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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.

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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



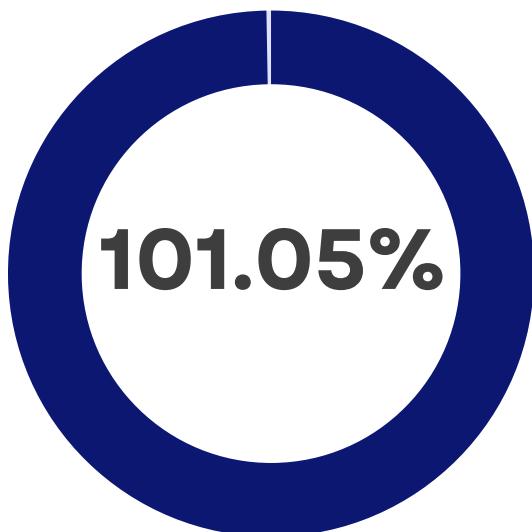
Calls for Projects

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

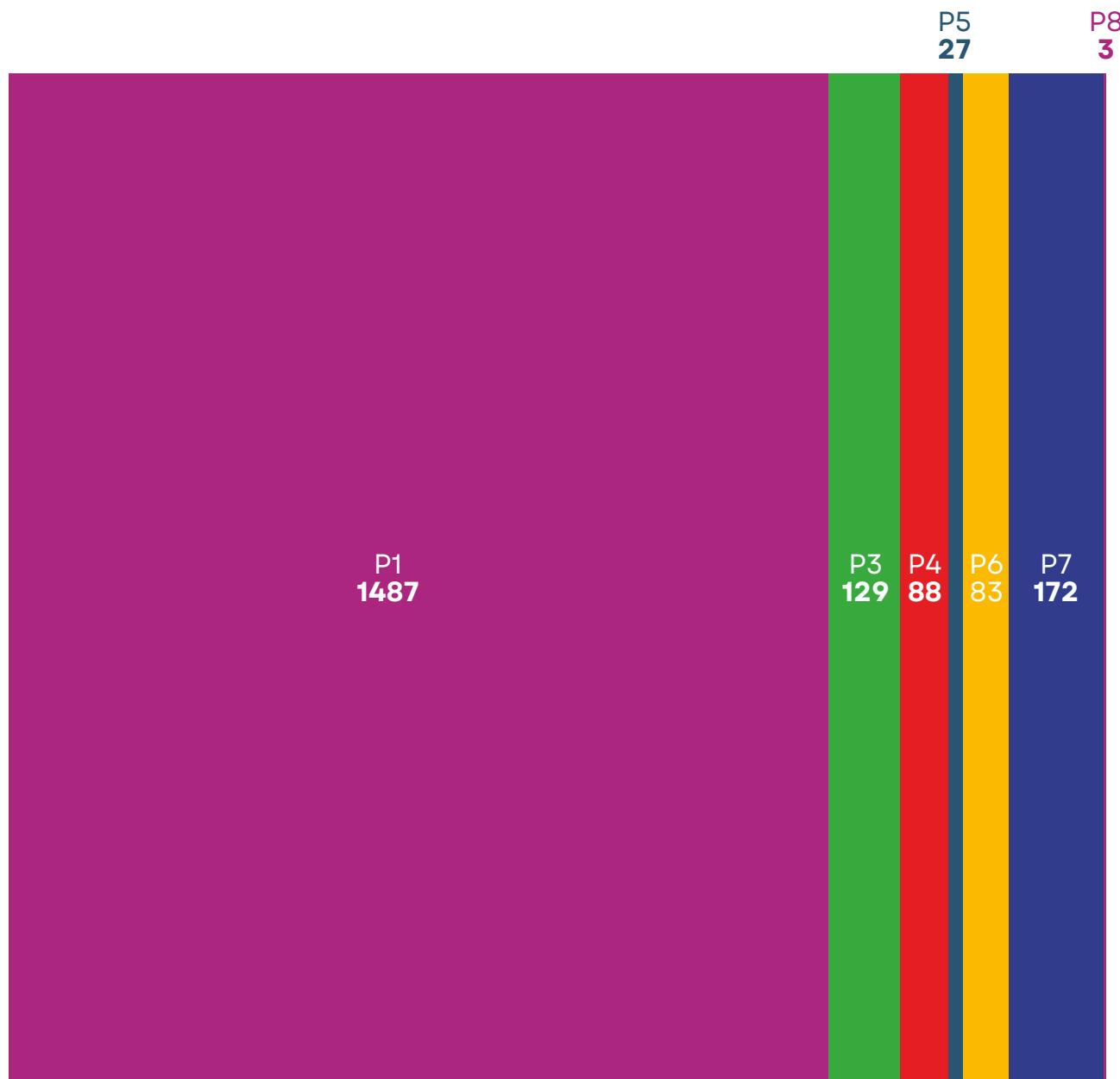
1990 in total

€ 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

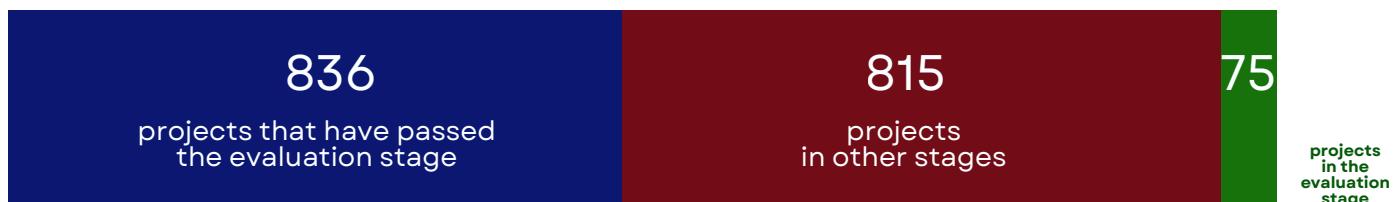
412,77%

€ 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



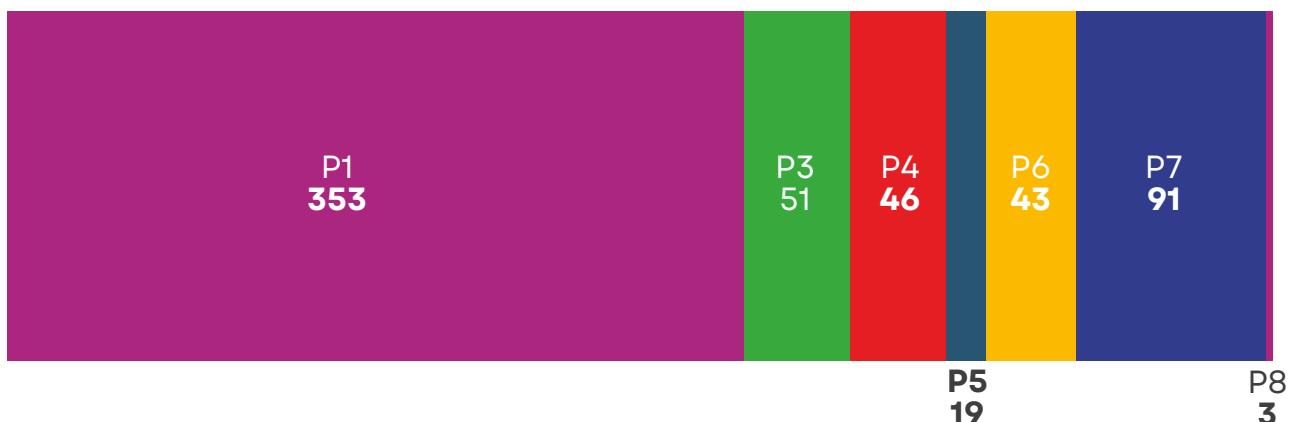
Projects in Contestation

496 in total



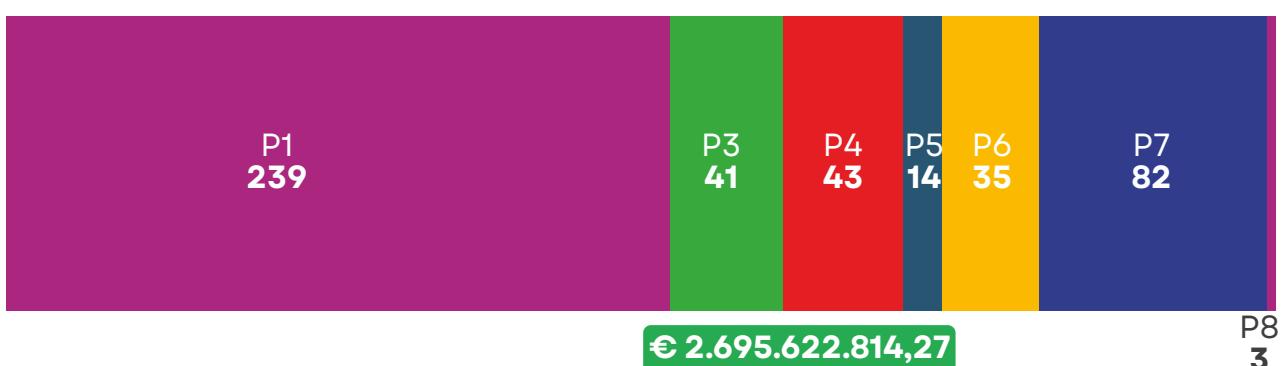
Projects in Contracting Procedure

612 in total



Signed Contracts

457 in total



121,22%

€ 1.886.046.026,86

113,94%

€ 1.637.679.435,66

Eligible budget

€ 2.695.622.814,27
187,55%

100%

€ 1.437.252.471,00

Non-reimbursable budget

Total budget

Total budget of the
NW RP 2021-2027

Monitoring of Projects

361 monitoring visits in total



457 projects in implementation

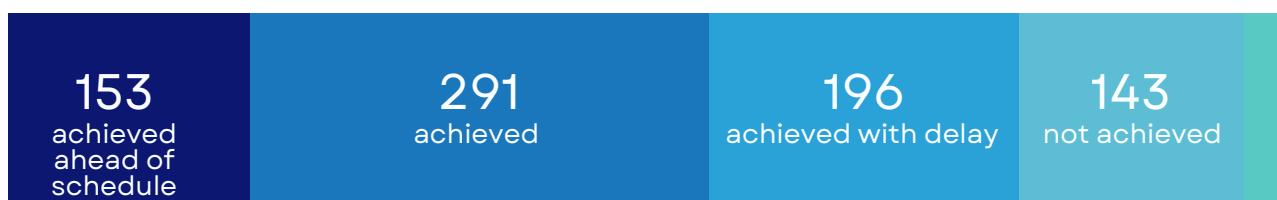
terminated **5**



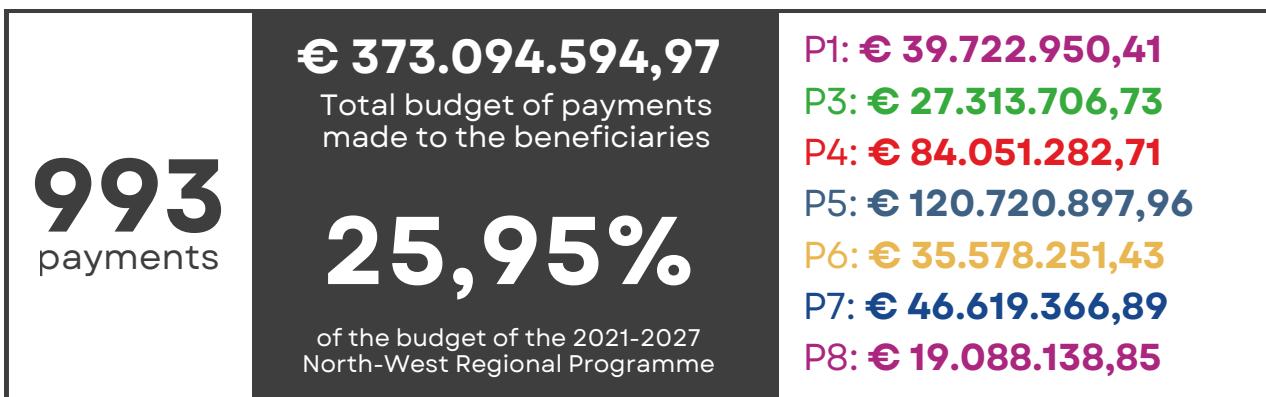
Milestone indicator reports

804 milestone indicators in total

ongoing **21**

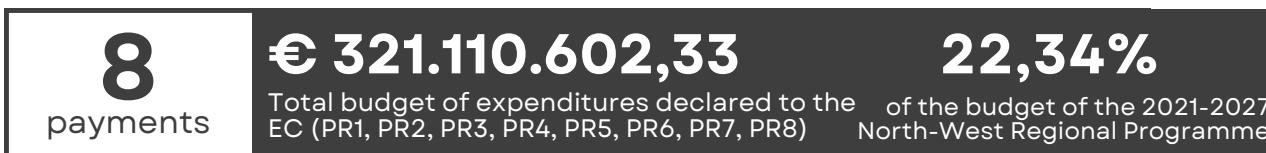


Payments Made



Payment Requests

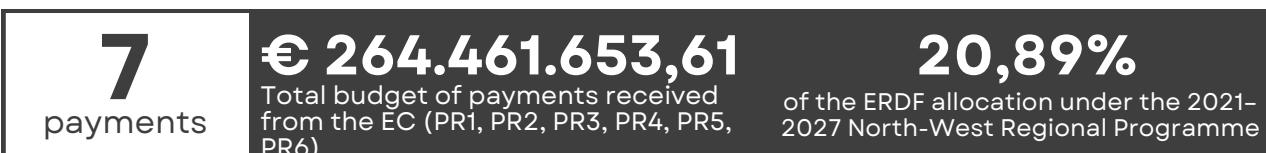
made to the European Commission



P1: **€ 39.722.950,41**, out of which **€ 33.882.990,47** are **ERDF expenditures**
P3: **€ 27.313.706,73**, out of which **€ 24.370.499,73** are **ERDF expenditures**
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

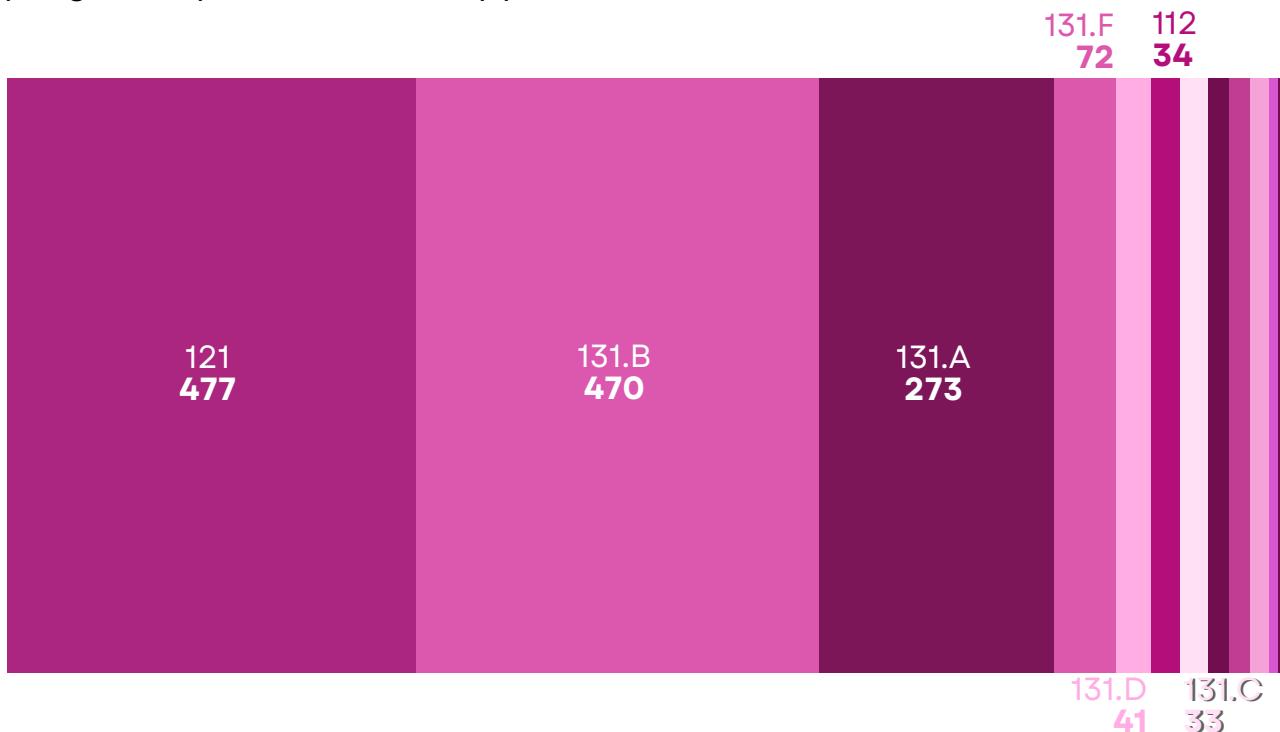
1488
submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of
€ 1.309.318.839,96

239
signed
contracts

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.

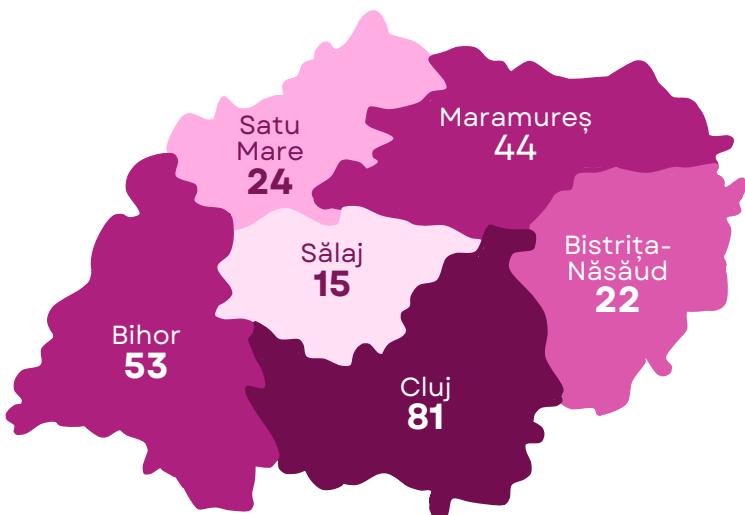
Out of the **207** contracts secured through this priority, **17** pertain to the **Smart Specialisation Parks**, while the remaining **190** support the **private sector**.

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

129
submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of
€ 450.106.004,40

41
signed
contracts

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**.

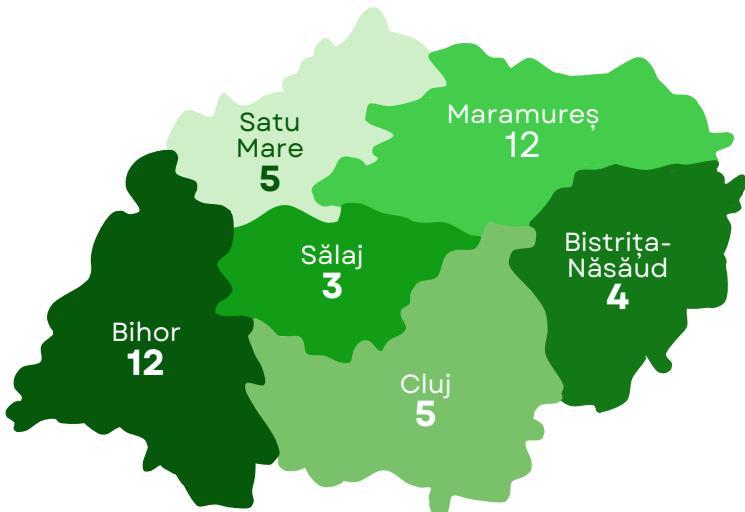
The most active calls relate to increasing **energy efficiency** in the region as part of **investments in the housing sector** and **supporting energy efficiency in public buildings, including heritage buildings**.

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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

Overview

88

submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of

€ 1.134.529.127,84

43

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.

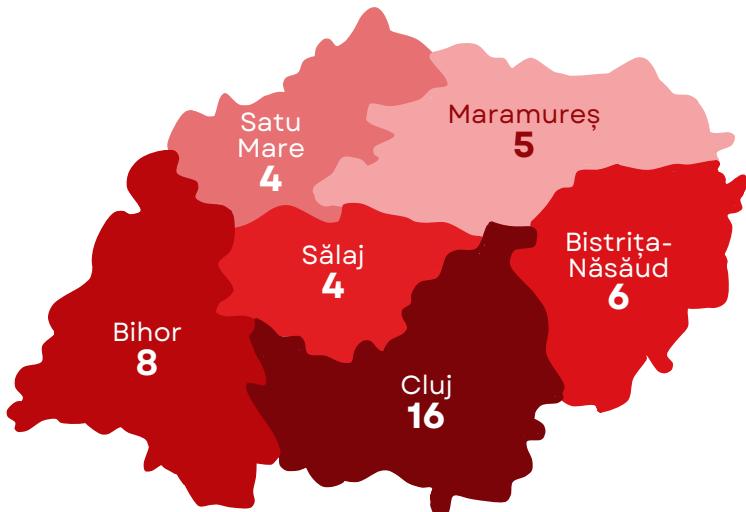
481.B
46

481.A
28

481.Etap
10

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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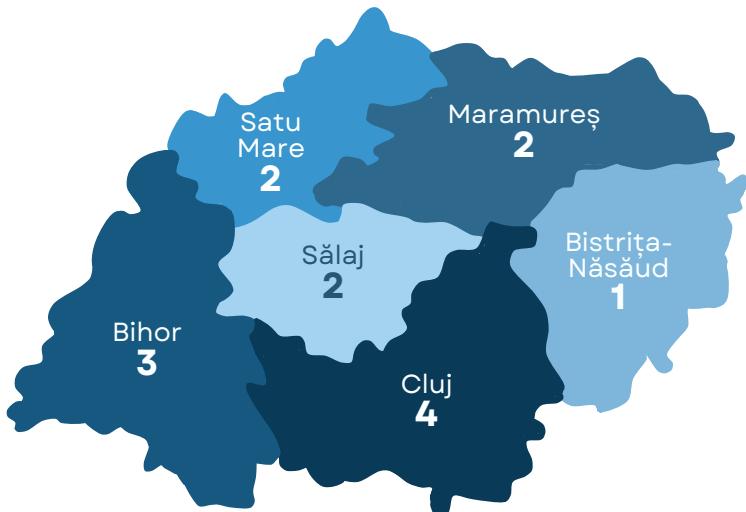
522.B
8

521
6

523
3

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

Overview

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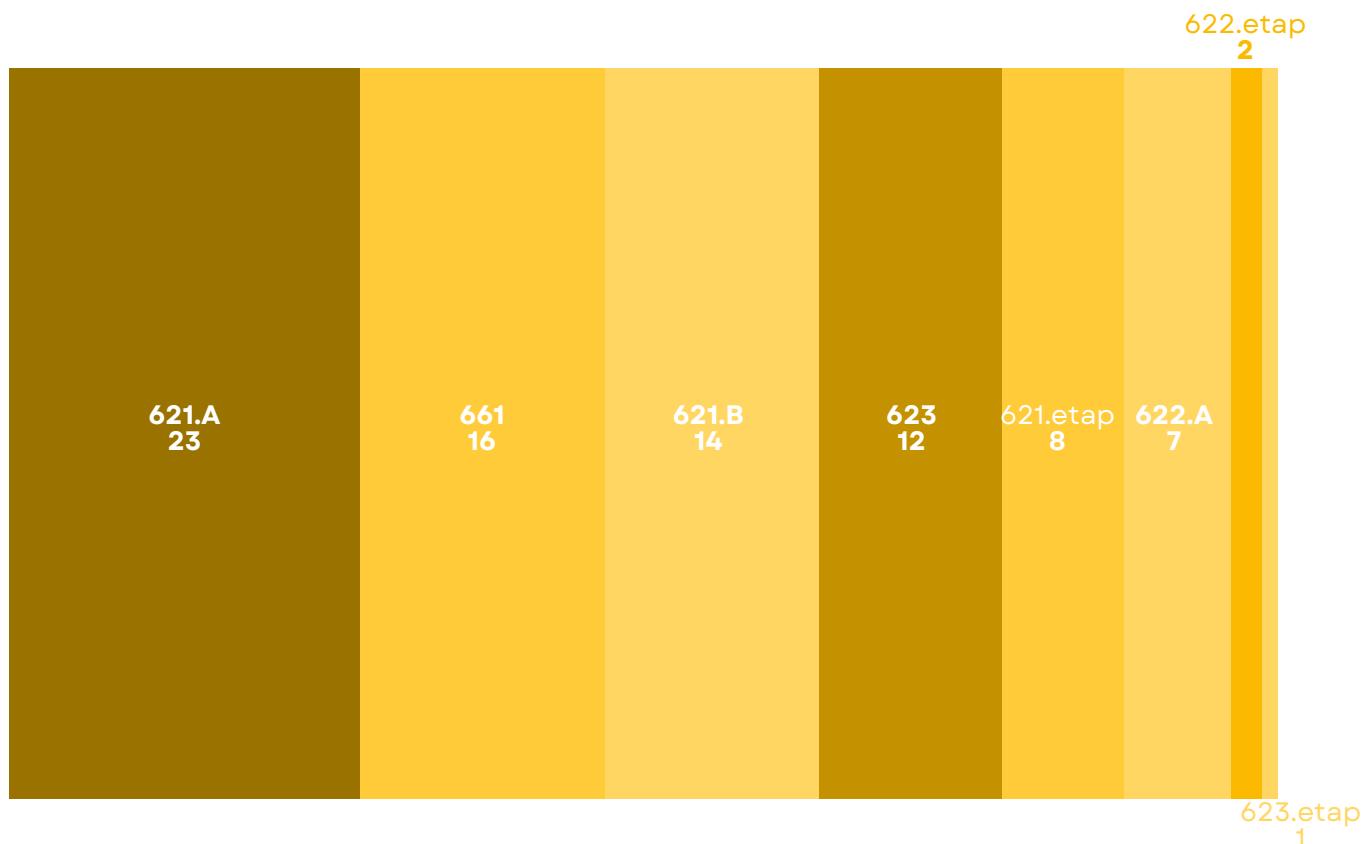
submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of
€ 236.997.866,47

35

signed
contracts

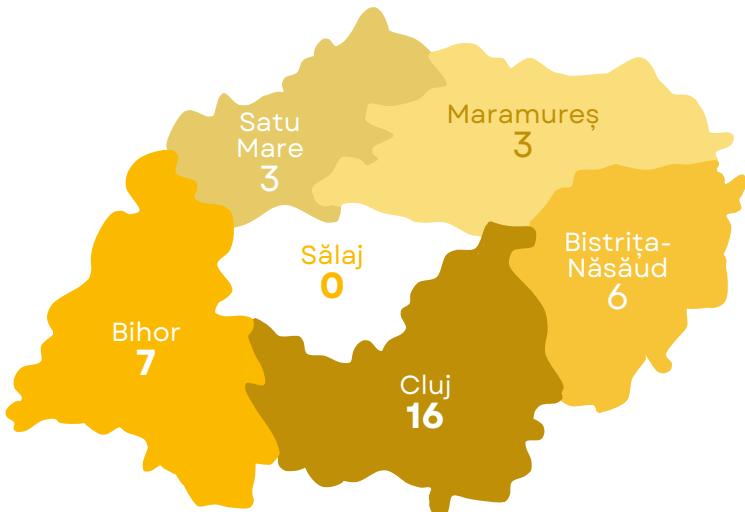
This priority marches for **a more social and inclusive Europe**. It involves tenders aimed at **enhancing educational infrastructure** across various levels, **from early childhood to university education**, and at **modernizing school facilities**.

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

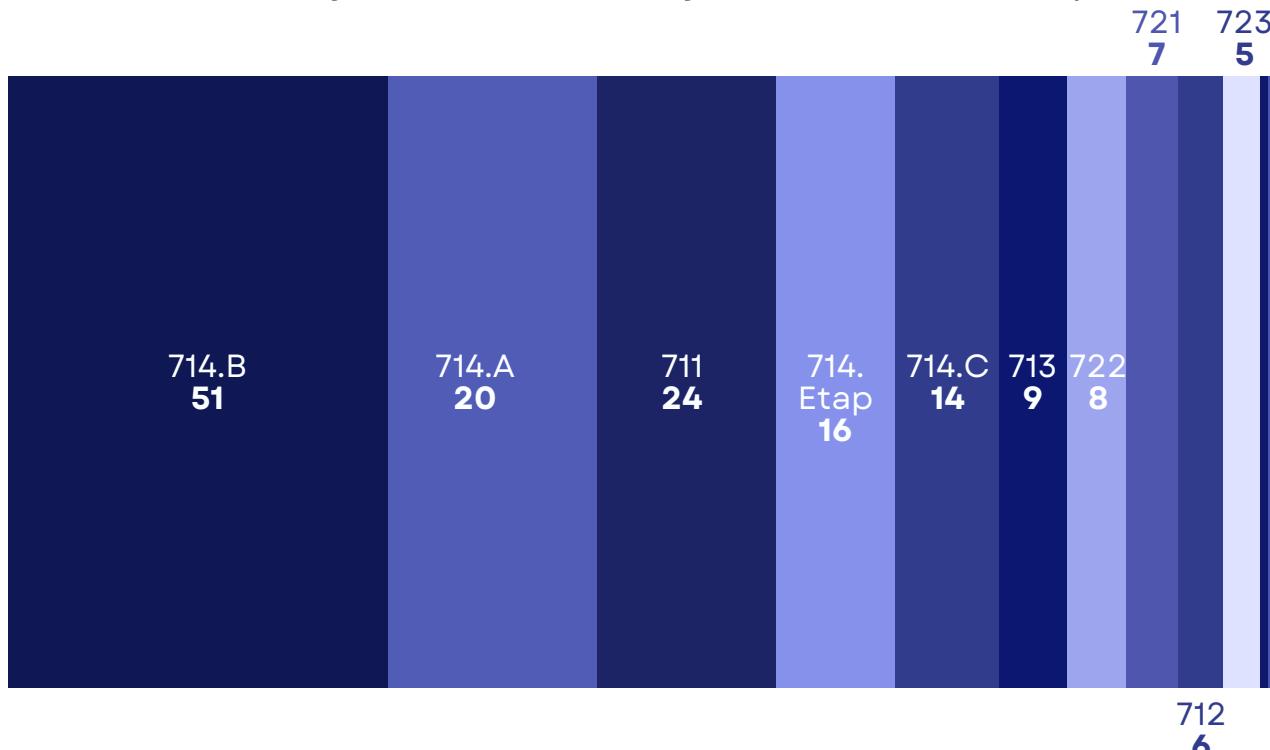
Overview

172
submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of
€ 949.763.338,86

82
signed
contracts

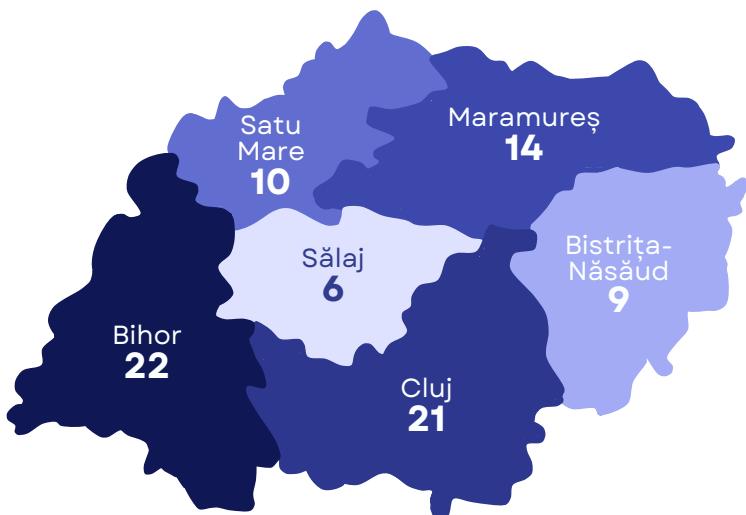
This priority marches for **a Europe that is close to its citizens**. It involves tenders promoting **integrated and inclusive development across social, economic, and environmental domains, as well as culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in non-urban areas**.

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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