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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



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



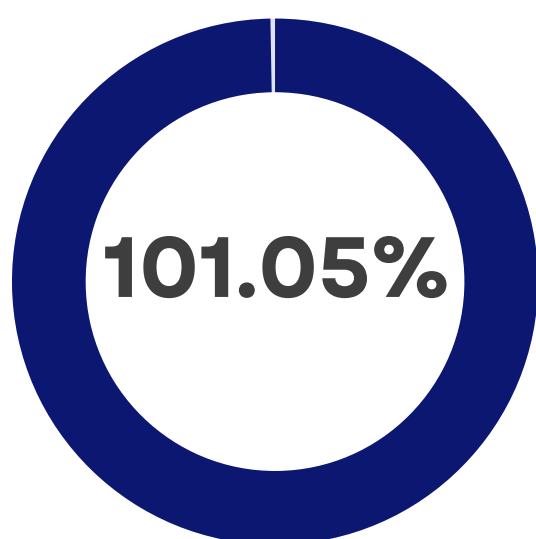
Calls for Projects

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

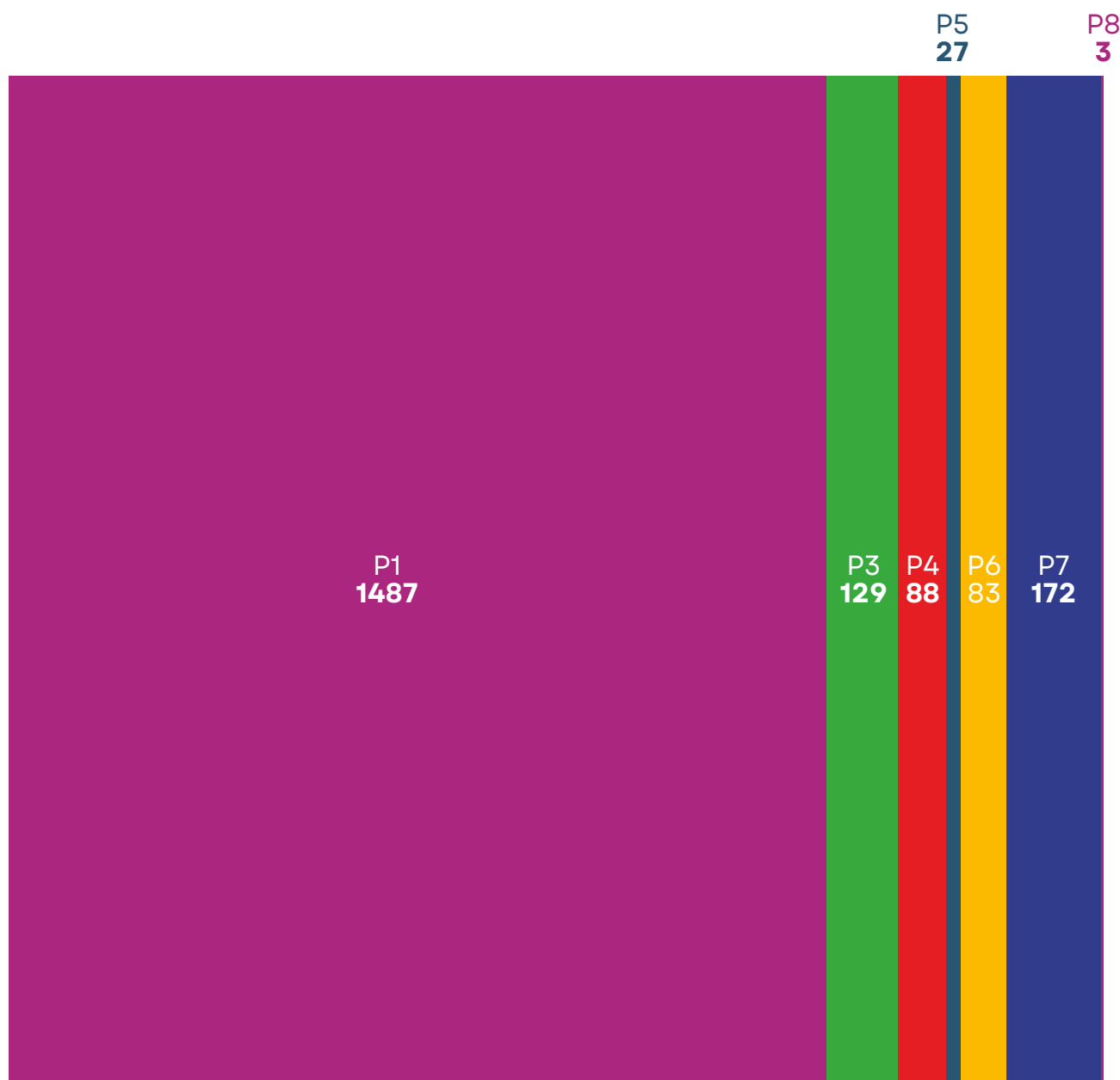
1990

in total

€ 4.710.641.762,27
Eligible budget of the submitted projects

327,75%

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



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

412,77%

€ 5.932.651.017,62
The total budget of submitted projects

Evaluation of Projects

1726 in total



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



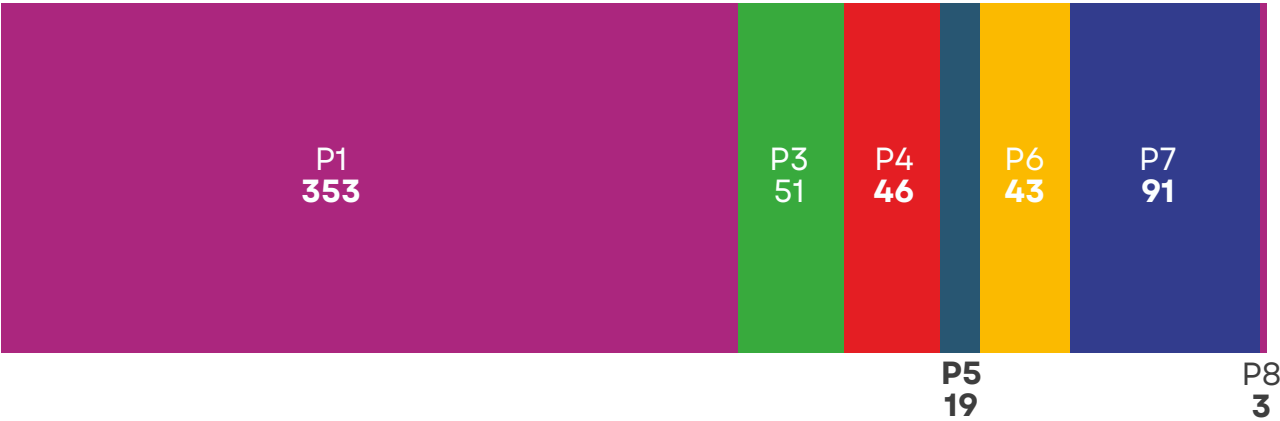
Projects in Contestation

496 in total



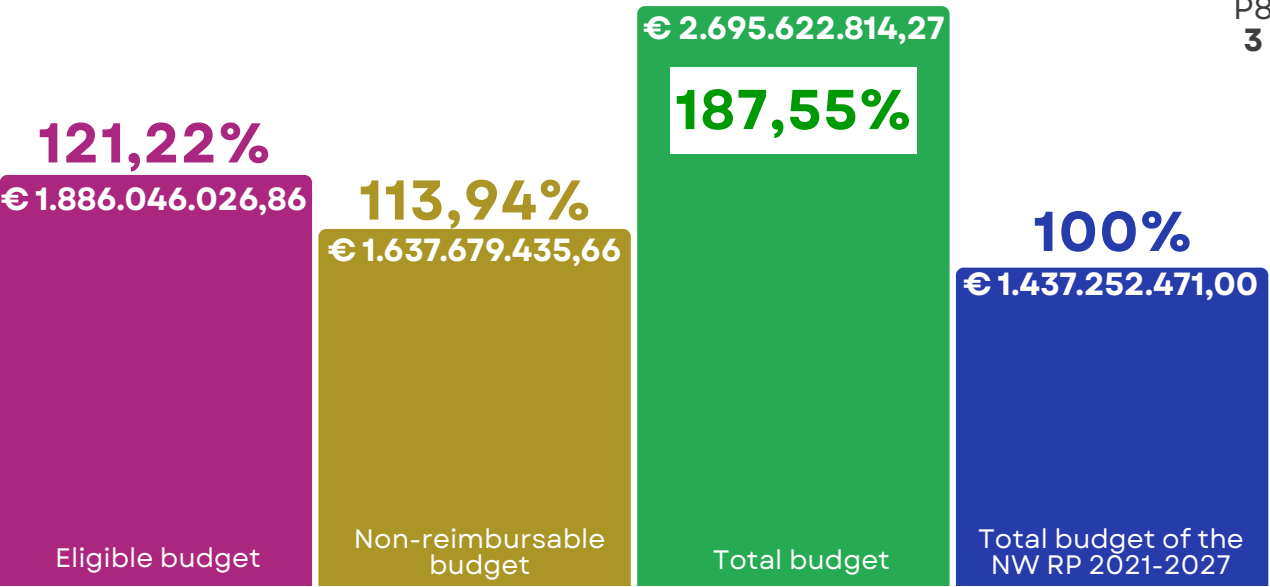
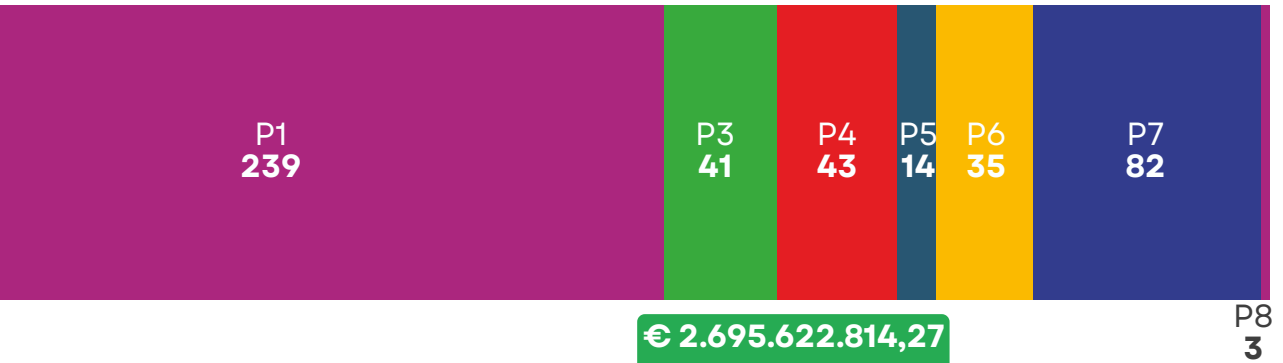
Projects in Contracting Procedure

612 in total



Signed Contracts

457 in total

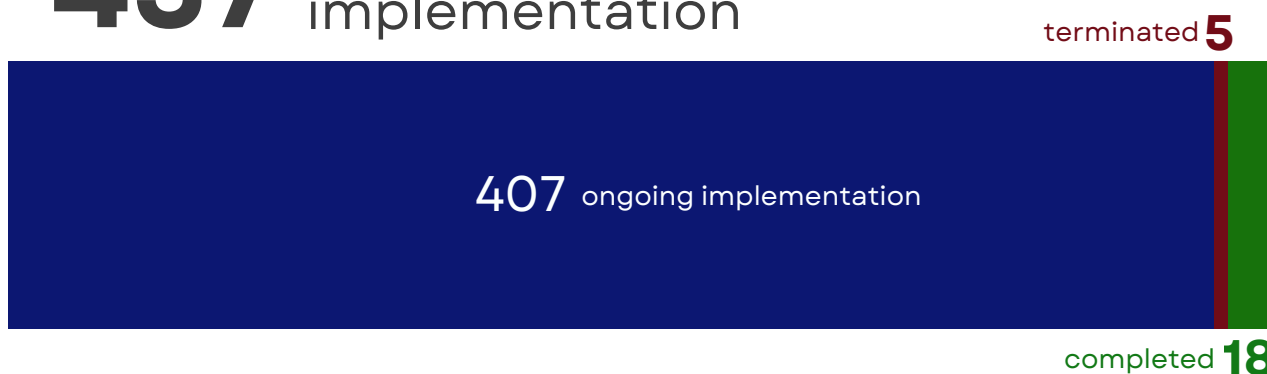


Monitoring of Projects

361 monitoring visits in total

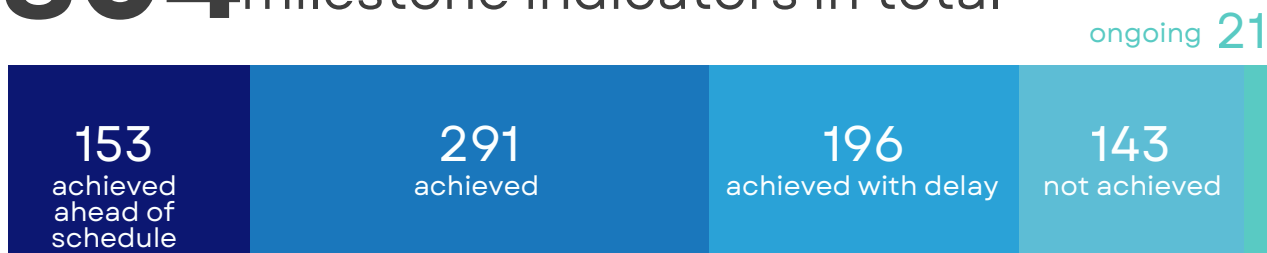


457 projects in implementation

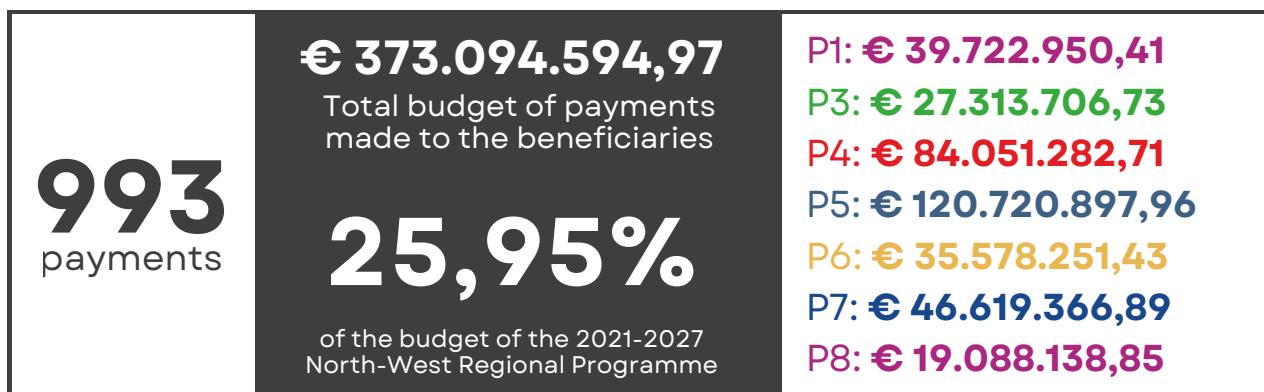


Milestone indicator reports

804 milestone indicators in total

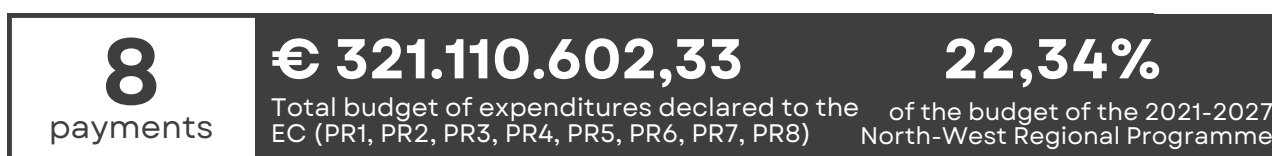


Payments Made



Payment Requests

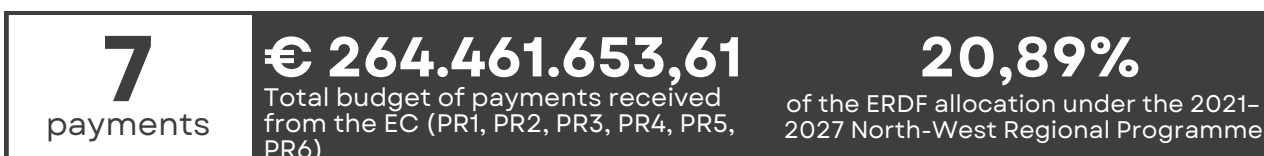
made to the European Commission



P1: € 39.722.950,41, out of which € 33.882.990,47 are ERDF expenditures
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P4: € 84.051.282,71, out of which € 71.947.090,33 are ERDF expenditures
P5: € 120.720.897,96, out of which € 106.625.211,79 are ERDF expenditures
P6: € 35.578.251,43, out of which € 20.572.832,83 are ERDF expenditures
P7: € 46.619.366,89, out of which € 42.206.724,87 are ERDF expenditures

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Priority 1

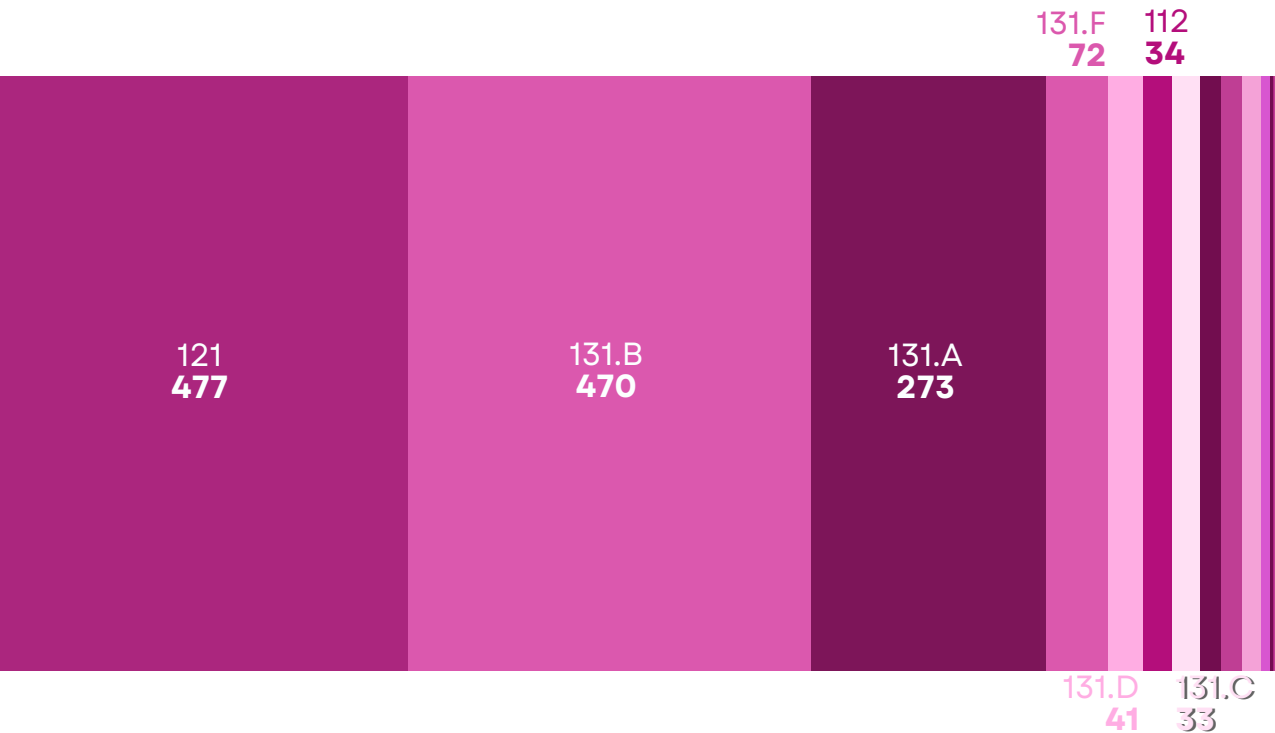
Overview



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.

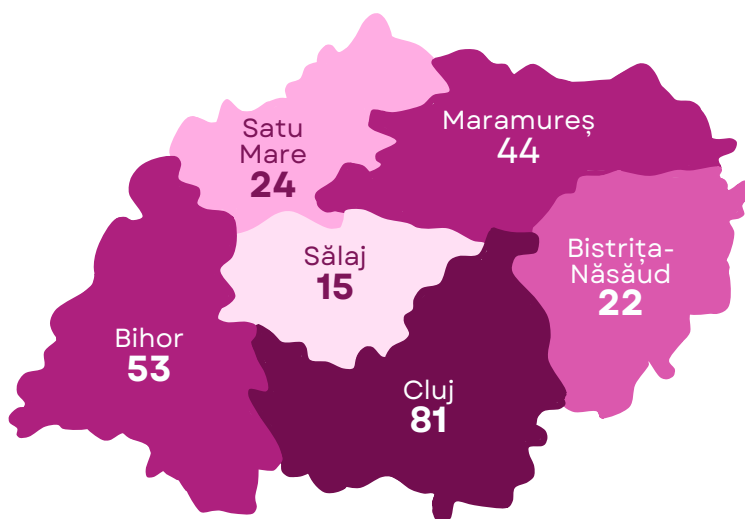
Out of the **207** contracts secured through this priority, **17** pertain to the **Smart Specialisation Parks**, while the remaining **190** support the **private sector**.

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
€ 290.623.243,63

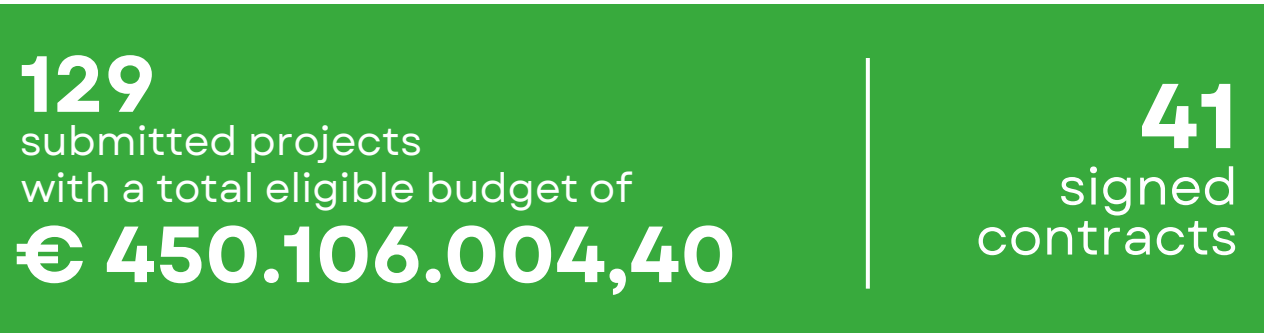
The total budget of
the signed contracts
€ 343.090.518,66

The **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027** is driving regional growth by supporting almost **240 SMEs across six counties**, with more than **€290 million** in eligible funding already allocated and a total investment reaching almost **€343 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

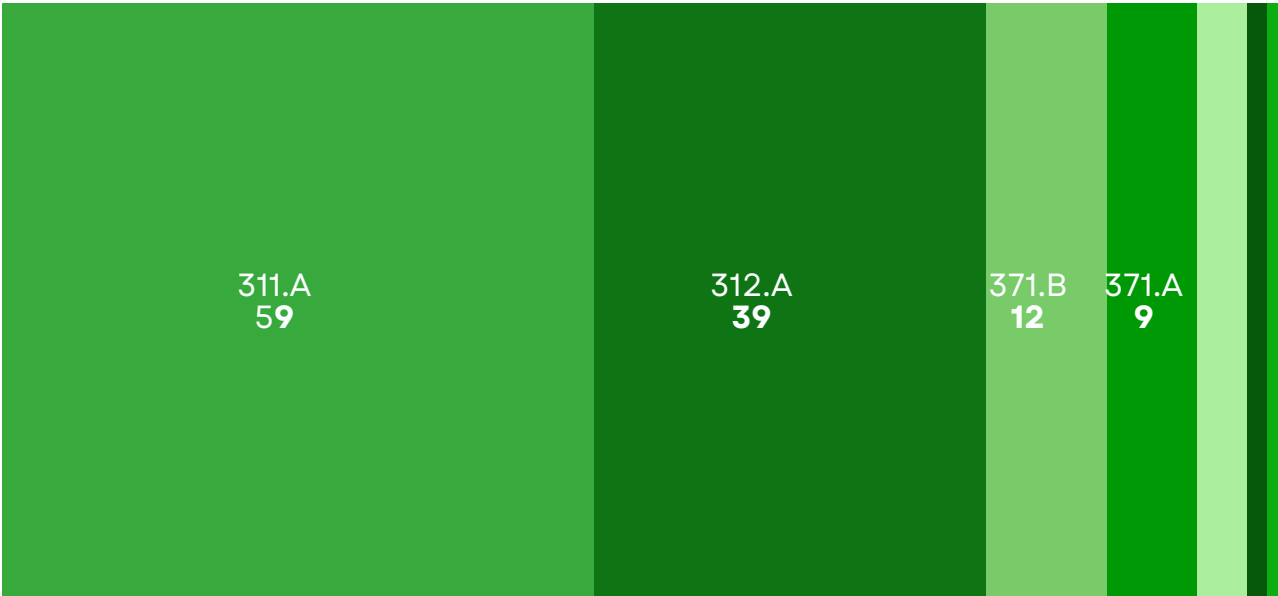


This priority marches for a **greener Europe**. It involves tenders targeting **energy efficiency in housing, public buildings (including heritage sites), and renewable energy in rural areas**. It also supports **green cities and improved urban green infrastructure**.

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

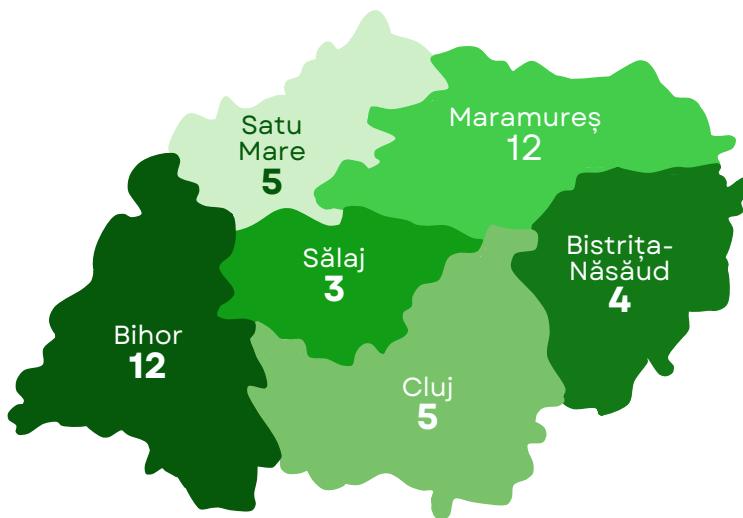
The most active calls relate to increasing **energy efficiency** in the region as part of **investments in the housing sector** and **supporting energy efficiency in public buildings, including heritage buildings**.

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Priority 3

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 151.115.837,71

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 197.754.796,45

The **Municipality of Jibou (Sălaj County)** has signed a financing contract under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027** to improve the energy performance of its **City Hall building** and upgrade the surrounding public space in Piața Unirii (1 Decembrie 1918 Square). With a total investment of approximately **€3.8 million**, the project supports the transition toward more efficient and sustainable public infrastructure, in line with the policy objective A greener Europe.

The intervention targets the main City Hall building (C1), covering over **1,080 square metres**, and includes a **comprehensive package of energy efficiency measures**. Planned works involve **interior thermal insulation** adapted to heritage constraints, replacement of windows and doors, roof and floor insulation, and the **modernisation of heating, lighting and electrical systems**. Renewable energy solutions, including **photovoltaic panels** and **air-to-water heat pumps**, will be integrated, alongside ventilation and energy management systems. Accessibility upgrades will ensure **improved access to public services** for all users.

Once completed, the project is **expected to substantially reduce primary energy consumption** and greenhouse-gas emissions, while **improving indoor comfort** and service quality for both staff and citizens. Scheduled for completion in **May 2027**, the investment demonstrates how EU Cohesion Policy enables local authorities to **modernise public buildings**, lower their environmental footprint and **deliver more resilient, citizen-focused services**.

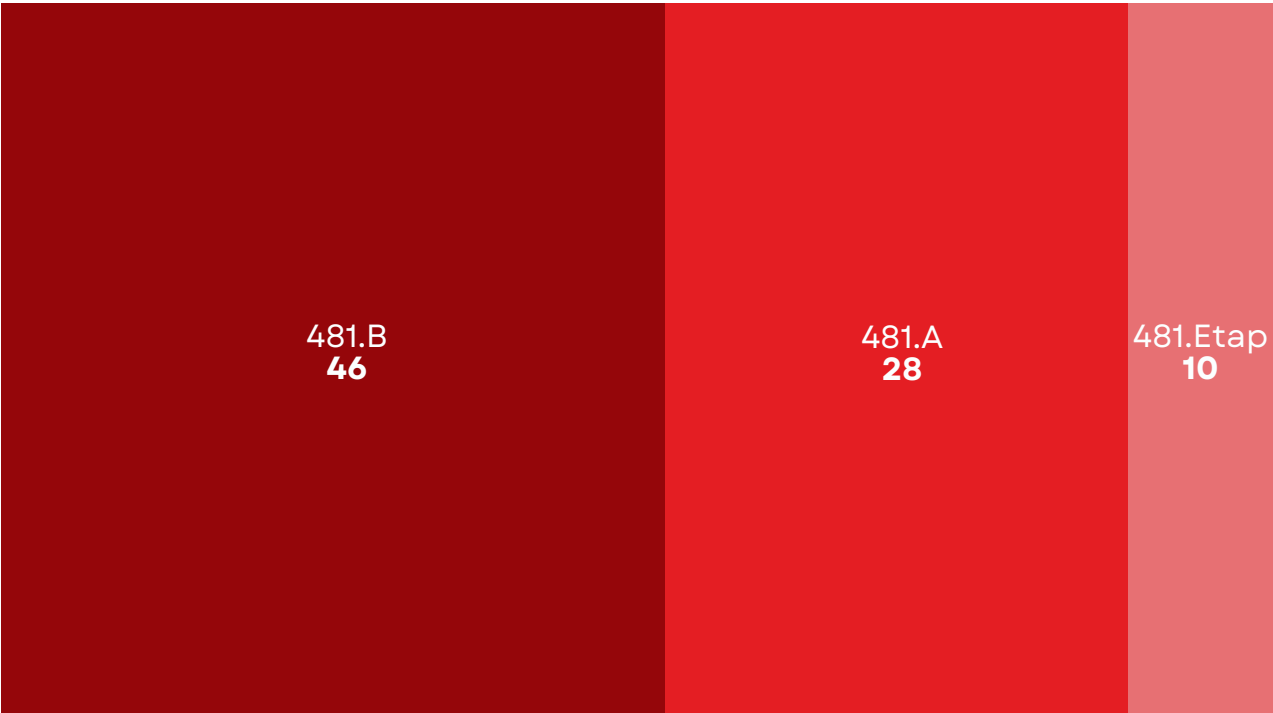


Priority 4

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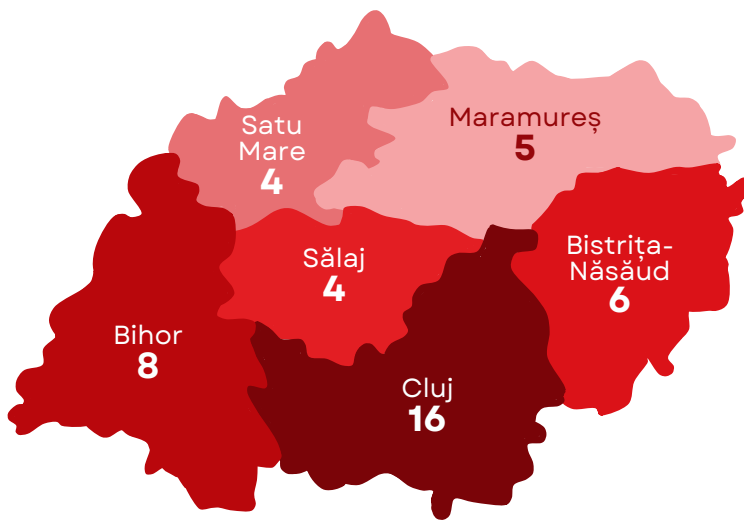


This priority marches for **a greener Europe**. It encompasses tenders aimed at promoting the **use of public transport and other environmentally friendly urban mobility solutions**. Despite having only two active calls, this priority has garnered significant community interest, taking a significant 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

€ 491.465.712,10

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 598.958.740,00

The **Municipality of Cluj-Napoca (Cluj County)** is implementing an integrated investment to improve sustainable urban mobility and the **quality of public space**, combining **pedestrian-oriented street redesign** with **zero-emission public transport**. With a total budget of approximately **€26.5 million**, financed through the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**, the project supports a greener, safer and better-connected urban environment.

The intervention focuses on **“14 Iulie” Square** and the adjacent streets **Giuseppe Garibaldi, Sigismund Toduță and Octavian Goga**, delivering upgraded **pedestrian areas, traffic calming, improved public lighting and new cycling infrastructure**. Green elements such as **tree planting and landscaped areas** will enhance the public realm, while redesigned street profiles will **prioritise safety, accessibility and everyday use**.

In parallel, the project includes the acquisition of **25 hydrogen fuel-cell buses**, which will operate exclusively on **key public transport routes** across the city. These **zero-emission vehicles** will **strengthen public transport capacity, reduce reliance on private cars** and contribute to **lower greenhouse-gas emissions**.

More than **54,000 residents** are expected to benefit directly from **safer streets, cleaner transport options and improved connectivity**. Scheduled for completion in **December 2028**, the investment demonstrates how EU Cohesion Policy supports **integrated urban mobility solutions** aligned with climate objectives and **long-term urban development**.



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.

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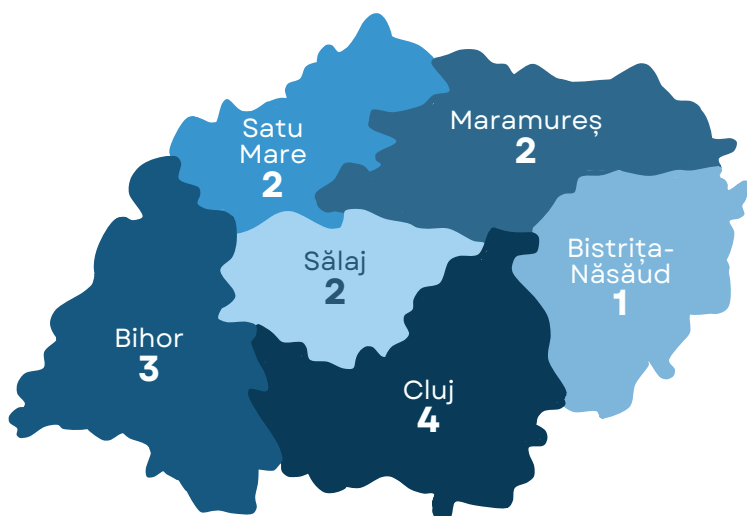
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Priority 5

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

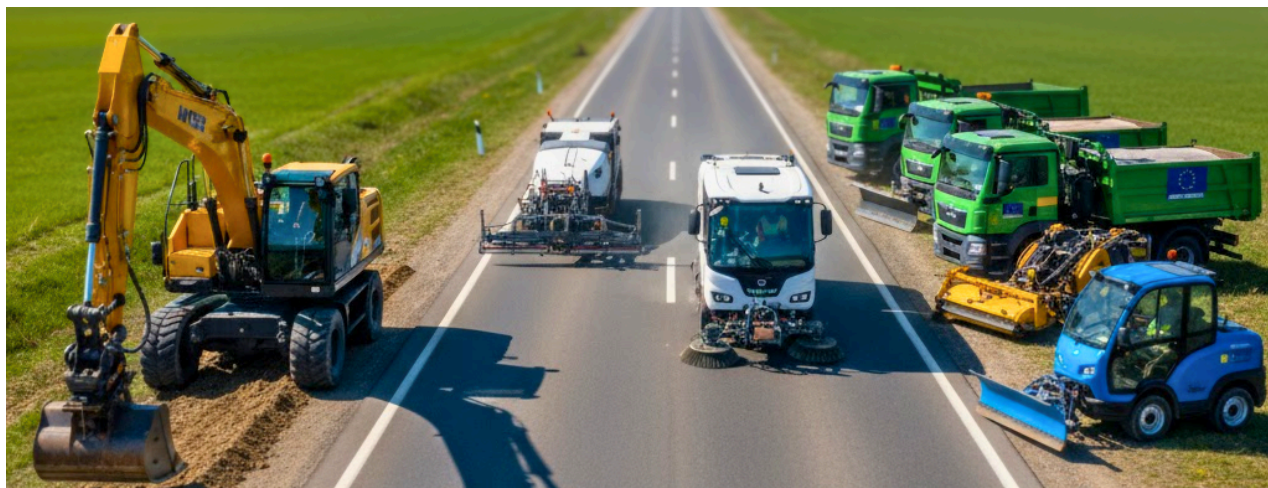
€ 406.257.011,49

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 680.280.663,45

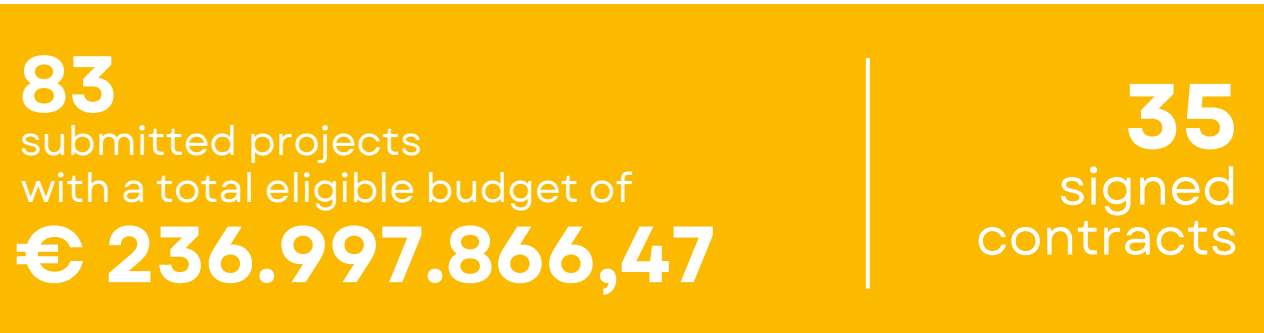
Sălaj County is making a decisive investment in increasing road network resilience and traffic safety through the acquisition of **advanced, sustainable maintenance equipment**. With a total budget of over **€4,8 million**, this strategic project is a key component of the county's plan to foster a **more 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**.



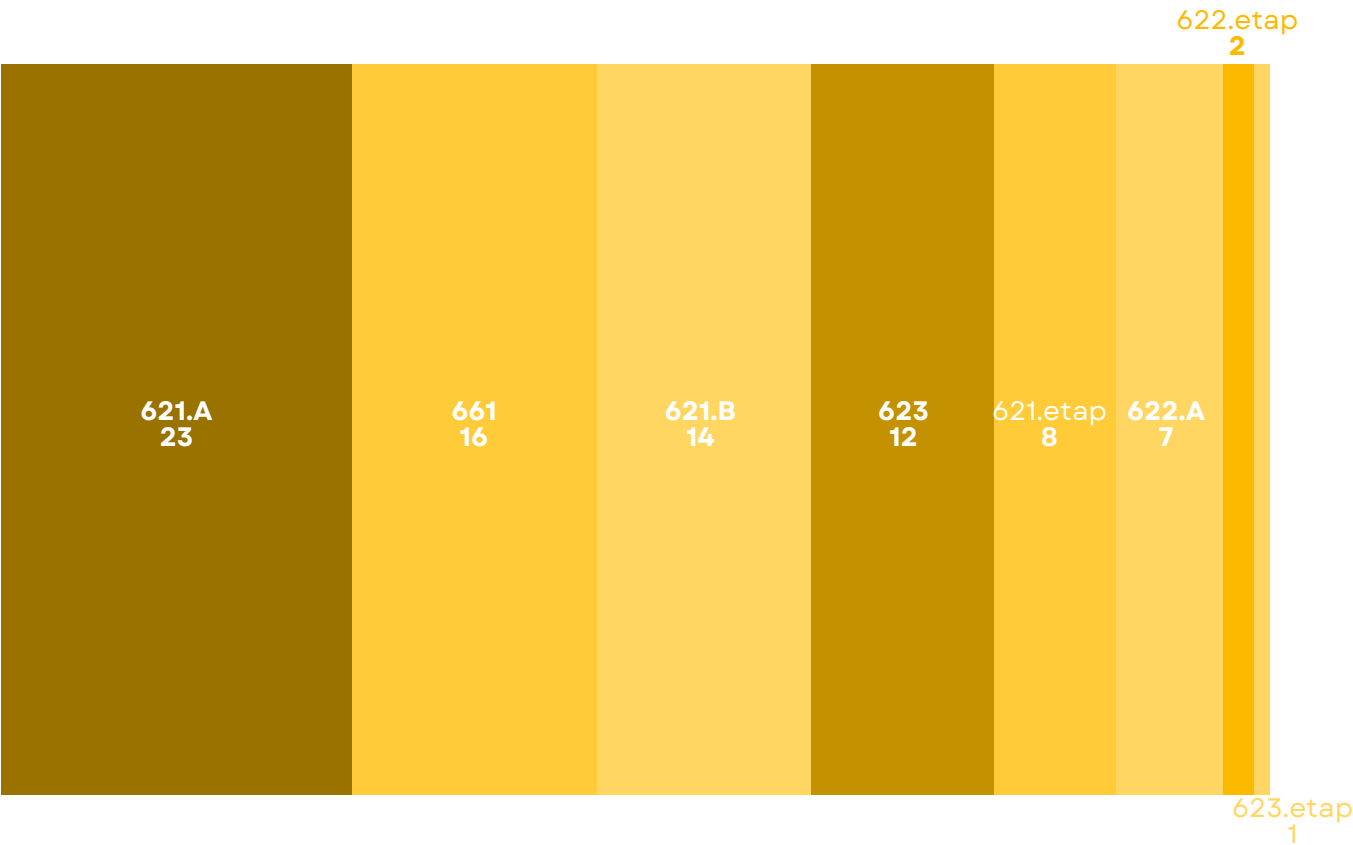
Priority 6

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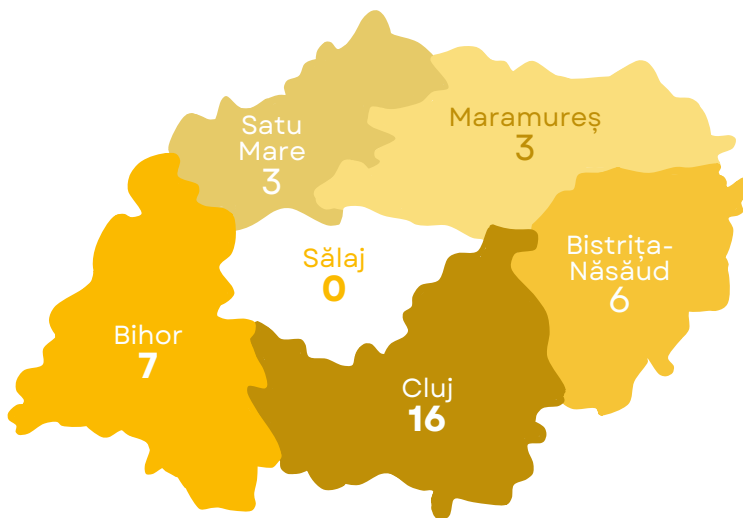
This priority marches for **a more social and inclusive Europe**. It involves tenders aimed at **enhancing educational infrastructure** across various levels, **from early childhood to university education**, and at **modernizing school facilities**.

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

€ 115.448.865,61

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 150.418.864,31

The community of **Repedea (Maramureș County)** will benefit from **improved access** to early childhood education through the **construction and full equipment** of a new kindergarten with extended programme. The investment, valued at over **€1.7 million**, is co-financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**, supporting the development of **modern educational infrastructure in rural areas**.

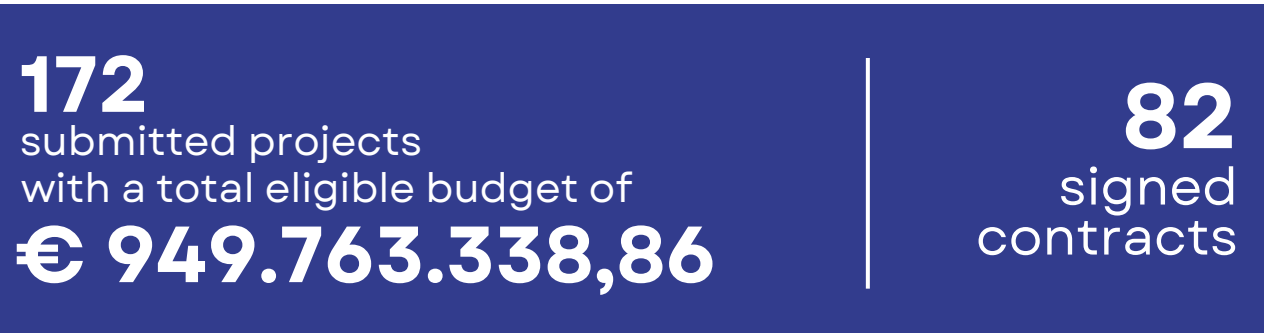
The project involves building a **new two-storey kindergarten** with a total developed area of over **720 square metres**, designed to provide **high-quality preschool services** for **120 children aged 3–5**. The facility will include **fully equipped classrooms**, sanitary facilities adapted for **children and people with disabilities**, a medical isolation room, staff and administrative areas, storage spaces and technical rooms.

Designed in line with current European standards, the building will feature **energy-efficient insulation, modern heating systems, durable interior finishes and full accessibility for all users**. The surrounding area will be upgraded with green spaces, safe pedestrian access, perimeter fencing and an outdoor playground. All educational spaces will be furnished with age-appropriate furniture, teaching materials and safety-certified equipment, creating optimal conditions for learning and child development. Scheduled for completion in **September 2026**, the investment strengthens educational inclusion in Repedea and contributes to improving early education conditions across Maramureș.



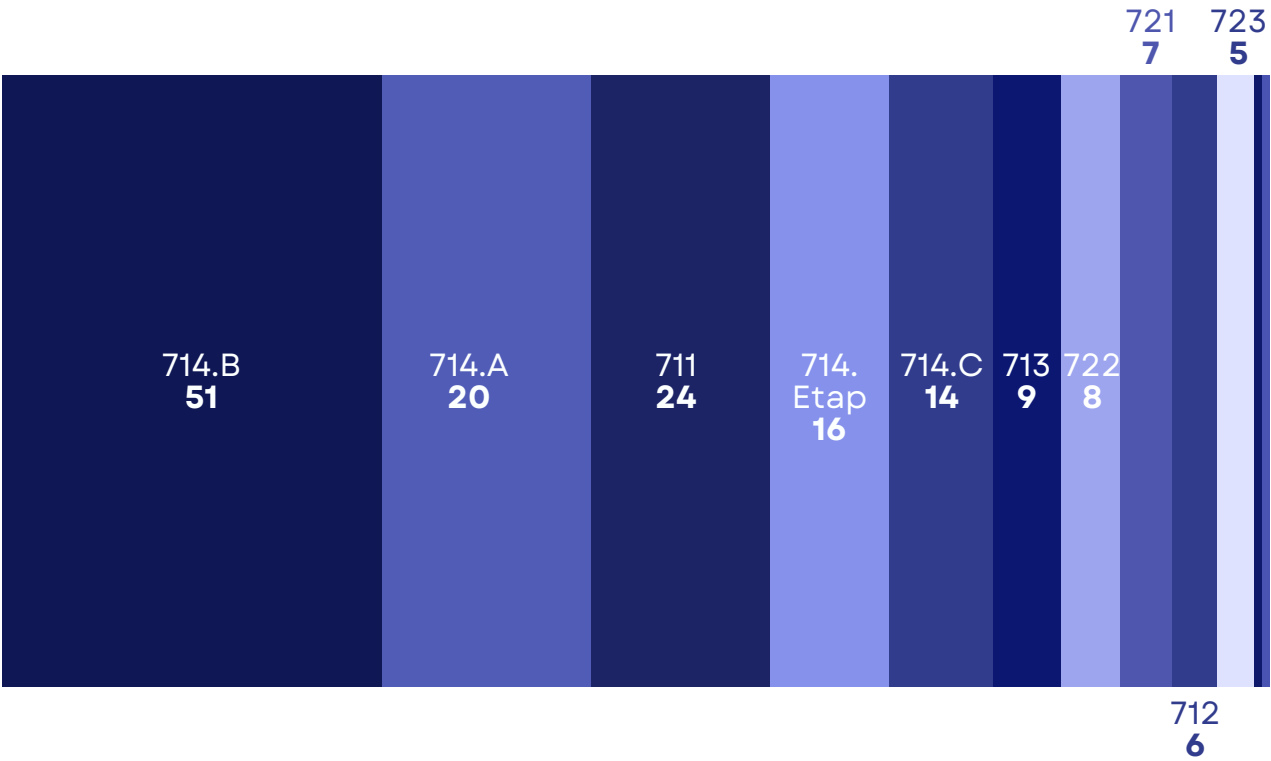
Priority 7

Overview



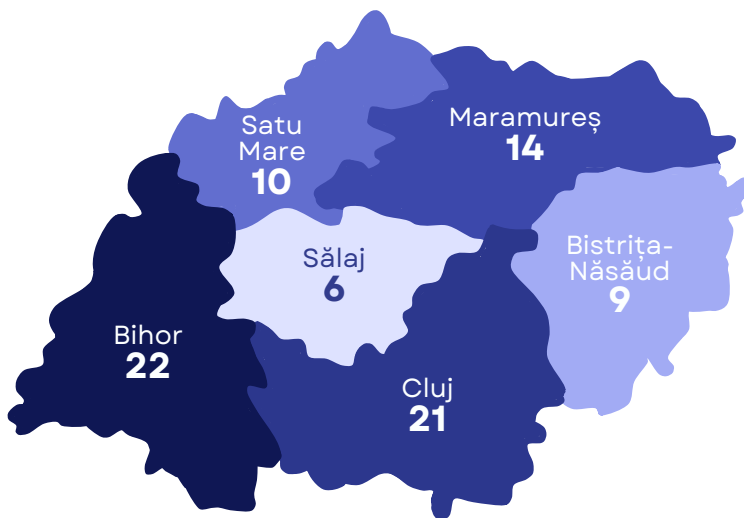
This priority marches for **a Europe that is close to its citizens**. It involves tenders promoting **integrated and inclusive development across social, economic, and environmental domains, as well as culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in non-urban areas**.

The call for projects **714.B** - Urban regeneration and the security of public spaces has **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
€ 490.244.130,45

The total budget of
the signed contracts
€ 610.013.588,21

Residents and visitors of **Săcuieu (Cluj County)** will soon benefit from a new tourism and leisure destination in the Apuseni Mountains, following an investment of over **€9.7 million**, co-financed through the **North-West Regional Programme 2021-2027**. The project focuses on **developing a modern adventure park**, designed to diversify the local tourism offer and **improve access** to the area's natural landscape.

The intervention includes the **creation of a multifunctional leisure complex** featuring a **summer toboggan run**, **zip lines**, **climbing facilities**, **synthetic ski** and **tubing slopes**, **children's play areas**, a multifunctional building and a dedicated parking area. The facilities are designed for **year-round use** and aim to provide **safe and attractive recreational options** for visitors of all ages, while **respecting environmental protection** principles specific to the Apuseni area.

Complementary works include **public lighting**, **pedestrian routes**, **landscaped areas** and **permeable parking surfaces**, contributing to a **coherent and accessible tourism infrastructure**. The project aims to **increase the number of visitors** to Săcuieu by more than **20% in the first year** after completion, supporting local economic activity and related services.

Scheduled for completion in **February 2028**, the investment **strengthens sustainable tourism development** in non-urban areas and enhances Săcuieu's attractiveness at regional and national level.



Completed projects

A success story.

A modern early childhood education facility has been successfully delivered in **Tăuți, part of Florești (Cluj County)**, following the completion of the project **“Rehabilitation, extension and attic conversion of Building C1, kindergarten setup, fencing and exterior works”**. The investment was financed through the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**, under **Priority 6 – An educated region**, contributing to the policy objective A more social Europe.

With a total investment of approximately **€1 million**, the project has transformed an existing public building into a **fully operational kindergarten**, designed to meet current standards for early childhood education. The intervention included the **rehabilitation, extension and partial attic conversion** of Building C1, resulting in a modern educational facility with a total usable area of **459 square metres**, fully accessible and adapted to children’s needs.

The completed kindergarten provides three group rooms and will accommodate **54 children aged 3–5**, offering **safe, inclusive and high-quality learning conditions** at local level. The facility also includes a **multifunctional room, a medical office and isolation area**, administrative and staff spaces, as well as upgraded outdoor areas. In total, the building is designed to **safely host up to 67 users**, including **children, teachers and support staff**.

By expanding access to **early education services** in a fast-growing peri-urban community, the project responds to a concrete local need. It reduces pressure on educational infrastructure in Cluj-Napoca, **shortens daily commuting** for families, and **supports equal access to quality preschool education**, including for children from **vulnerable backgrounds**.

The delivery of the **first kindergarten in Tăuți** represents a targeted investment in human capital and local resilience. It demonstrates how EU Cohesion Policy supports **tangible improvements in everyday life**, creating the conditions for children to start their **educational journey** in a **modern, inclusive and well-equipped environment**, close to home.





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