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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.

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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 A region that supports STEP



P10 A region with affordable and sustainable housing



Calls for Projects

65

calls published

€1.468.092.840,99

budget of the published project calls



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

€1.452.374.670,50

budget of the launched project calls

57

calls launched



Submitted Projects

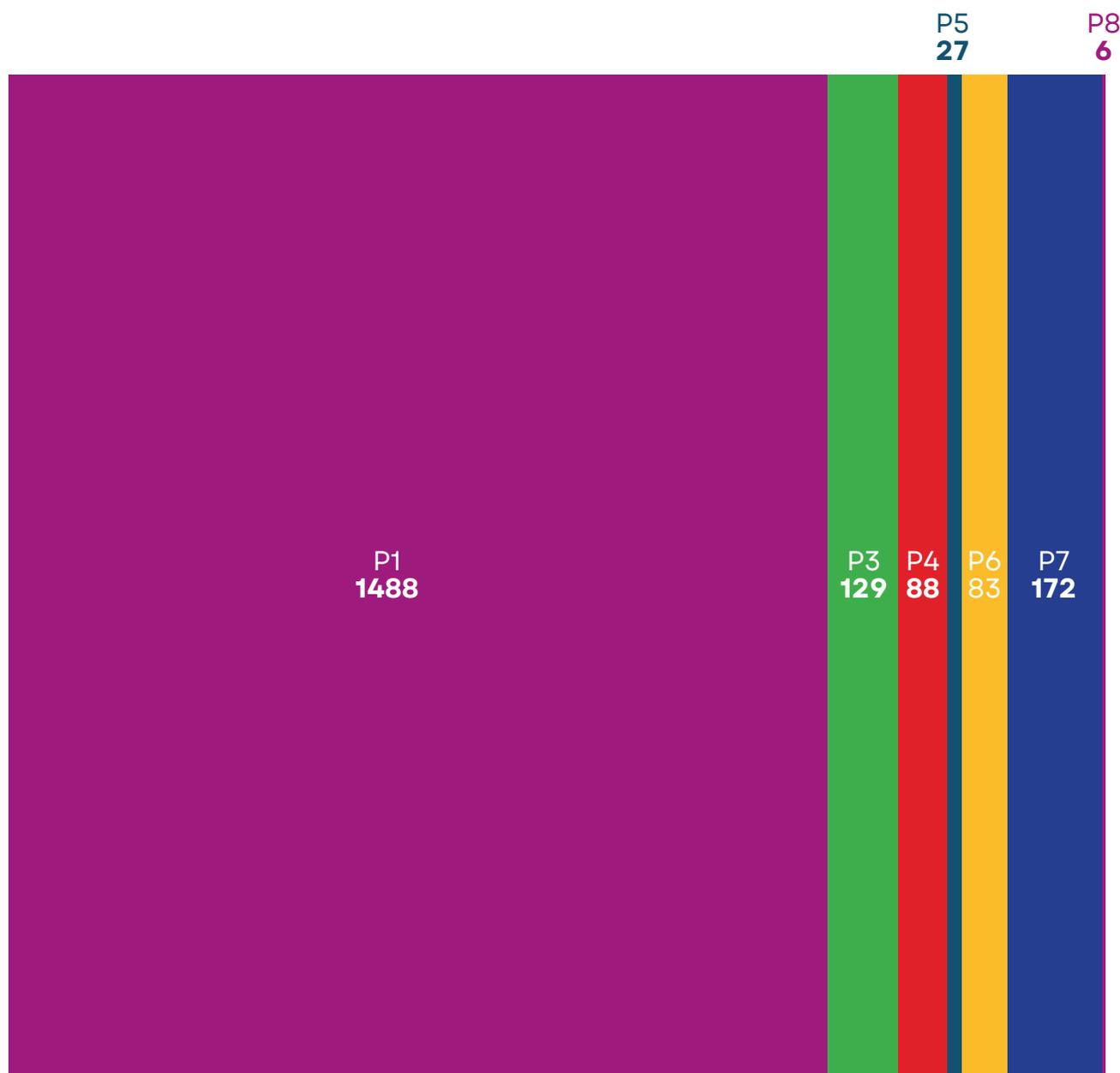
1993

in total

€ 4.715.496.378,41
Eligible budget of the submitted projects

327,75%

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



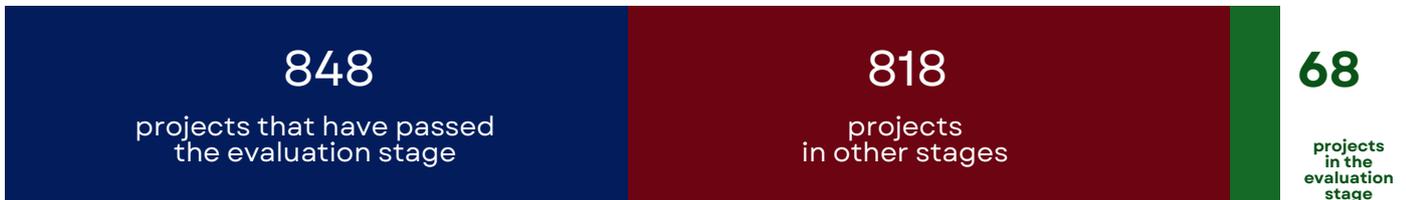
of the budget of the
2021-2027 North-West
Regional Programme

413,22%

€ 5.939.133.930,35
The total budget of submitted projects

Evaluation of Projects

1734 in total



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



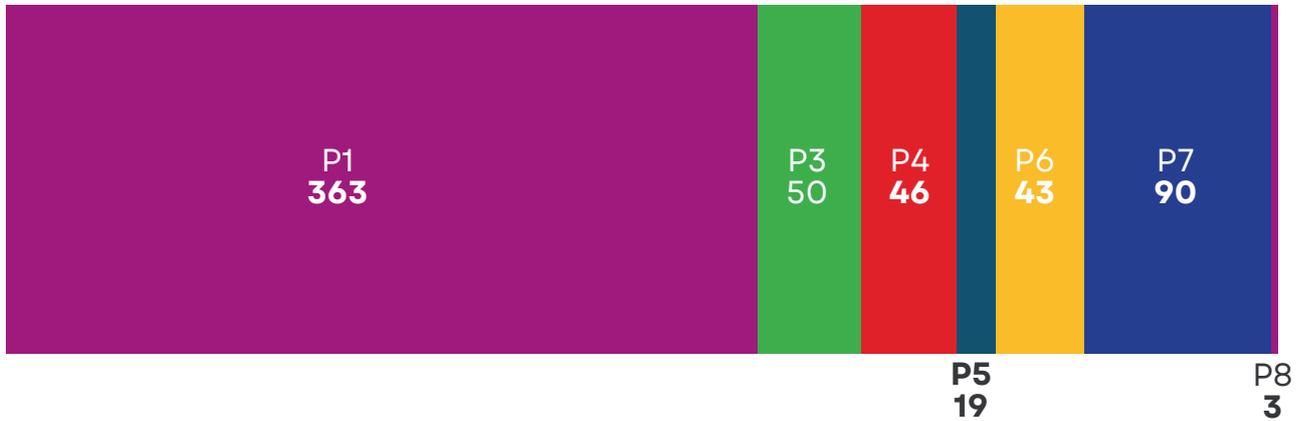
Projects in Contestation

500 in total



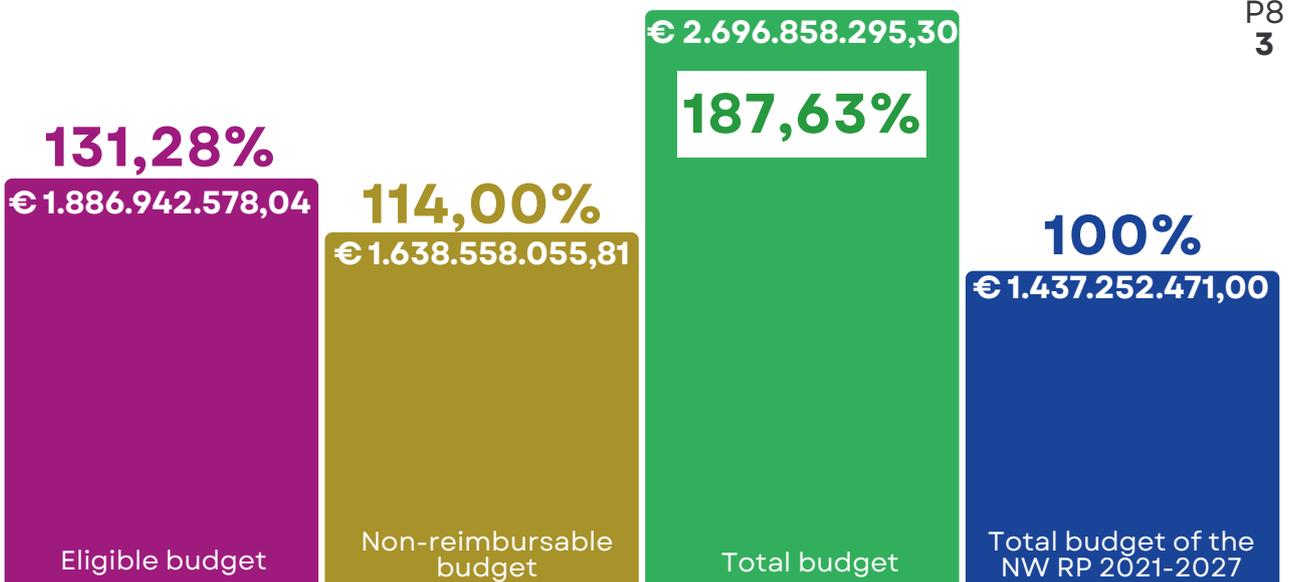
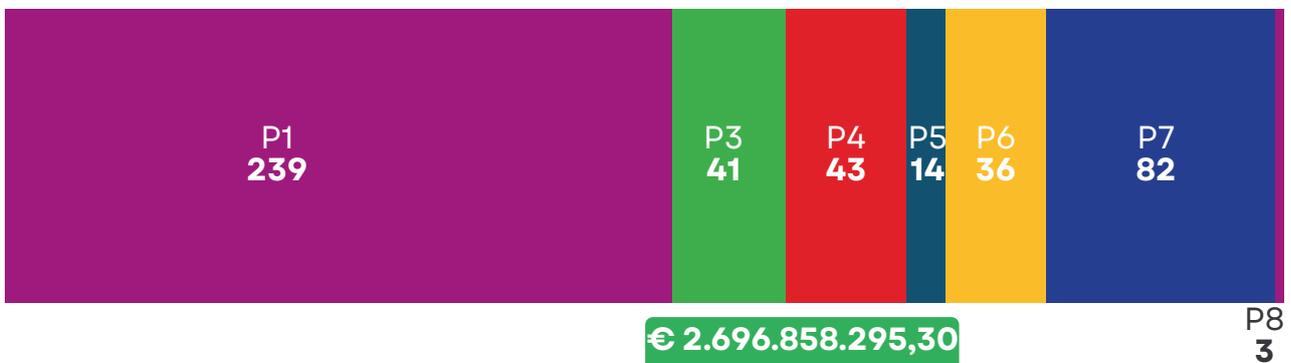
Projects in Contracting Procedure

614 in total



Signed Contracts

458 in total



Monitoring of Projects

428 monitoring visits in total



458 projects in implementation

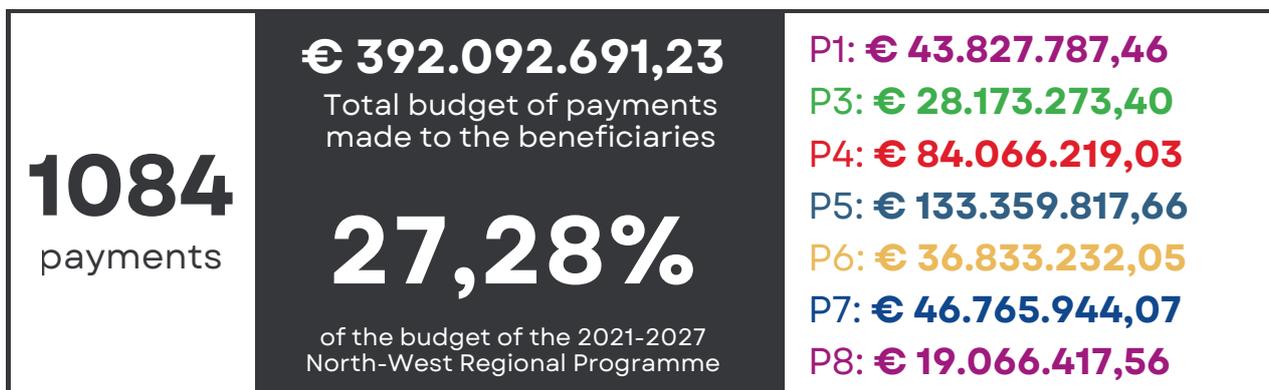


Milestone indicator reports

851 milestone indicators in total

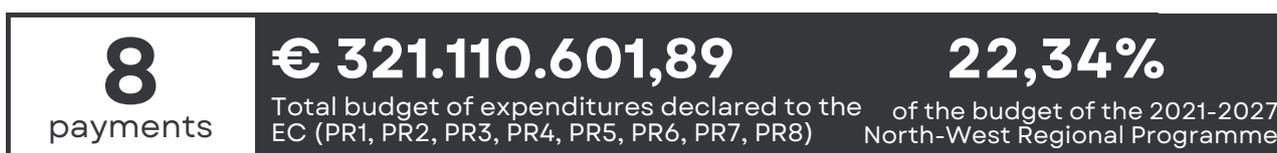


Payments Made



Payment Requests

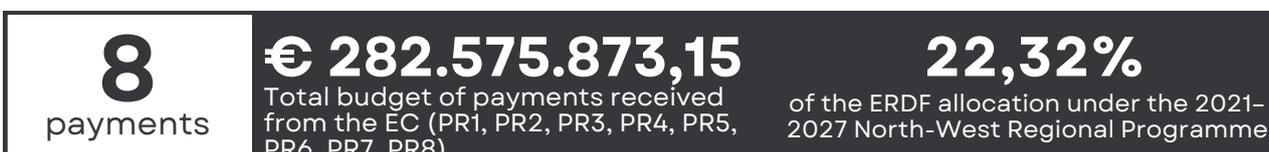
made to the European Commission



P1: € 43.827.787,46, out of which **€ 37.371.967,13** are **ERDF expenditures**
P3: € 28.173.273,40, out of which **€ 25.110.726,98** are **ERDF expenditures**
P4: € 84.066.219,03, out of which **€ 71.959.041,68** are **ERDF expenditures**
P5: € 133.359.817,66, out of which **€ 117.865.332,58** are **ERDF expenditures**
P6: € 36.833.232,05, out of which **€ 21.478.104,07** are **ERDF expenditures**
P7: € 46.765.944,07, out of which **€ 42.348.836,12** are **ERDF expenditures**

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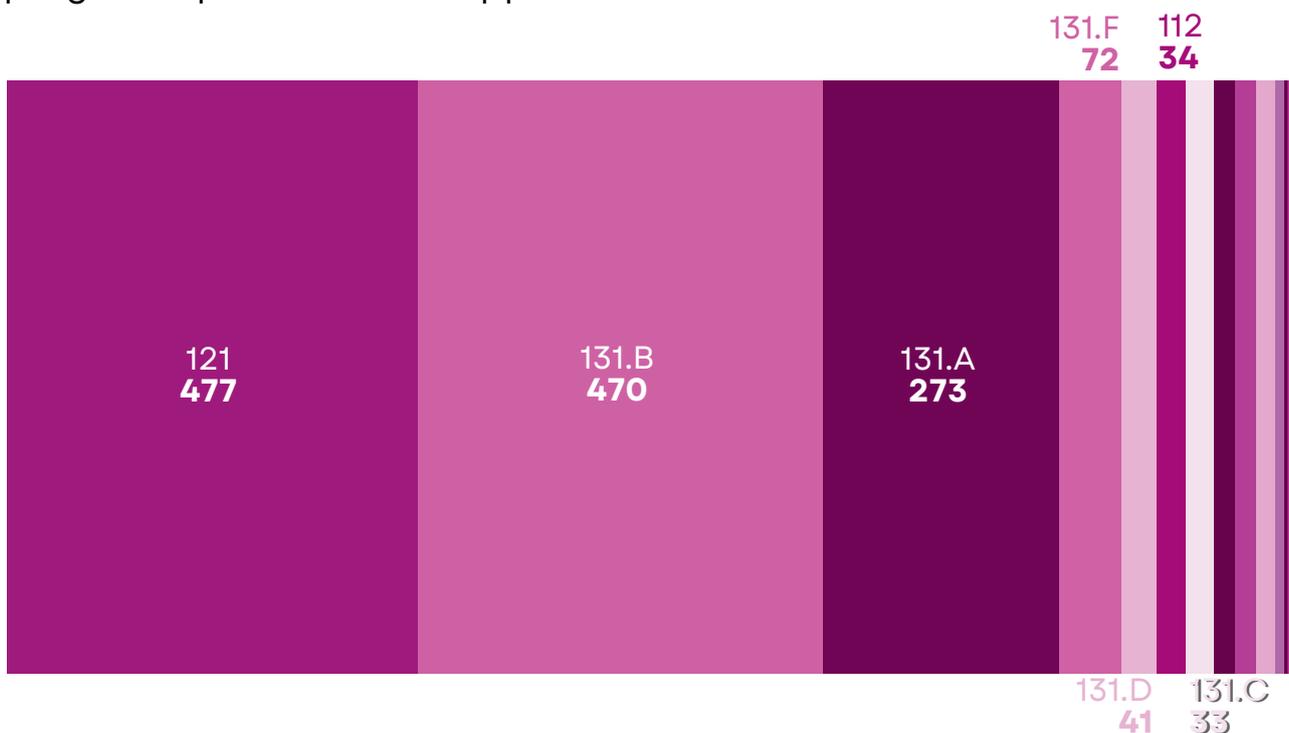
1488
submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of
€ 1.309.318.839,96

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.

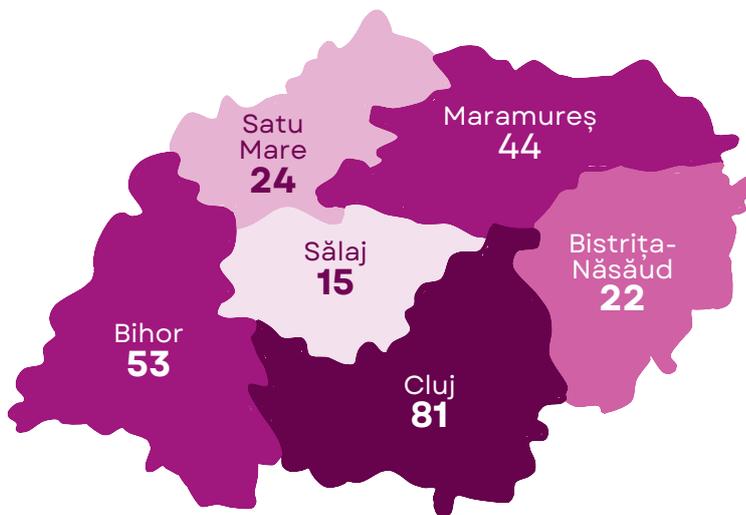
Out of the **207** contracts secured through this priority, **17** pertain to the **Smart Specialisation Parks**, while the remaining **190** support the **private sector**.

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

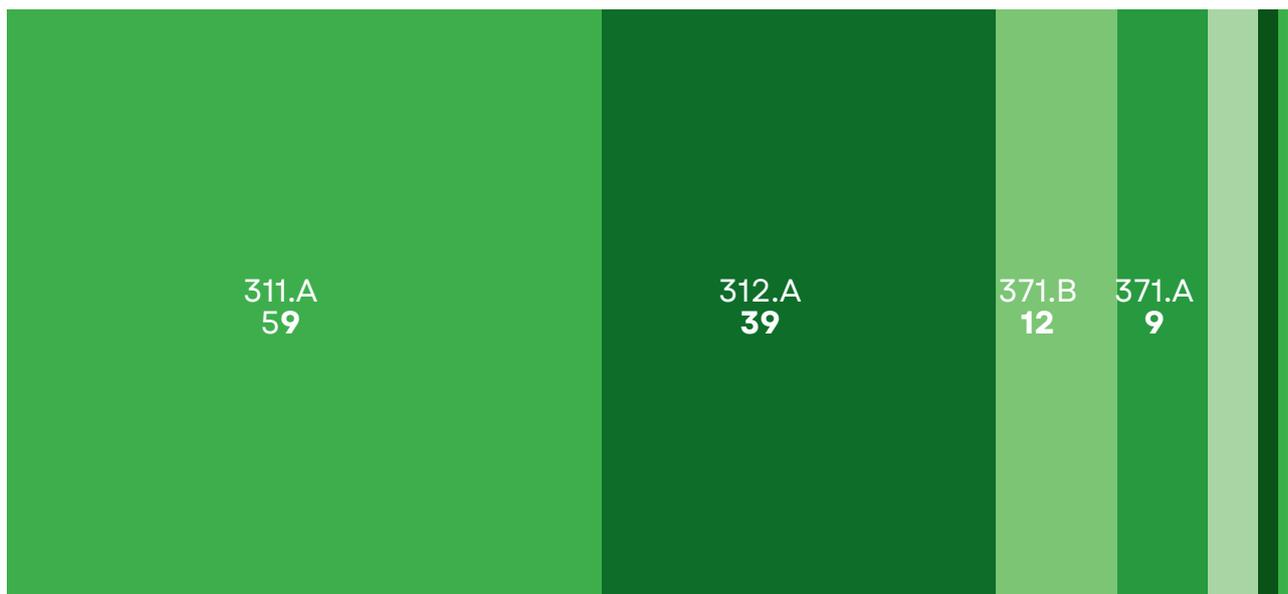
signed
contracts

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**.

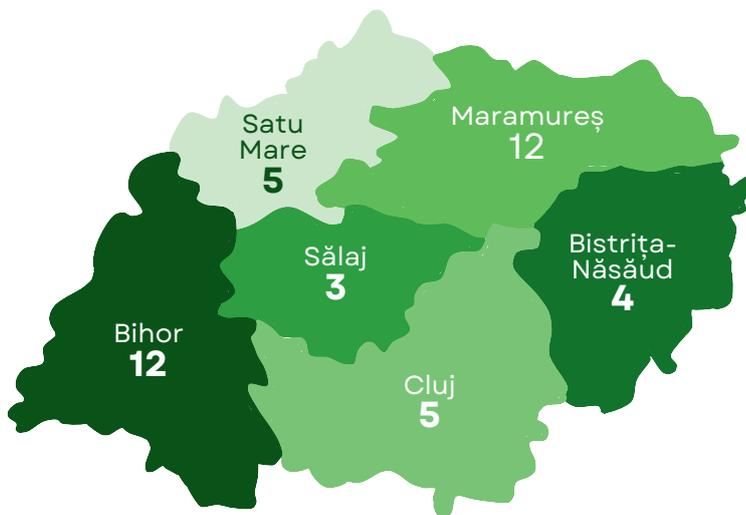
The most active calls relate to increasing **energy efficiency** in the region as part of **investments in the housing sector** and **supporting energy efficiency in public buildings, including heritage buildings**.

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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 Baia Mare (Maramureș County)** has signed a financing contract under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021-2027** to improve the energy performance of **Alexandru Ioan Cuza Lower Secondary School**. With a total investment of **€4 million**, the project is reducing **energy consumption**, **lowering greenhouse-gas emissions** and **improving learning conditions** for pupils and staff.

The intervention covers the school building, with a total usable area of **1,975 square metres**, and includes a comprehensive **package of energy-efficiency measures**. Planned works consist of **thermal insulation of façades**, roof and floors, replacement and **upgrading of technical installations** for heating, hot water and ventilation, and the introduction of **renewable energy solutions**. These include **photovoltaic panels**, **heat pumps and energy recovery systems**, supported by a **building management system** for monitoring and optimising energy use.

Additional measures address indoor **air quality**, **LED lighting**, **fire safety**, seismic and accessibility requirements, as well as limited structural and interior refurbishment works necessary to **ensure safe and functional learning** spaces. The project will serve **453 pupils and preschool children**, along with teaching and auxiliary staff, by providing improved thermal comfort, better air quality and more resilient public infrastructure.

Upon completion in **November 2027**, the investment is expected to reduce primary **energy consumption and greenhouse-gas emissions by at least 50%**, while increasing the **share of renewable energy used by the building**.



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.

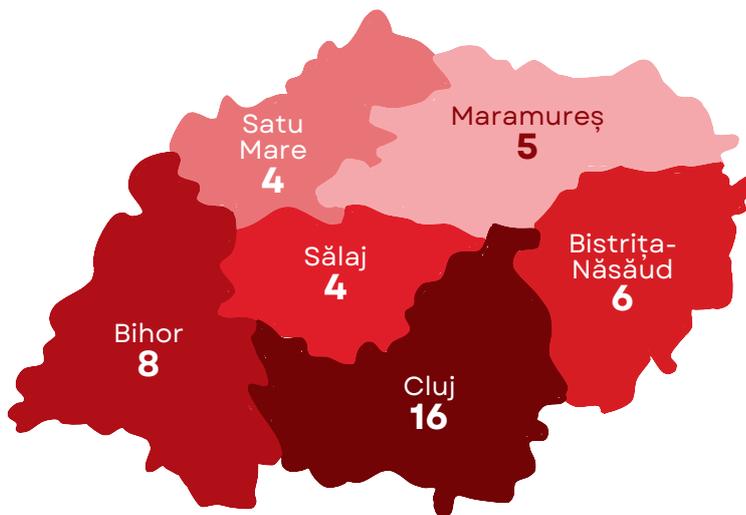
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Priority 4

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 **Town of Ştei (Bihor County)** is implementing a **sustainable urban mobility** investment under the North-West Regional Programme 2021-2027, aimed at introducing a clean, efficient and accessible public transport system. With a total budget of **€7.5 million**, the project supports the **transition towards low-carbon mobility** and **improved quality of life** in smaller urban areas.

The intervention delivers a **fully functional electric mini-bus public transport system**, centred on the **rehabilitation of 7.6 kilometres of urban road infrastructure** dedicated primarily to public transport. **Three interconnected routes** will link key destinations across the town, including **residential neighbourhoods, educational institutions, healthcare facilities**, the industrial area, recreational zones and public services, ensuring **safe and efficient mobility** for daily users.

In parallel, the project includes the procurement of **three electric mini-buses**, alongside the construction of a **dedicated depot equipped with four fast-charging stations** and a photovoltaic system to support energy supply. Supporting works cover **road rehabilitation, drainage systems, traffic safety measures and green elements** such as tree planting, which contribute to climate adaptation by reducing surface temperatures and improving urban comfort. Once operational, the system is expected to serve over **1,000 public transport users annually**, with indirect benefits for the town's entire population of approximately **6,700 residents**. The investment will **reduce traffic congestion, lower noise and air pollution**, and provide a reliable alternative to private car use, particularly for pupils, employees and elderly residents.

Scheduled for completion in **December 2026**, the project demonstrates how small towns are **implementing integrated, zero-emission mobility solutions** that strengthen accessibility, social inclusion and environmental sustainability.



Priority 5

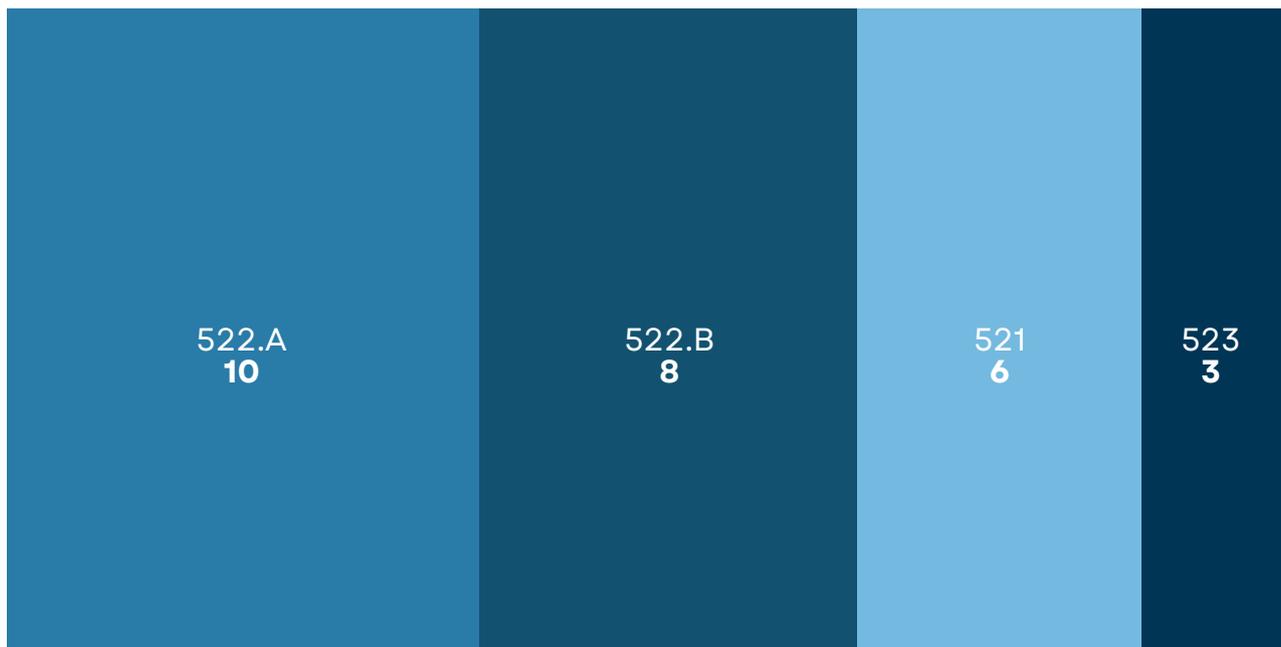
Overview

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

Overview

83

submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of

€ 236.997.866,47

36

signed
contracts

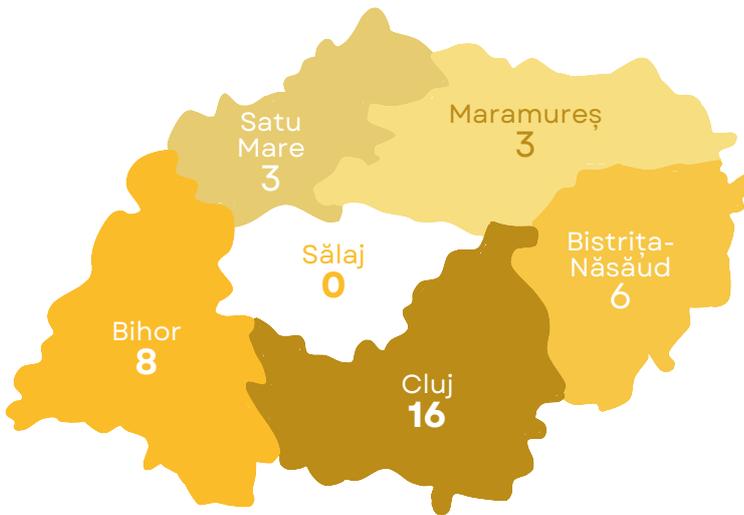
This priority marches for **a more social and inclusive Europe**. It involves tenders aimed at **enhancing educational infrastructure** across various levels, **from early childhood to university education**, and at **modernizing school facilities**.

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

€ 162.620.153,97

The commune of **Cernești (Maramureș County)** is investing in early childhood education through the construction of a new kindergarten with a normal programme in the village of Trestia, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total budget of approximately **€420,000**, the project strengthens access to **quality preschool education** in a **rural community facing demographic and service-access challenges**. The investment involves the construction of a **new single-storey kindergarten building**, with a total usable area of over **200 square metres**, designed to accommodate **30 preschool children**. The facility will replace an obsolete and non-functional structure and will be **fully equipped to support daily educational activities**, care and supervision. The kindergarten will include **modern classrooms, sanitary facilities adapted for children** and persons with disabilities, staff and administrative spaces, storage and technical rooms, as well as a medical isolation area. The surrounding site will be **upgraded with safe outdoor play areas, green spaces, pedestrian access**, perimeter fencing and dedicated **service areas, creating a secure and welcoming environment** for children. Designed to ensure **durability, safety and comfort**, the building will feature **thermal insulation, efficient heating systems, natural ventilation** and **age-appropriate interior finishes**. All educational spaces will be furnished with **certified furniture and equipment suitable** for preschool education, **supporting healthy development and inclusive learning**. Serving children from **seven villages within the commune**, the project contributes to improving educational access for a population of over **3,500 residents**. Scheduled for completion in **November 2028**, the investment demonstrates how local authorities are delivering essential social infrastructure and raising education standards in rural areas.

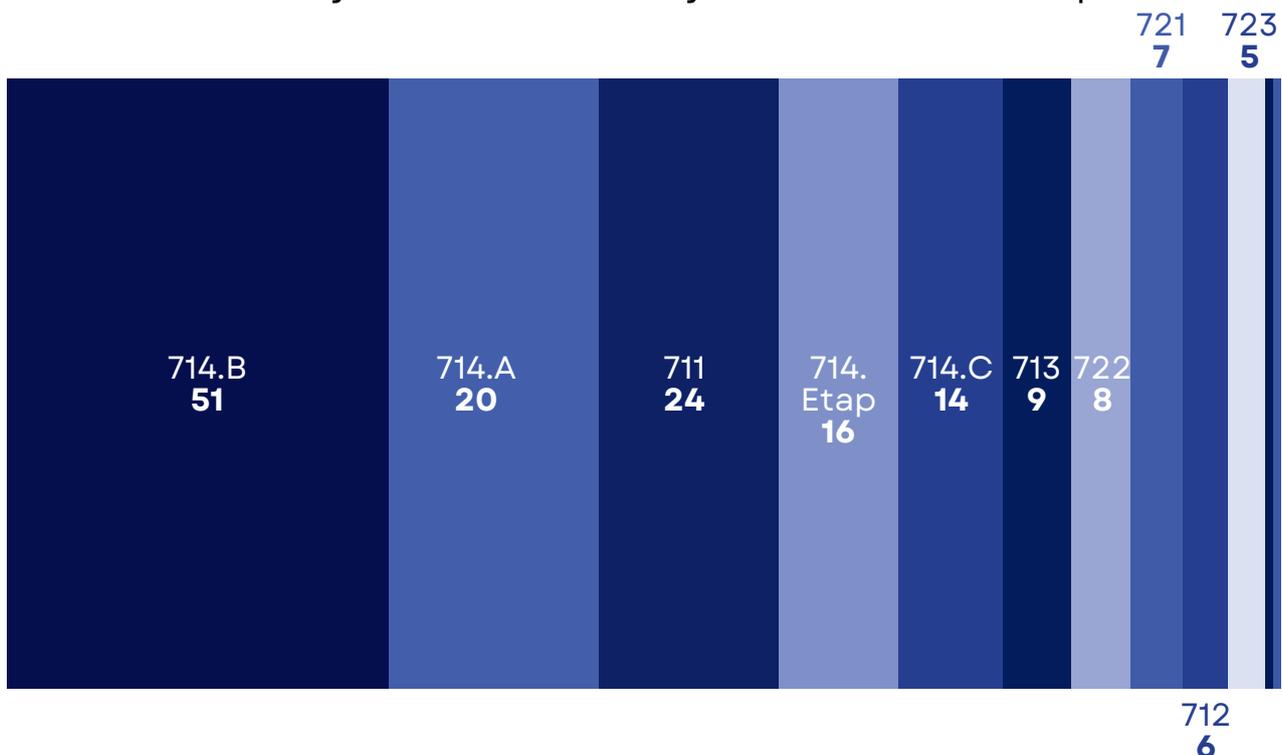


172
submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of
€ 949.763.338,86

82
signed
contracts

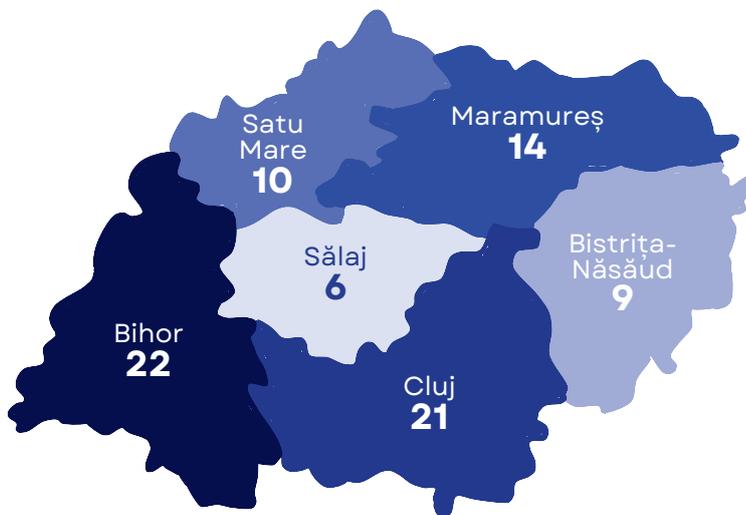
This priority marches for a **Europe that is close to its citizens**. It involves tenders promoting **integrated and inclusive development across social, economic, and environmental domains, as well as culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in non-urban areas**.

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

The **commune of Cociuba Mare (Bihor County)** is investing in the **sustainable use of Lake Cărsău** as a **local tourism and recreation asset** through a new leisure infrastructure project financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021-2027**. With a total budget of approximately **€6.24 million**, the investment supports more attractive public spaces, **improved local services** and a **stronger visitor economy** in an area with valuable natural potential. The project delivers a **coherent lakeside public space** built around **slow mobility and nature-friendly access**. It includes a **2.613 km** pedestrian route along the lake, designed with wooden decking and small bridges where needed, as well as a mix of fixed promenades (**1,554 m²**) and a floating promenade (**755 m²**) that brings visitors close to the water while protecting sensitive shore areas. The intervention also provides **children's playgrounds** and an **indoor/outdoor events area** with a capacity of **250 seats**, supporting **community life and local cultural activity**. To strengthen year-round usability and local economic impact, the investment **foresees complementary facilities** such as public lighting, Wi-Fi, CCTV, street furniture, sanitary modules and a food-service component. By **improving the overall attractiveness** of the site, the project **targets both residents and visitors**, with an estimated **580 visitors/year** and a **broader population impact** of **2,724** people within the supported territory. Scheduled for completion in **February 2029**, the project illustrates how rural communities can develop a tourism infrastructure that is **practical, accessible and aligned with nature-based planning principles**, while generating **tangible benefits** for local businesses and residents.



Completed projects

A success story.

A green production upgrade has been completed ahead of schedule by **MARYOL SILV.COM SRL (Maramureş County)**, through the project “**Increasing the competitiveness of MARYOL SILV.COM SRL through the acquisition of environmentally friendly equipment**”, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**, Priority 1 – A competitive region through innovation, digitalisation and dynamic enterprises (RSO1.3).

With a total investment of approximately **€278,000**, the company modernised its **furniture manufacturing workflow** by purchasing **new-generation equipment**, including a **precision panel saw and an automatic edge-banding machine**, alongside a **mobile photovoltaic system** designed to supply electricity for handheld tools. The investment supports **lower energy consumption, cleaner production and higher product quality**, while strengthening the company’s capacity to respond to local demand.

A **distinct component of the project addresses accessibility** in the workplace. The upgraded setup includes **adjustments that enable operation by employees with disabilities**, such as an all-in-one workstation with a **Braille keyboard**, tactile guidance elements, an adapted sanitary facility and improved access routes.

The project has delivered its outputs in **January 2026**, ahead of the planned end date (**March 2026**), and includes the creation of **3 new jobs**, while helping **stabilise existing employment**. It is a **practical example of how cohesion funding can support small businesses to invest in productivity, inclusion and greener local value chains**, with tangible results delivered faster than planned.





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