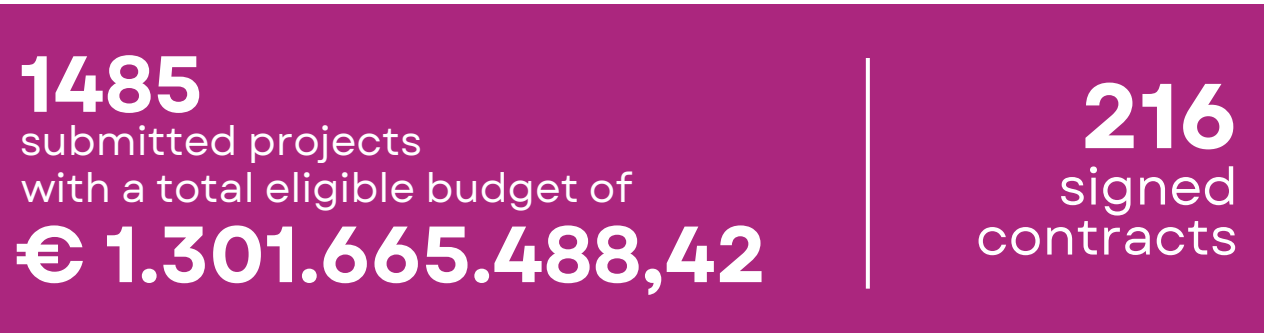
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Priority 1

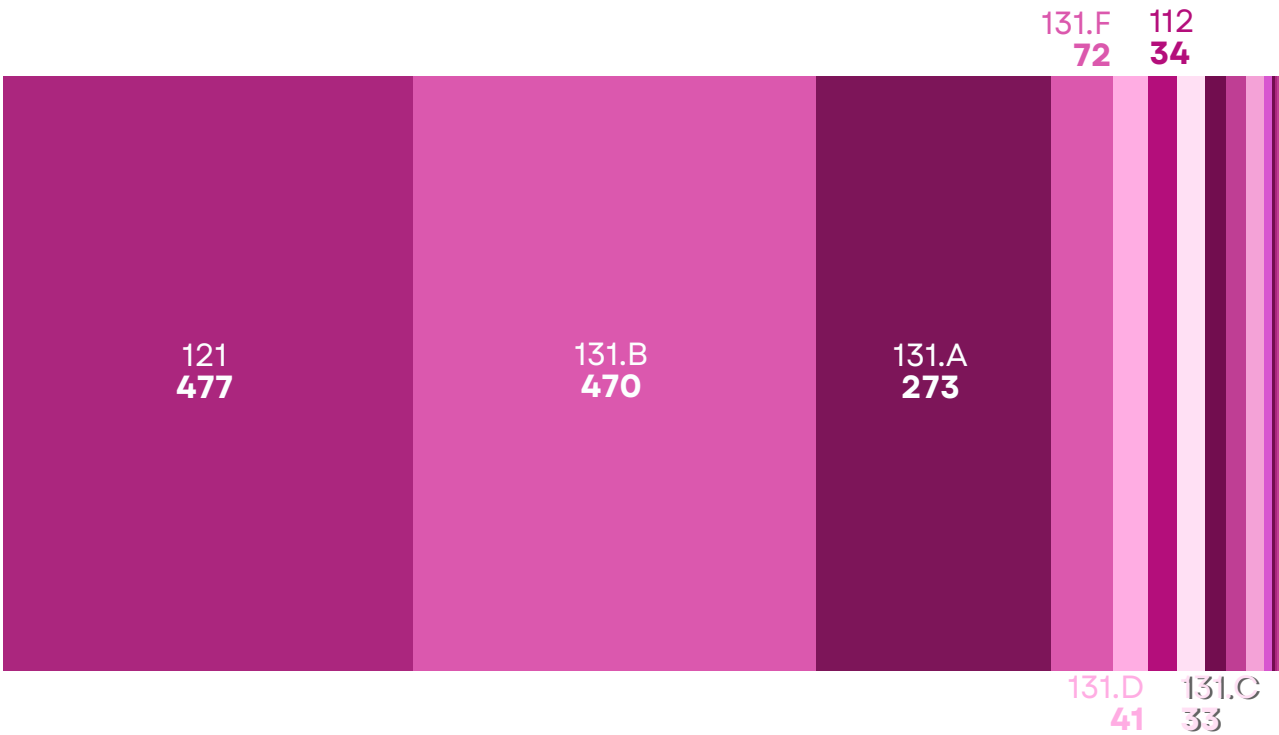
Overview



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.

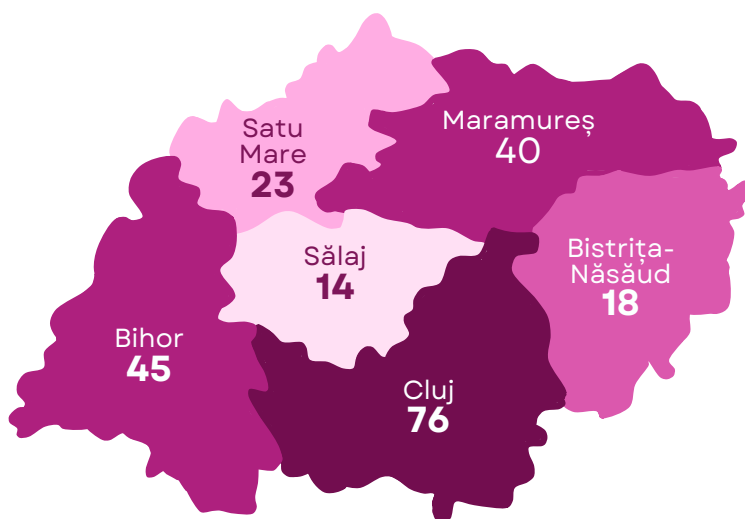
Out of the **207** contracts secured through this priority, **17** pertain to the **Smart Specialisation Parks**, while the remaining **190** support the **private sector**.

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

€ 267.085.518,21

The total budget of the signed contracts

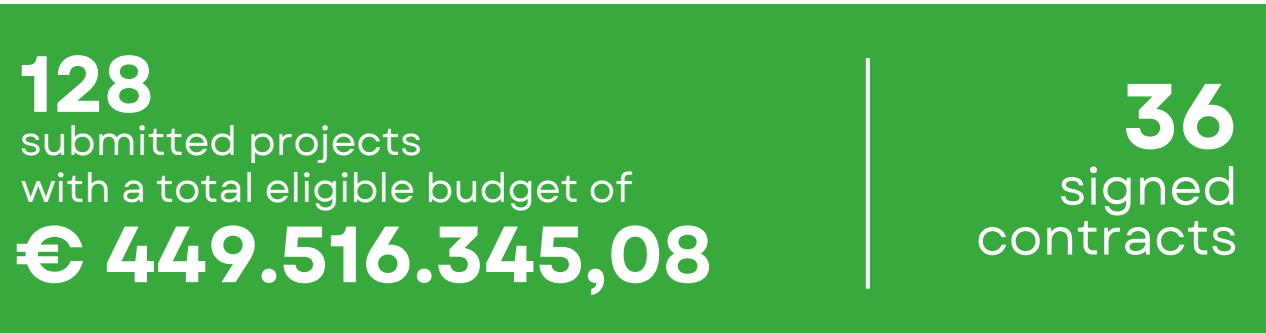
€ 326.678.600,11

The **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027** is driving regional growth by supporting more than **216 SMEs across six counties**, with more than **€267 million** in eligible funding already allocated and a total investment reaching almost **€330 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 **€125,000 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

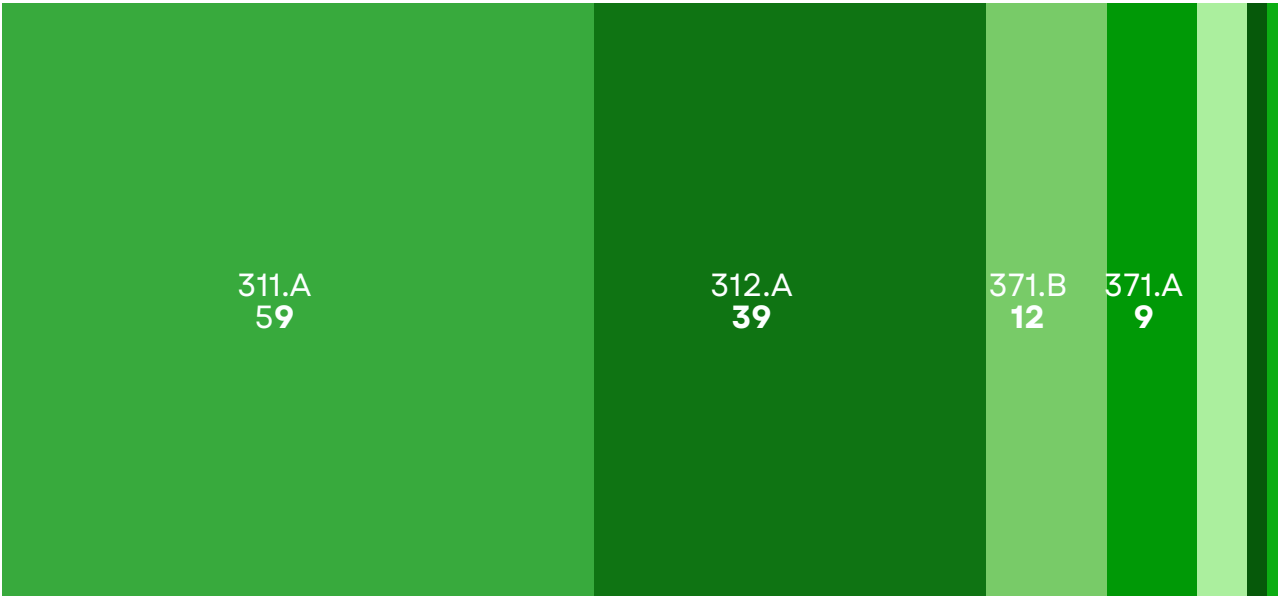


This priority marches for a **greener Europe**. It involves tenders targeting **energy efficiency in housing, public buildings (including heritage sites), and renewable energy in rural areas**. It also supports **green cities and improved urban green infrastructure**.

Out of the **36** signed contracts of this priority, **14** contracts are for **urban infrastructure** and **22** contracts for **energy efficiency in public buildings**.

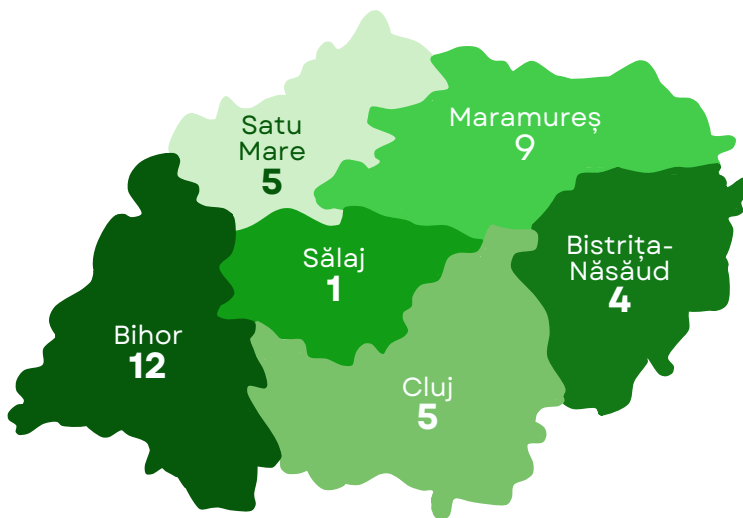
The most active calls relate to increasing **energy efficiency** in the region as part of **investments in the housing sector** and **supporting energy efficiency in public buildings, including heritage buildings**.

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Priority 3

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 132.619.371,98

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 179.489.186,84

The **Municipality of Baia Mare (Maramureș County)** is implementing a coordinated investment package to improve energy performance in three multi-family buildings. With a combined budget of over **€12,5 million**, financed through the **North-West Regional Programme 2021-2027**, the initiative supports cleaner and more efficient housing for more than **340 households**. The project upgrades the full thermal envelope of the buildings through façade insulation, roof works, new windows and enclosed balconies. Each staircase will be equipped with a **decentralised “energy container”** using **air-to-water heat pumps** and modern distribution systems, reducing reliance on conventional fuels. **Solar photovoltaic panels** will supply common areas and partially power the heating containers, complemented by **LED lighting** and **motion-sensing systems** in shared spaces. Additional works include safer electrical installations, improved ventilation, lift replacement and accessibility measures for residents with reduced mobility. The interventions are designed to cut primary energy consumption and greenhouse-gas emissions by at **least 50%**. After renovation, the three buildings are expected to reach a combined primary energy demand of just over **4.000 MWh** per year and emissions of around **427 tonnes of CO₂** equivalent annually. More than **340 families** will benefit directly from lower heating costs and improved comfort, while the wider community gains reduced emissions and a refreshed urban environment along Bulevardul Unirii. Scheduled for completion in **2028**, the investment strengthens Baia Mare’s long-term transition toward a **more efficient and climate-resilient residential sector**.

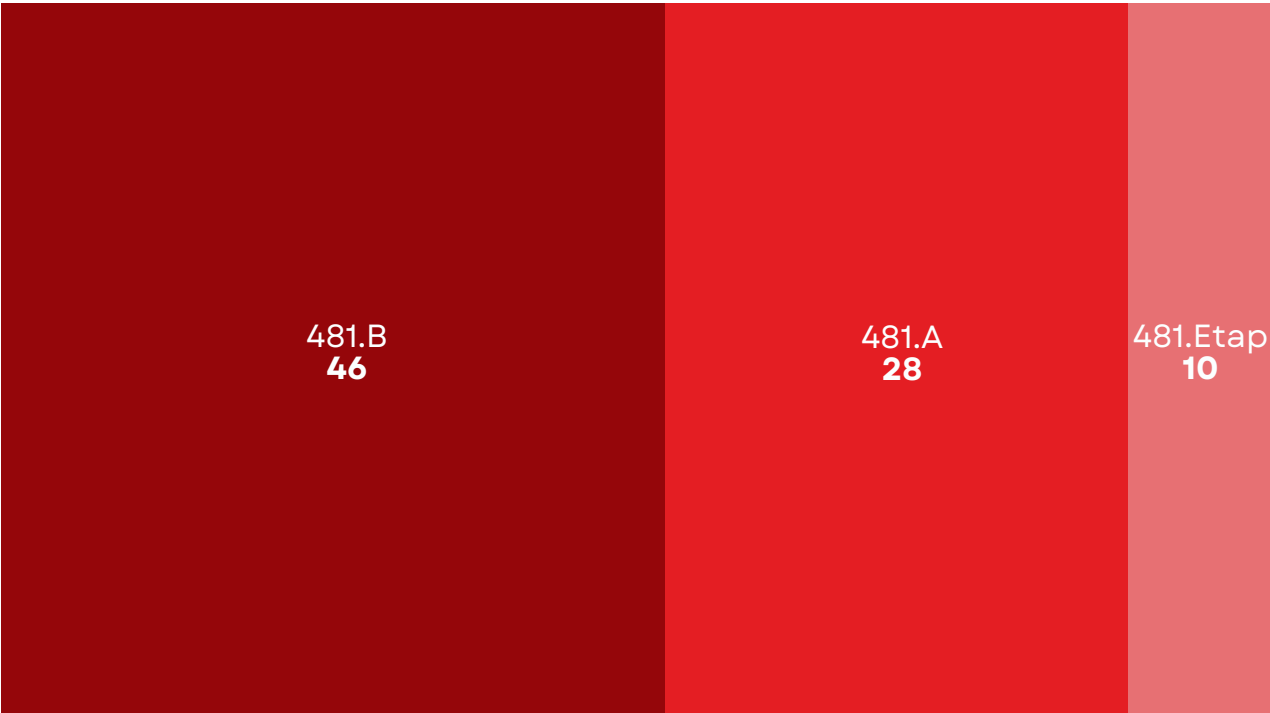


Priority 4

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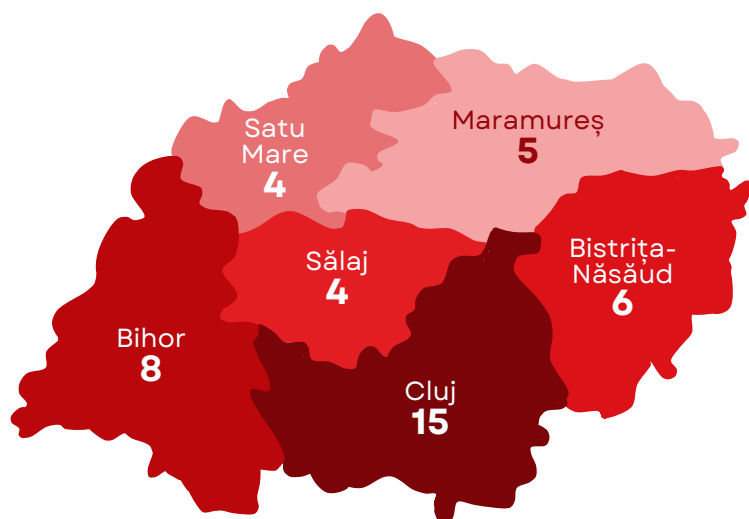


This priority marches for **a greener Europe**. It encompasses tenders aimed at promoting the **use of public transport and other environmentally friendly urban mobility solutions**. Despite having only two active calls, this priority has garnered significant community interest, taking a significant step forward with the signing of **35** crucial contracts. These contracts pave the way for improved urban mobility infrastructure in the benefiting cities.



Priority 4

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 402.786.861,95

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 584.818.717,54

The **Municipality of Zalău (Sălaj County)** is advancing a major investment to improve sustainable mobility across the city, focusing on safer streets, better public transport conditions and high-quality infrastructure for walking and cycling. With a budget of over **€21,1 million**, due to a financing acquired through the **North-West Regional Programme 2021-2027**, the project supports a cleaner, more accessible and better-connected urban environment for more than half of the city's population. The intervention covers **3,97 km of public transport corridor**, modernising key streets such as Valea Miții, Maxim Gorki, Nicolae Titulescu, George Coșbuc, Parcului, Mihai Eminescu and Vânătorilor. Works include **rebuilding carriageways** used by public transport, **upgrading existing stations** and creating new ones, and **delivering continuous, modern sidewalks** and **cycling infrastructure**. Dedicated safety measures such as **improved pedestrian crossings, traffic-calming elements** and upgraded lighting with enhanced pedestrian visibility, will contribute to safer daily travel. The investment also introduces new technical infrastructure: **underground ducts for utilities**, expanded stormwater collection systems, modern public lighting, **secure bicycle racks**, accessible urban furniture, and wayfinding panels for pedestrian and cycling routes. Green infrastructure plays a visible role, with new tree alignments, shrub planting and soil greening to enhance the street landscape. The project aims to cut greenhouse-gas emissions by at least **7.5%** and increase the annual number of public-transport and cycling users by a minimum of **25%**. The interventions directly benefit around 33,500 residents, supporting easier access to services, safer active mobility, and more attractive transport alternatives. Scheduled for completion in **November 2028**, the investment positions Zalău on a clear path toward modern, sustainable mobility aligned with European climate and urban development objectives.



Priority 5

Overview

27

submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of

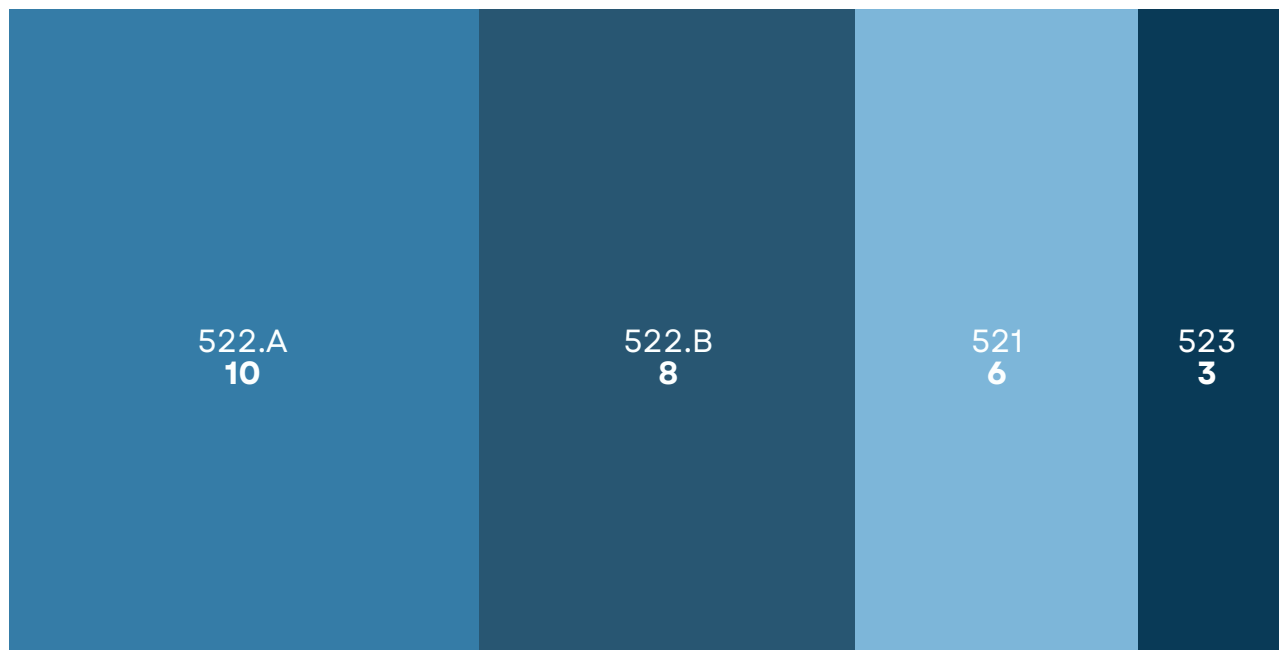
€ 510.966.203,02

14

signed
contracts

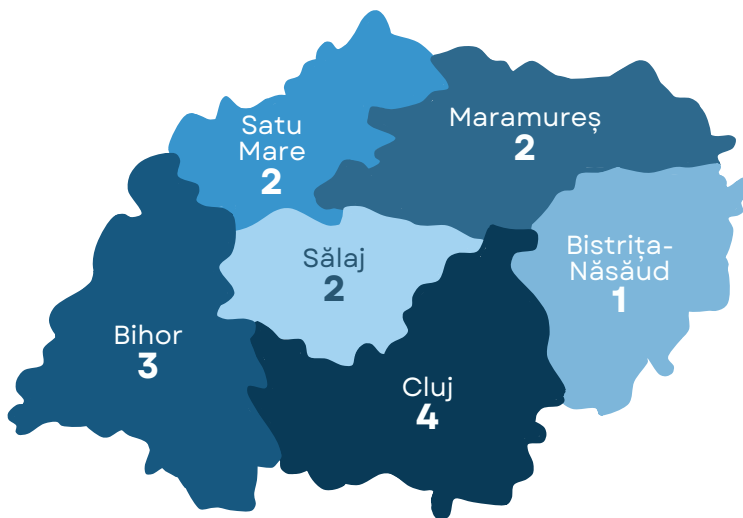
This priority is targeting **both infrastructure and safety**. **Upgrades to secondary roads**, including key **TEN-T connections**, are a focus. With 4 active tenders, the most significant interest has been seen in Call 522.A - Equipment to Increase Traffic Safety, with 8 projects submitted, followed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

14 contracts, **three** for **road safety infrastructure**, **five** 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

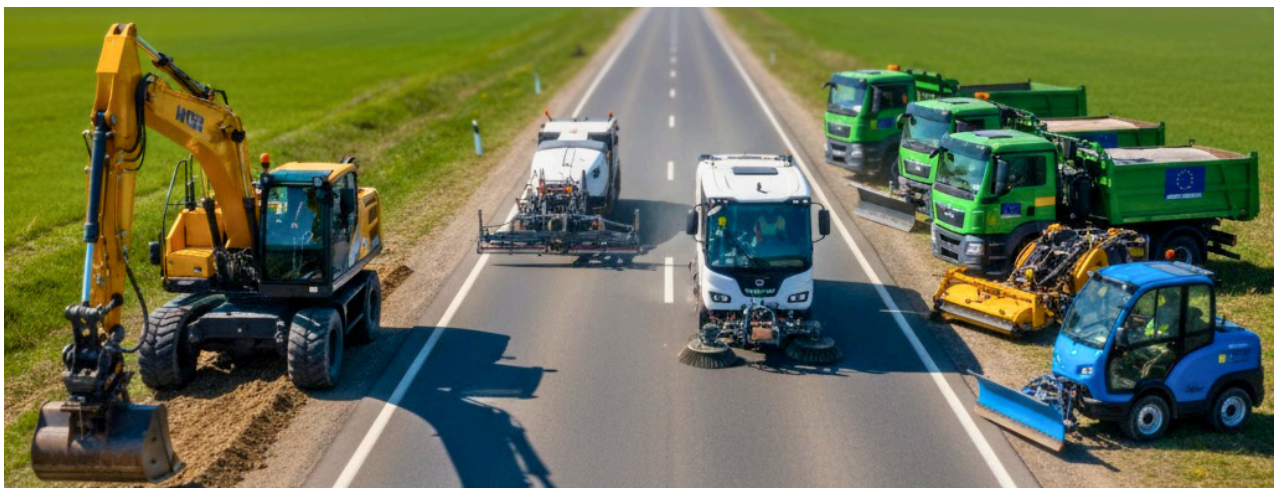
€ 406.257.011,49

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 680.280.663,45

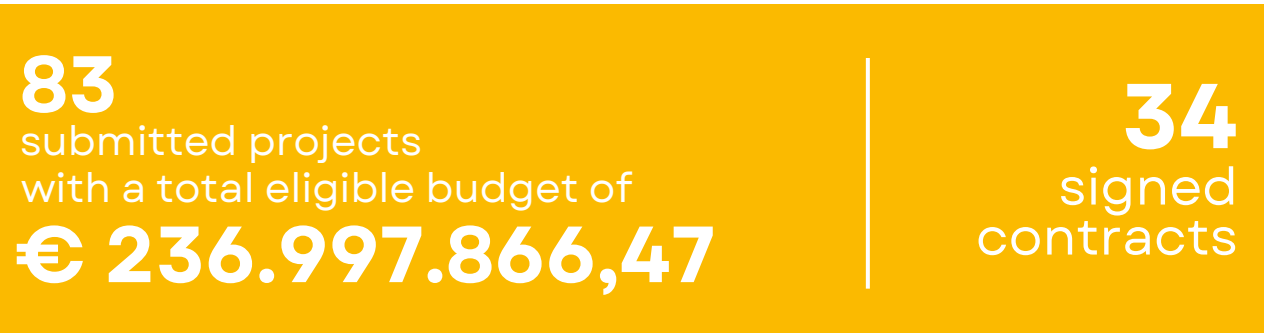
Sălaj County is making a decisive investment in increasing road network resilience and traffic safety through the acquisition of **advanced, sustainable maintenance equipment**. With a total budget of over **€4,8 million**, this strategic project is a key component of the county's plan to foster a **more efficient, smart, and accessible transport network** under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021-2027**. The project's main objective is to **significantly reduce the risk of road accidents** and **decrease congestion** on the county's secondary road network, focusing specifically on routes providing crucial connectivity to the European TEN-T corridor.

To achieve this, the initiative focuses on **replacing and supplementing** the County Council's aging fleet with **14 new, high-performance, and environmentally conscious multi-functional machines** and equipment. This essential modernization includes a shift **towards electric and bio-diesel utility vehicles**, which offers substantial economic and ecological advantages, such as **lower operational costs, reduced carbon emissions, and decreased noise pollution**. The new equipment portfolio, which covers electric wheel excavators, compact electric street sweepers, electric marking machines, and versatile bio-diesel tools, will **drastically improve the speed and effectiveness of road maintenance**, winter clearance operations, and emergency response interventions across the county. Beyond its immediate impact on operational efficiency, this initiative is expected to **significantly decrease overall travel times for daily commuters**, residents accessing urban centres, and commercial transport. The improvements are reinforcing Sălaj County's **commitment to providing a safe, reliable, and modern secondary road network** that aligns with broader European connectivity goals. The project is scheduled for completion by the end of **September 2029**.



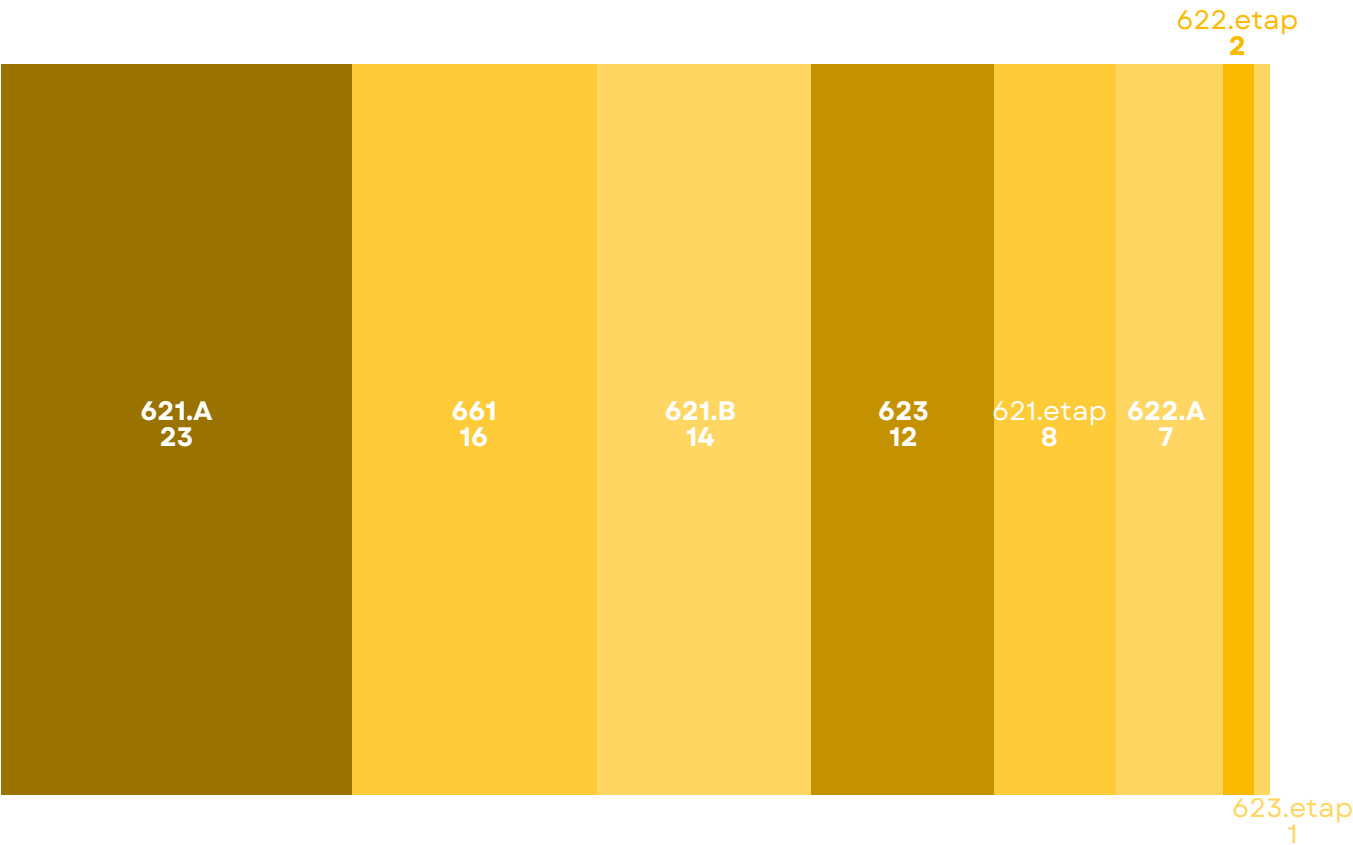
Priority 6

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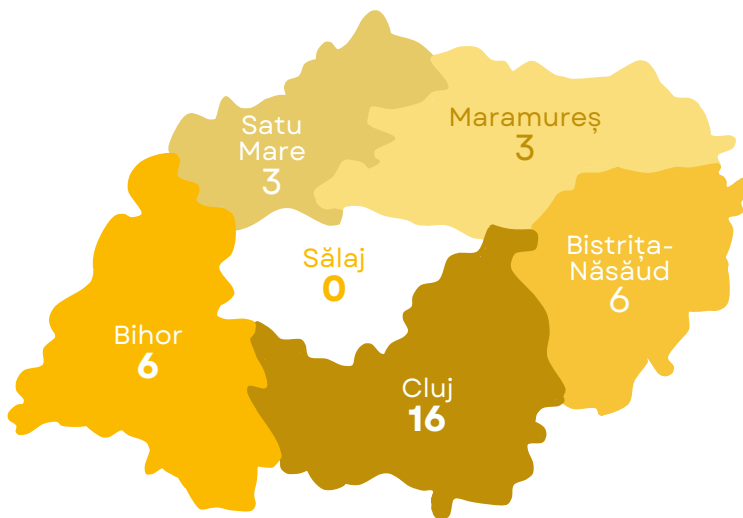
This priority marches for **a more social and inclusive Europe**. It involves tenders aimed at **enhancing educational infrastructure** across various levels, **from early childhood to university education**, and at **modernizing school facilities**.

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

€ 101.011.805,55

The total budget of the signed contracts

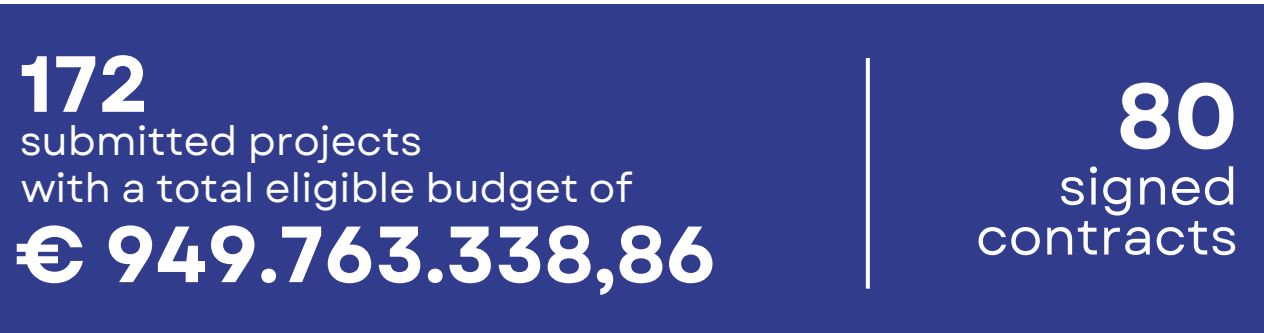
€ 152.791.709,49

The community of **Cernești (Maramureș County)** will benefit from improved access to early childhood education through the **construction and full equipment of a new kindergarten** in the village of Trestia. The investment, valued at over **€422,000**, is co-financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**, supporting the expansion of modern educational infrastructure in rural areas. The project involves building a new single-storey facility of **224 square metres**, designed to provide high-quality preschool services for **30 children**. The layout includes **fully equipped classrooms**, dedicated sanitary facilities, a medical isolation room, staff areas, storage spaces and an **outdoor playground**. The building is designed according to current European standards, featuring **thermal insulation, high-performance joinery, modern heating, natural ventilation, safe interior finishes and accessible routes for all users**. The investment also transforms the surrounding area, introducing **new green spaces, safe play zones, dedicated pedestrian access, functional service yards and a secure perimeter fence**. All educational spaces will be equipped with age-appropriate furniture, teaching materials and safety-tested fixtures to ensure optimal conditions for learning and child development. The project **directly benefits preschool children, their families and teaching staff** across Cernești and its surrounding villages, serving a local population of more than **3,500 residents**. Scheduled for completion in **October 2028**, the new kindergarten will strengthen educational inclusion in Maramureș and provide a replicable model for quality early education infrastructure across the North-West Region.



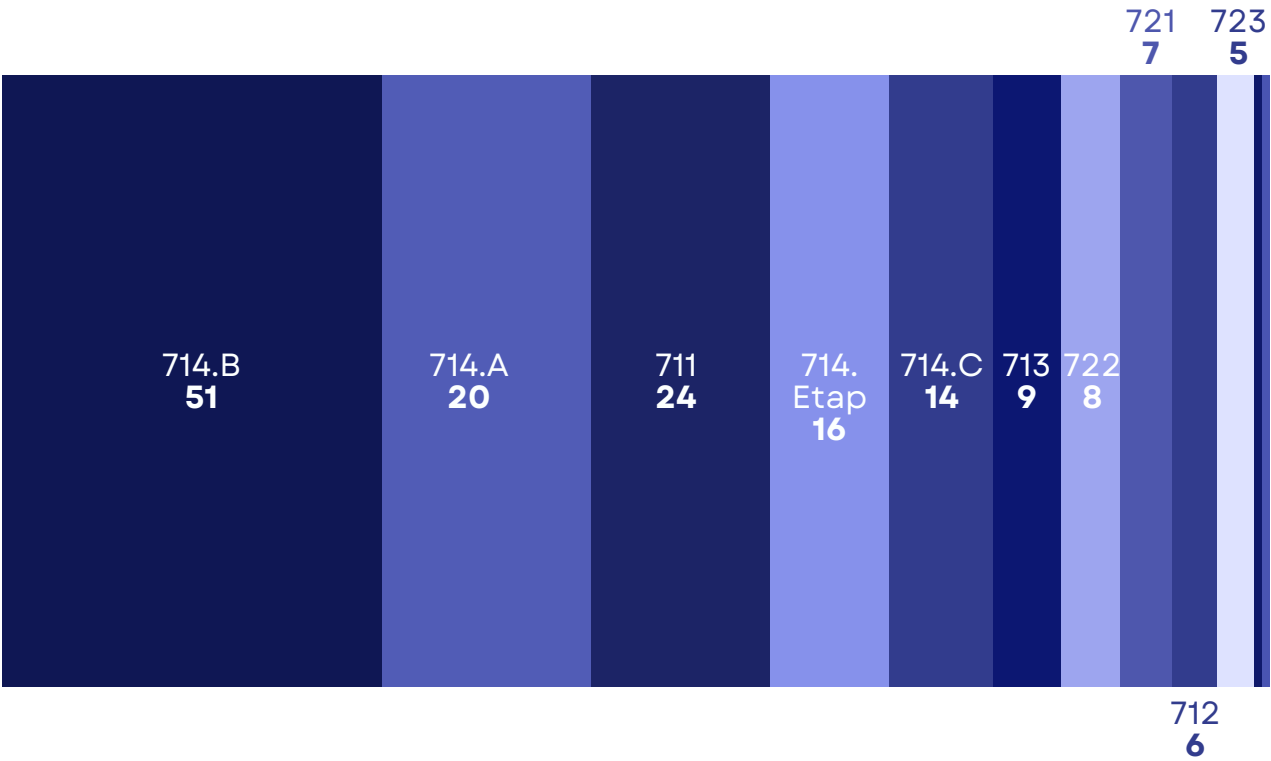
Priority 7

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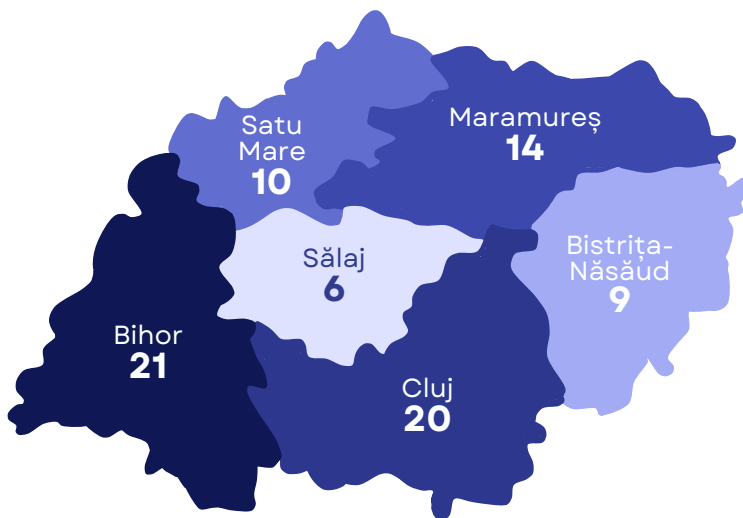
This priority marches for **a Europe that is close to its citizens**. It involves tenders promoting **integrated and inclusive development across social, economic, and environmental domains, as well as culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in non-urban areas**.

The call for projects **714.B** - Urban regeneration and the security of public spaces has **16** 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

€ 459.750.668,52

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 609.402.638,65

Residents and visitors of **Cluj-Napoca (Cluj County)** will soon enjoy a revitalised historic urban space, thanks to an investment of over **€6,2 million**, co-financed through the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. The project focuses on the regeneration of **I.L. Caragiale Park** and the upgrading of **Octavian Petrovici Street**, an area located in the protected central zone of the medieval city. The intervention will redesign and modernise a surface of almost **4,900 square metres** in the park, including the uncovering of approximately **120 metres of the Canalul Morii**, long hidden beneath concrete slabs. The renewed space will highlight **valuable vegetation, integrate the area's archaeological and natural heritage**, and create a more attractive and accessible public environment. The project also restructures key adjoining streets, 321 metres of Octavian Petrovici Street and 235 metres of George Barițiu Street, to offer safer, more **comfortable routes** for pedestrians and cyclists. Car traffic will be **reorganised, parking removed, and the public realm upgraded** with new paving, modern lighting, street furniture, and tree alignments. The aim is to provide a contemporary, user-friendly space while **protecting and showcasing the historic identity of the area**. Residents will benefit from **improved mobility, better public amenities, and a more inclusive urban landscape**. Given the central location and the typology of the works, the regenerated space will be accessible to all **286,500 residents** of the city, as well as the many tourists passing through Cluj-Napoca. Works are scheduled for completion by **August 2026**, strengthening the city's long-term vision of integrated, sustainable and culturally rich urban development.



Completed projects

A success story.

A significant urban infrastructure transformation has been successfully delivered in the heart of Cluj-Napoca, with the completion of the project **"Restructuring, rehabilitation, interior modifications, and change of destination of Building C2 from hotel to educational spaces"** for the Babeş-Bolyai University (UBB) Faculty of Law. The investment, financed through the **North-West Regional Programme 2021-2027**, has repurposed an emblematic building on General Traian Moşoiu Street, transforming over **1.700 square metres** of built area into a modern academic environment.

With a total budget exceeding **€6,6 million**, the project has created a learning environment adapted to current requirements, **significantly enhancing the quality of educational services** offered by the Faculty of Law. The restructured facility now features **new amphitheatres, seminar rooms, dedicated offices**, and a **conference hall (67 seats)**, all designed to support the educational process at the highest standards. This strategic refurbishment has achieved the **goal of increasing and enhancing the academic space available**.

The revitalized infrastructure directly benefits the university and the broader community, **supporting the development of an inclusive, digitalized, and high-performing academic environment**. The project has successfully increased the classroom capacity by **1.647 people** and is expected to serve over **2.392 students and users annually**. By strengthening its institutional performance, the investment contributes directly to **improving access to quality education** and the **sustainable development** of the university community and the city of Cluj-Napoca.

As of today, the **new educational hub** stands as a model for utilizing EU Cohesion Policy to **elevate higher education infrastructure**, reinforcing UBB's position as **a regional education leader** and its commitment to meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goals.





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