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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



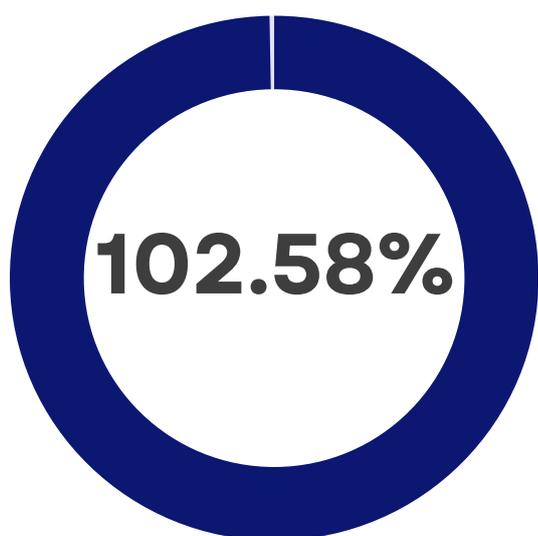
Calls for Projects

66

calls published

€ 1.474.267.885,92

budget of the published project calls



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

€ 1.456.120.662,20

budget of the launched project calls

58

calls launched



Submitted Projects

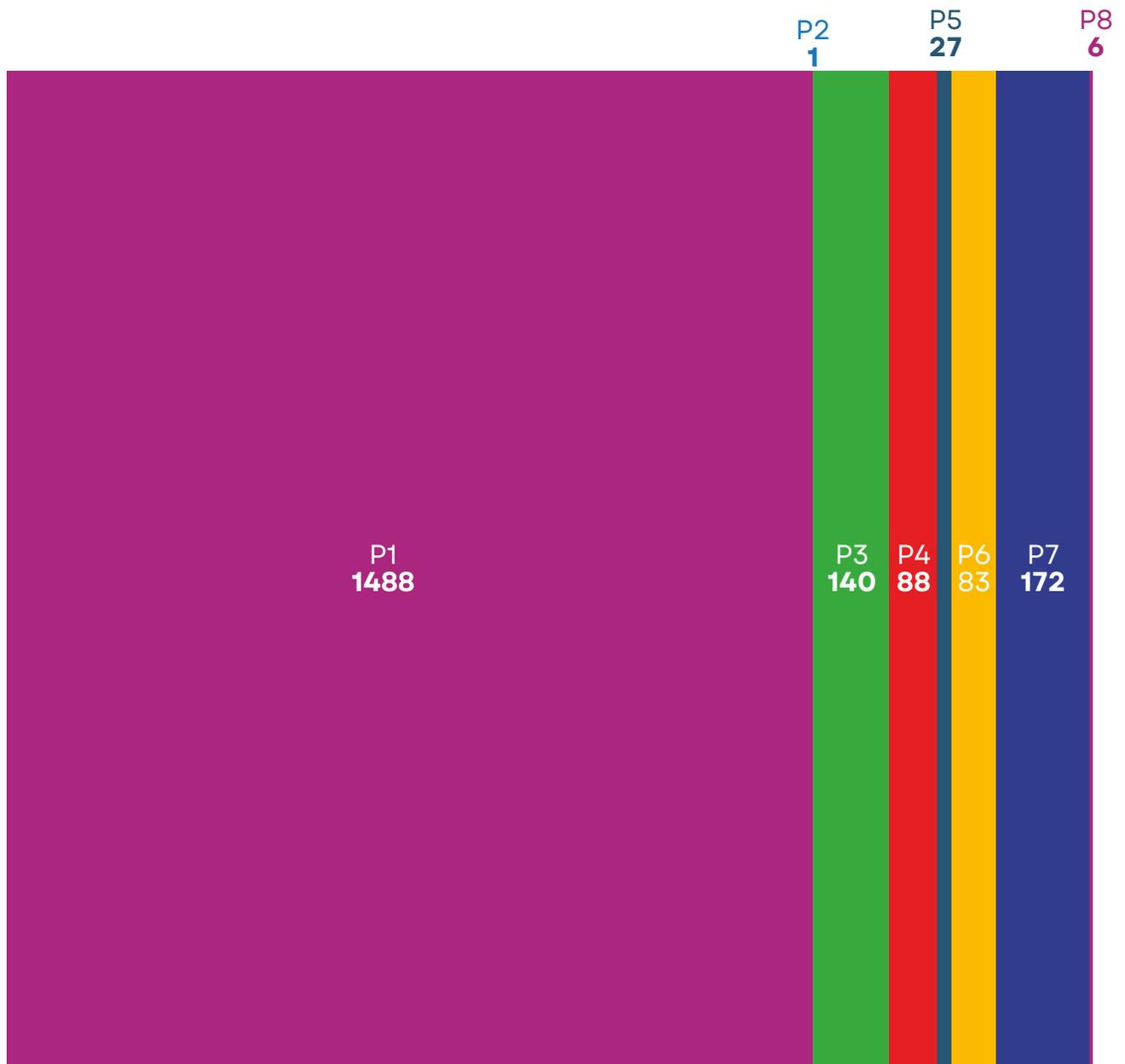
2005

in total

€ 4.842.128.552,90
Eligible budget of the submitted projects

336,90%

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



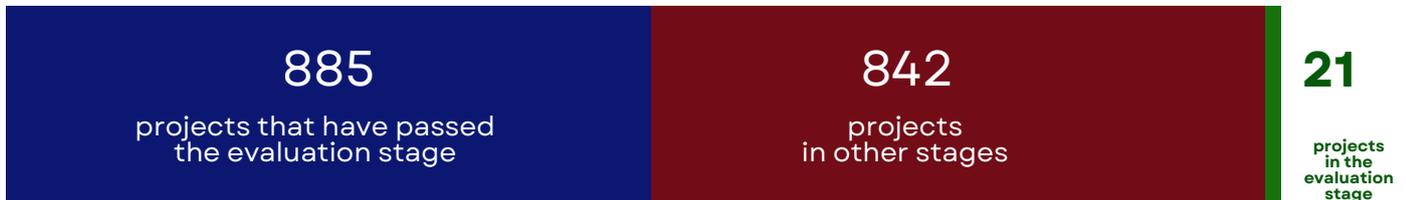
of the budget of the
2021-2027 North-West
Regional Programme

421,94%

€ 6.064.380.792,64
The total budget of submitted projects

Evaluation of Projects

1748 in total



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



Projects in Contestation

508 total projects that have been contested



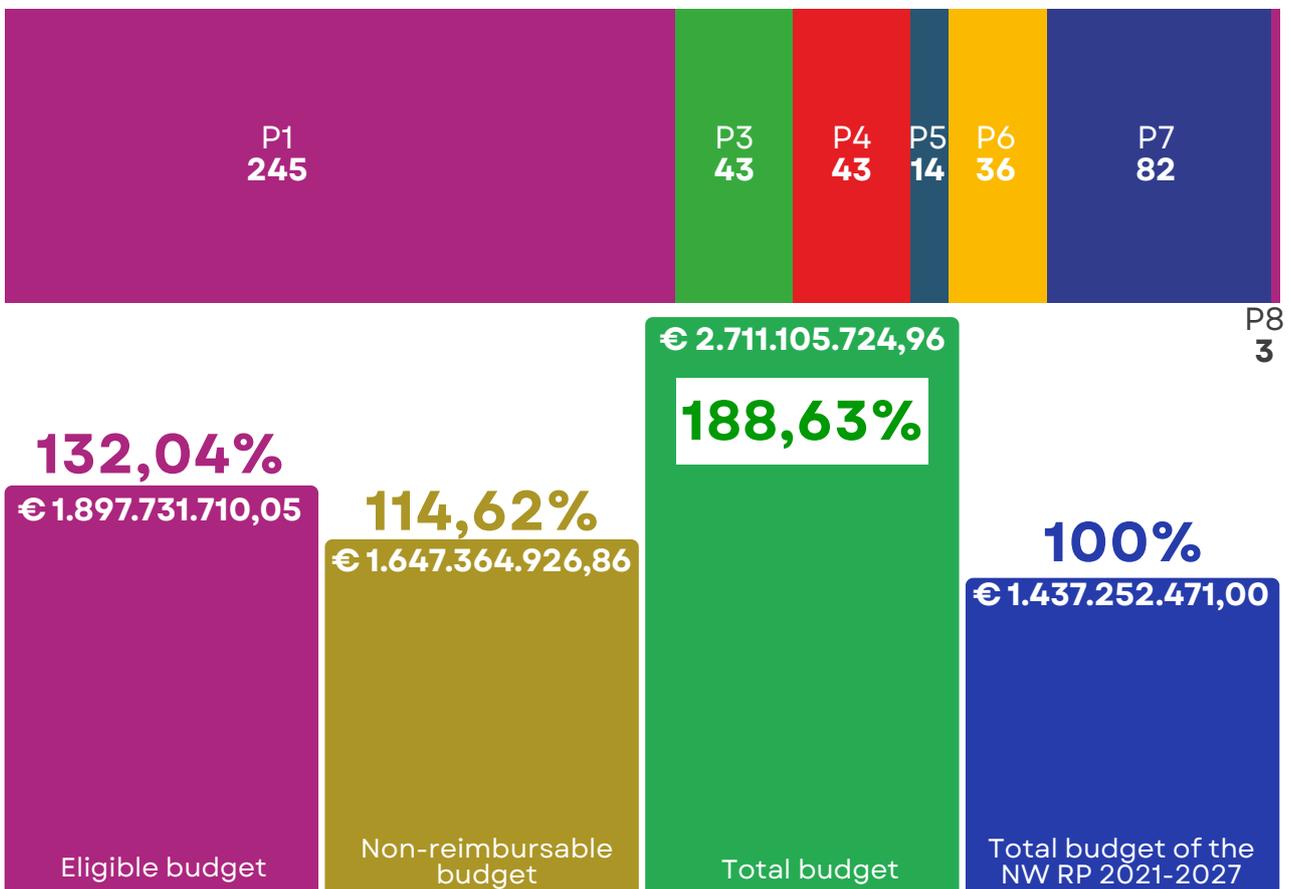
Projects in Contracting Procedure

631 total projects that have entered the contracting phase



Signed Contracts

466 in total



Monitoring of Projects

429 monitoring visits in total



466 projects in implementation

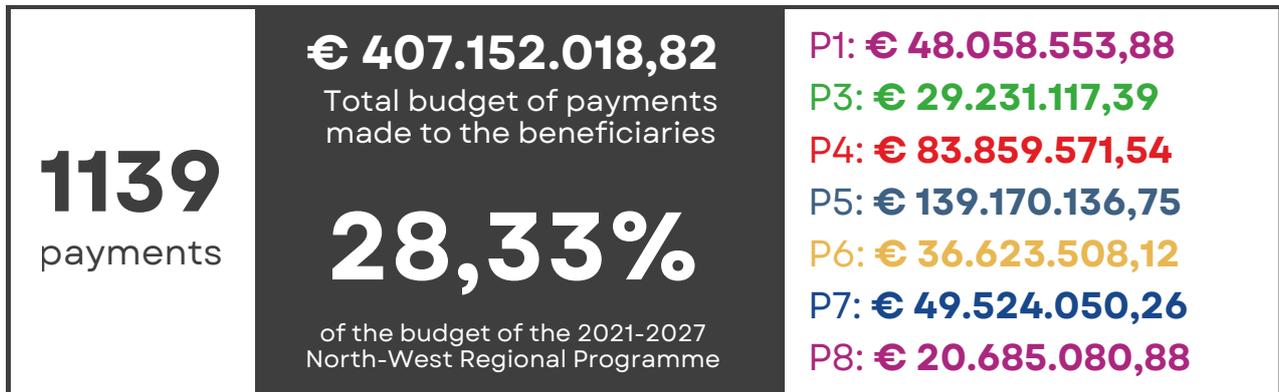


Milestone indicator reports

910 milestone indicators in total



Payments Made



Payment Requests

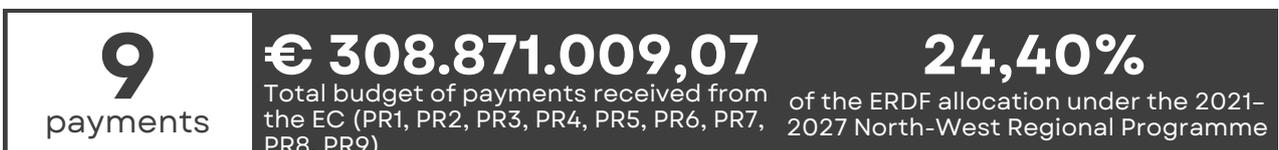
made to the European Commission



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P3: € 29.231.117,39, out of which **€ 25.965.414,40** are **ERDF expenditures**
P4: € 83.859.571,54, out of which **€ 71.435.009,41** are **ERDF expenditures**
P5: € 139.170.136,75, out of which **€ 123.673.873,82** are **ERDF expenditures**
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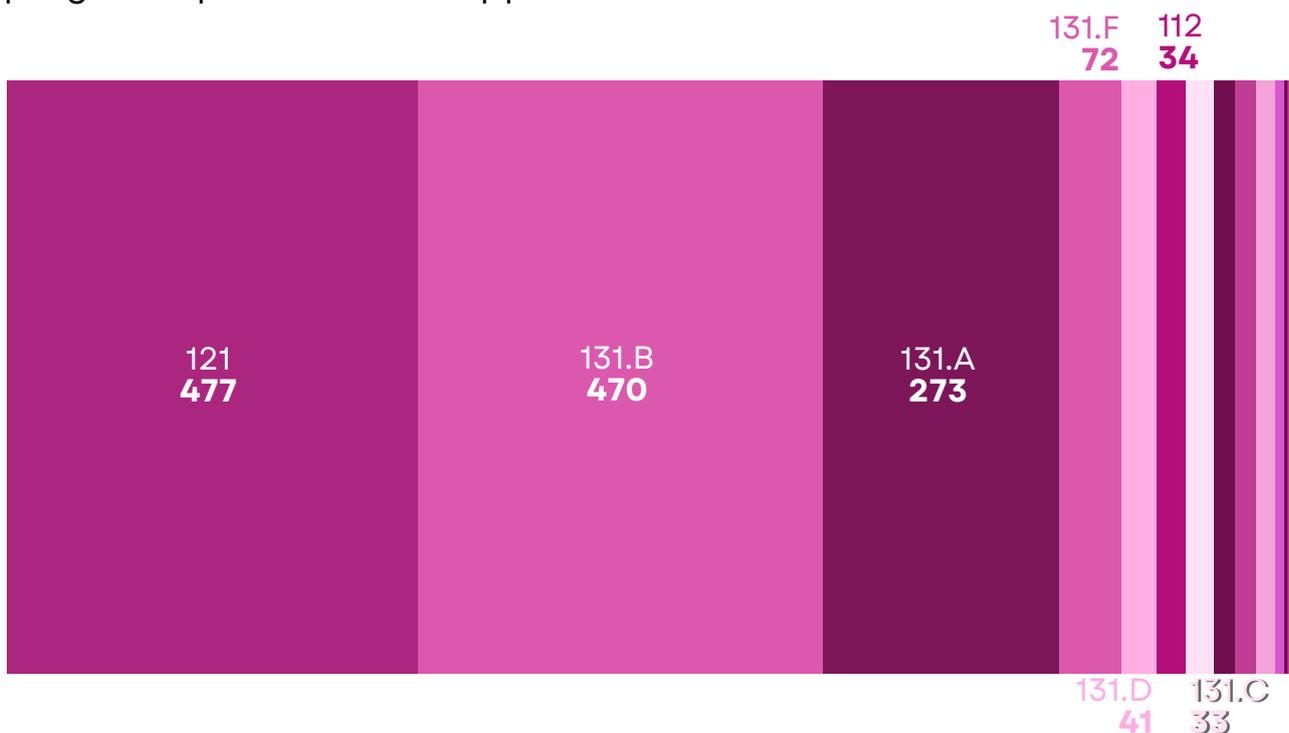
1488
submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of
€ 1.309.318.839,96

245
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.

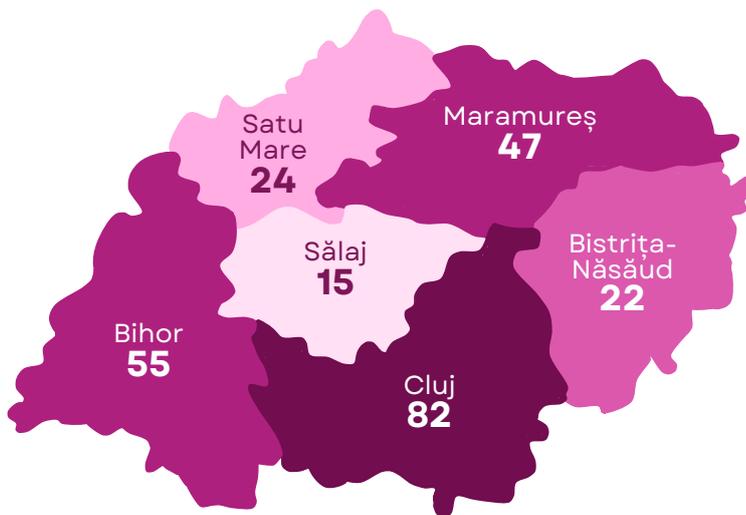
Out of the **207** contracts secured through this priority, **17** pertain to the **Smart Specialisation Parks**, while the remaining **190** support the **private sector**.

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

€ 279.448.787,01

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 343.785.989,19

The **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027** is driving regional growth by supporting **245 SMEs across six counties**, with almost than **€280 million** in eligible funding already allocated and a total investment reaching almost **€344 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

140

submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of

€ 523.878.257,01

43

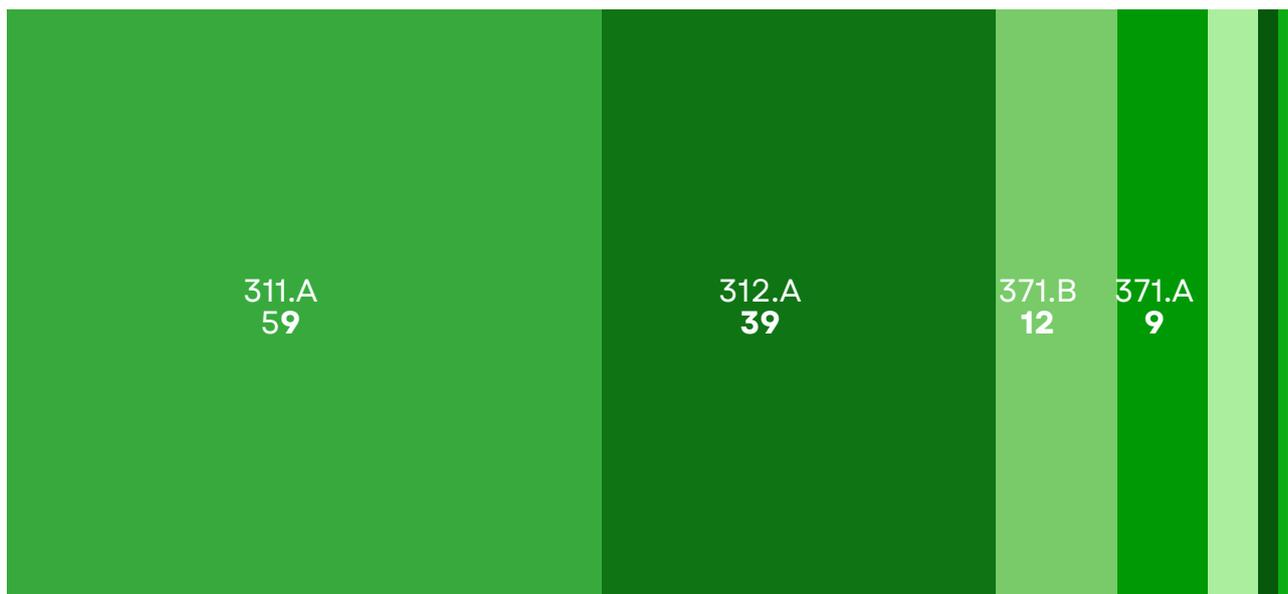
signed
contracts

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**.

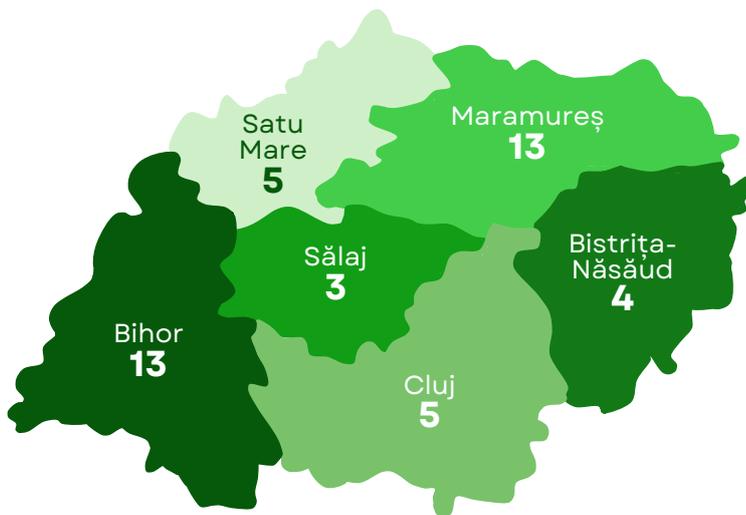
The most active calls relate to increasing **energy efficiency** in the region as part of **investments in the housing sector** and **supporting energy efficiency in public buildings, including heritage buildings**.

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Priority 3

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 151.271.971,35

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 207.013.421,49

The **Municipality of Sânmartin (Bihor County)** has signed a financing contract under the North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027 to improve the energy performance of seven residential buildings located on Ioan Slavici Street in Sânmartin. With a total investment of approximately **€4,13 million**, the project supports the **transition toward more efficient housing and lower greenhouse-gas emissions** in the commune.

The intervention targets **7 blocks**, covering a total of **117 apartments**. The works include **thermal insulation** of façades, roofs and floors, replacement of windows and doors, and **upgrading of heating systems** and related installations. The project also integrates **renewable energy components** where applicable, contributing to a more **sustainable energy mix** and improved building performance.

The investment is expected to reduce annual energy consumption for heating by **86.92%**, significantly lowering energy costs for residents. Upon completion, the buildings will register an estimated primary energy consumption of approximately **864 MWh per year**, while greenhouse-gas emissions are projected at around **165 tonnes of CO₂** equivalent annually. The project also supports the use of renewable energy, with an estimated annual contribution of over **77,000 kWh** from renewable sources.

By improving **thermal comfort and reducing energy demand**, the intervention directly benefits **residents and property owners**, while contributing to the environmental objectives set out in the local development strategy. Scheduled for completion in August 2028, the project reinforces Sânmartin's commitment to energy efficiency and climate-resilient residential infrastructure.



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.

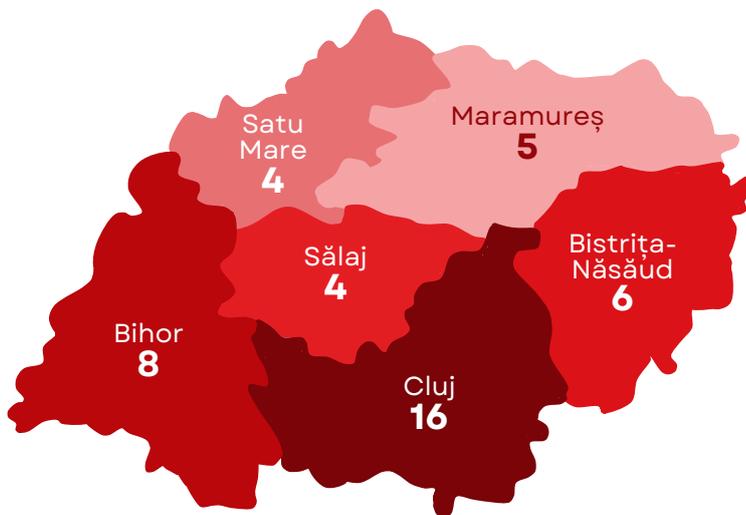
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481.A
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Priority 4

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 **Municipality of Bistrița (Bistrița-Năsăud County)** is implementing a major sustainable urban mobility investment under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**, focused on developing a **low-carbon mobility corridor** along the left bank of the Bistrița River. With a total budget of approximately **€41,07 million**, the project advances **climate-neutral transport** and **higher-quality public spaces** in the county capital.

The intervention covers nearly **95,000 square metres** and includes the construction of **2,416 kilometres of cycling infrastructure**, together with the modernisation and extension of over **56,700 square metres of pedestrian-priority and shared-space areas**. The corridor connects key streets, improving links between **residential areas, schools, public institutions and leisure zones**. Major works include a **new bridge over the Bistrița River** on Simpozionului Street, **two pedestrian footbridges between riverbanks** and the **modernisation of an existing bridge**. Supporting measures comprise **upgraded road surfaces, drainage systems, modern public lighting and smart urban furniture**, while redesigned shared spaces **prioritise pedestrians and cyclists** and calm vehicle traffic.

The corridor will serve **94,500 residents**, with an estimated **84,000 annual users** of improved transport routes and nearly **25,000 annual cycling users**. The investment is expected to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by approximately **8,700 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent** per year. Scheduled for completion in **September 2029**, the project marks a strategic step toward integrated riverfront regeneration and zero-emission urban mobility in the North-West Region.



Priority 5

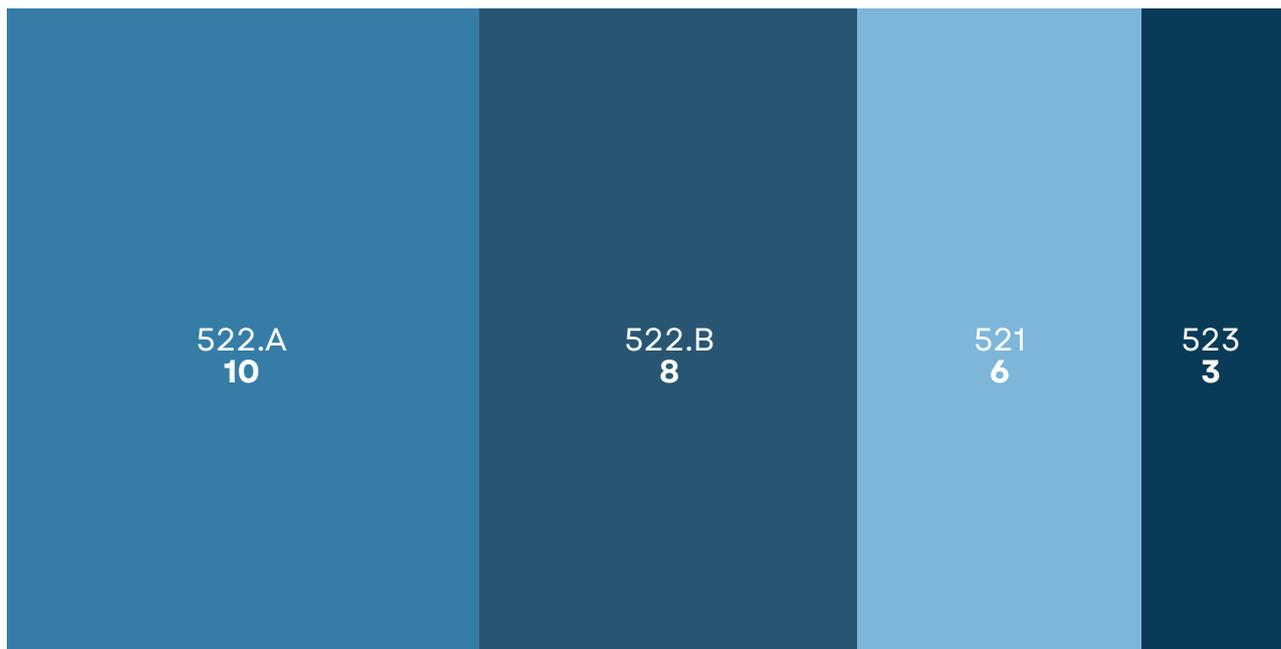
Overview

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

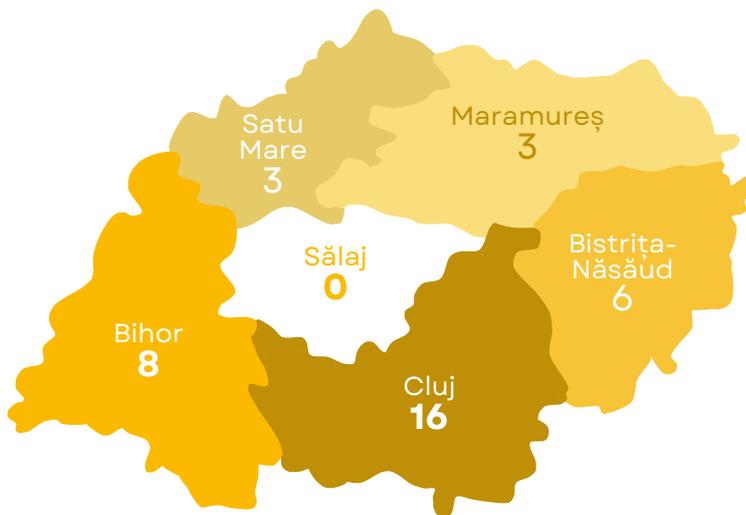
This priority marches for **a more social and inclusive Europe**. It involves tenders aimed at **enhancing educational infrastructure** across various levels, **from early childhood to university education**, and at **modernizing school facilities**.

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 **Municipality of Oradea (Bihor County)** is investing in **early childhood education** through the **rehabilitation and energy modernisation** of Kindergarten No. 5, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total budget of approximately **€1,23 million**, the project strengthens access to **quality preschool education** while **improving energy efficiency** and **learning conditions** in an established urban community.

The investment targets the existing building and **involves comprehensive refurbishment works** covering **thermal insulation of façades** and terrace, **replacement of windows**, **roof repairs**, **upgraded electrical and sanitary installations**, and the **introduction of photovoltaic panels**. The project also provides **underfloor heating**, **decentralised ventilation with heat recovery**, fire detection systems and **accessibility adaptations** in line with current standards.

Internally, **four classrooms** will be transformed into **modern, multifunctional learning spaces**, fully equipped with **updated furniture**, **IT equipment** and **educational materials**. Additional upgrades include **sanitary facilities adapted for children**, **improved dining and kitchen areas**, medical and administrative spaces, and **renewed interior finishes designed** to ensure safety, hygiene and comfort. Outdoor areas will benefit from **new play equipment**, refreshed green spaces and improved access routes. Serving **82 preschool children**, along with teaching and auxiliary staff, the project contributes to **higher-quality early education** and supports parents' participation in the local labour market. Scheduled for completion in **December 2027**, the investment reflects Oradea's commitment to **resilient, inclusive and energy-efficient** educational infrastructure.



Priority 7

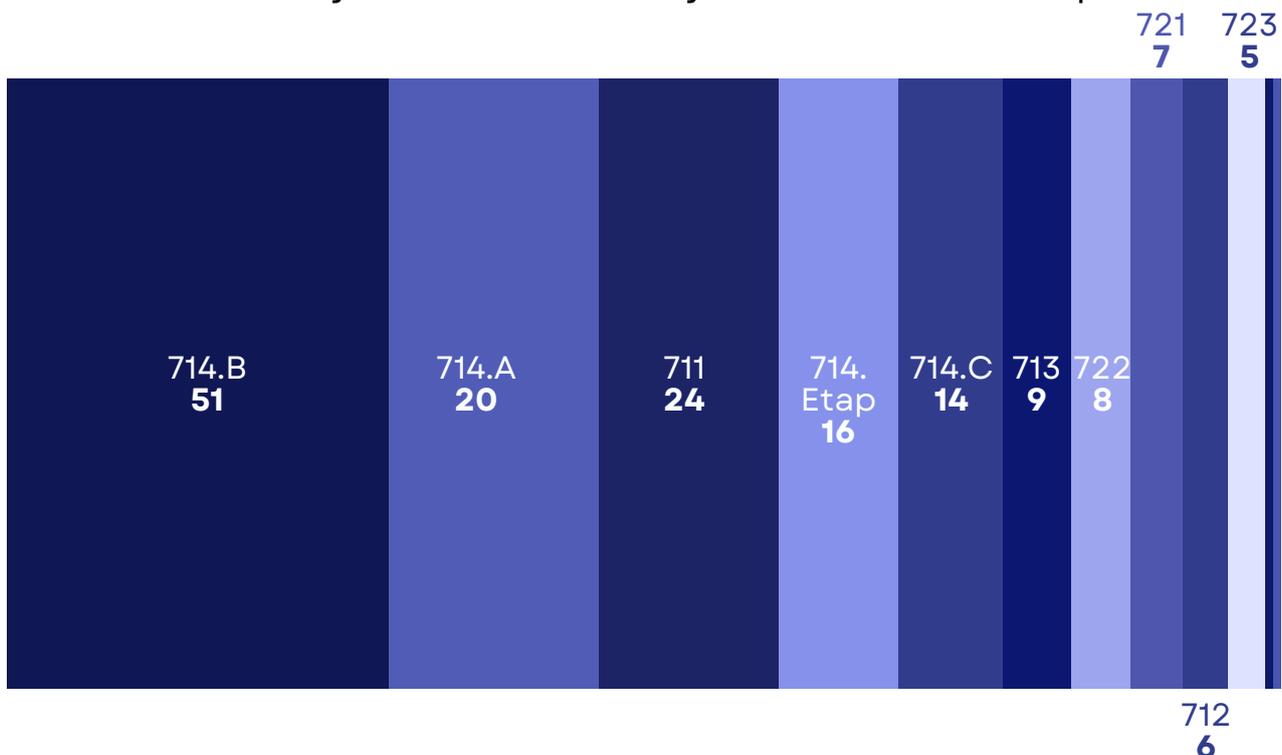
Overview

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

82
signed
contracts

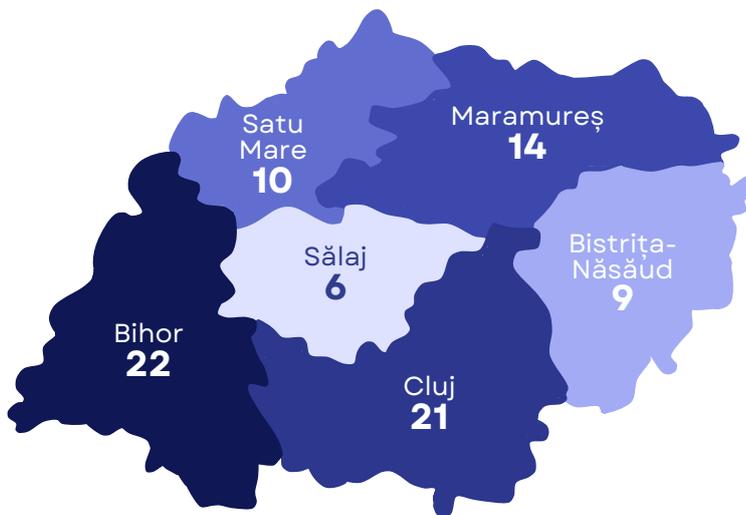
This priority marches for a **Europe that is close to its citizens**. It involves tenders promoting **integrated and inclusive development across social, economic, and environmental domains, as well as culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in non-urban areas**.

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

The **Municipality of Cluj-Napoca (Cluj County)** is investing in the revitalisation of the **National Ethnographic Park “Romulus Vuia”** and the **Hoia Forest** area through a tourism infrastructure project financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021-2027**. With a total budget of approximately **€6.62 million**, the investment **strengthens cultural tourism infrastructure** and improves access to one of the city’s **most valuable heritage and natural sites**.

The project delivers a **coherent forest-park regeneration concept** built around **cultural activities, landscape rehabilitation** and **nature-sensitive mobility**. Covering nearly **92,000 square metres**, the intervention includes the modernisation of **Aleea Muzeului Etnografic and Nicolae Pătrașcu Street**, upgraded **pedestrian connections, public lighting** and **discreet urban furniture** integrated into the landscape. The eastern Hoia meadow will be reorganised as a **leisure and events area**, while vegetation will be maintained and completed in line with environmental standards.

A new **Traditional Activities Sector** will host **craft workshops** for ceramics, wood processing, textiles and glass painting, alongside a **traditional kitchen, bread oven** and **product shop**. The investment also provides an **events courtyard** with a **multifunctional pavilion and traditional dance barn**, designed at reduced scale and built from natural materials in **harmony with the open-air museum setting**. Organised parking facilities for **220 cars and five tourist coaches** will support visitor access.

Targeting both residents and tourists, the project **aims to increase annual visitation** to approximately **96,500 visitors**, with a broader impact on the city’s **286,598 residents**. Scheduled for completion in **September 2029**, the investment illustrates how **heritage landscapes** can be **revitalised through accessible, sustainable tourism infrastructure**.



Completed projects

A success story.

A county-wide road safety upgrade has been completed by **Cluj County Council (Cluj County)** through the project “**Equipment for Increasing Traffic Safety in Cluj County**”, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**, Priority 5 – An accessible region.

With a total investment of approximately **€1 million**, the project **strengthened operational capacity** for **road maintenance and marking** across the entire county road network. **Four electric-powered** units have been procured and are now **fully operational**: **two compact electric street sweepers** and **two propulsion units** equipped with manual **AIRLESS marking machines**. The equipment is stationed at Cluj Arena in Cluj-Napoca and deployed as needed on county roads.

The **electric sweepers allow efficient removal of debris** and granular material, including dust capture systems that **reduce particulate dispersion** and **improve driving conditions**. In winter, they can be fitted with **dedicated snow-removal accessories**, increasing flexibility during peak maintenance periods. The **new marking units ensure precise and durable longitudinal, transversal and special road markings**, including pedestrian crossings and bus stops, replacing outdated and polluting equipment previously in use.

The project entered the durability phase on **25 February 2026**, marking its full implementation. It provides **safer traffic conditions for thousands of daily road users** while **reducing emissions and operational costs**. The investment illustrates how **regional authorities** can modernise **essential transport services** through **targeted, climate-friendly equipment** that delivers **immediate and measurable safety benefits**.





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