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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** A region that supports STEP



**P10** A region with affordable and sustainable housing



# Calls for Projects

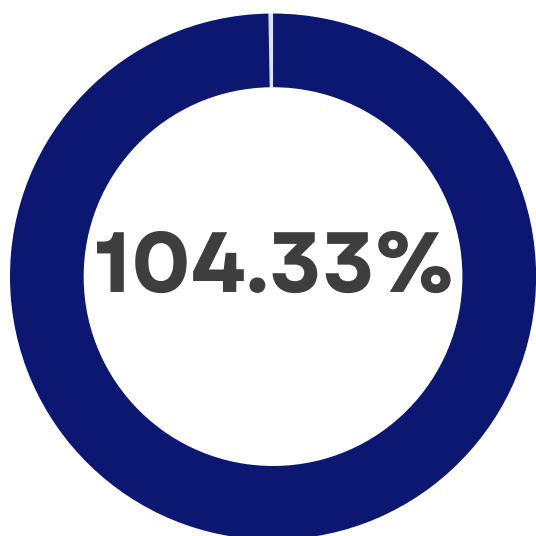
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# 67

calls published

## € 1.499.435.187,11

budget of the published project calls



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

## € 1.493.552.834,11

budget of the launched project calls

# 66

calls launched



# Submitted Projects

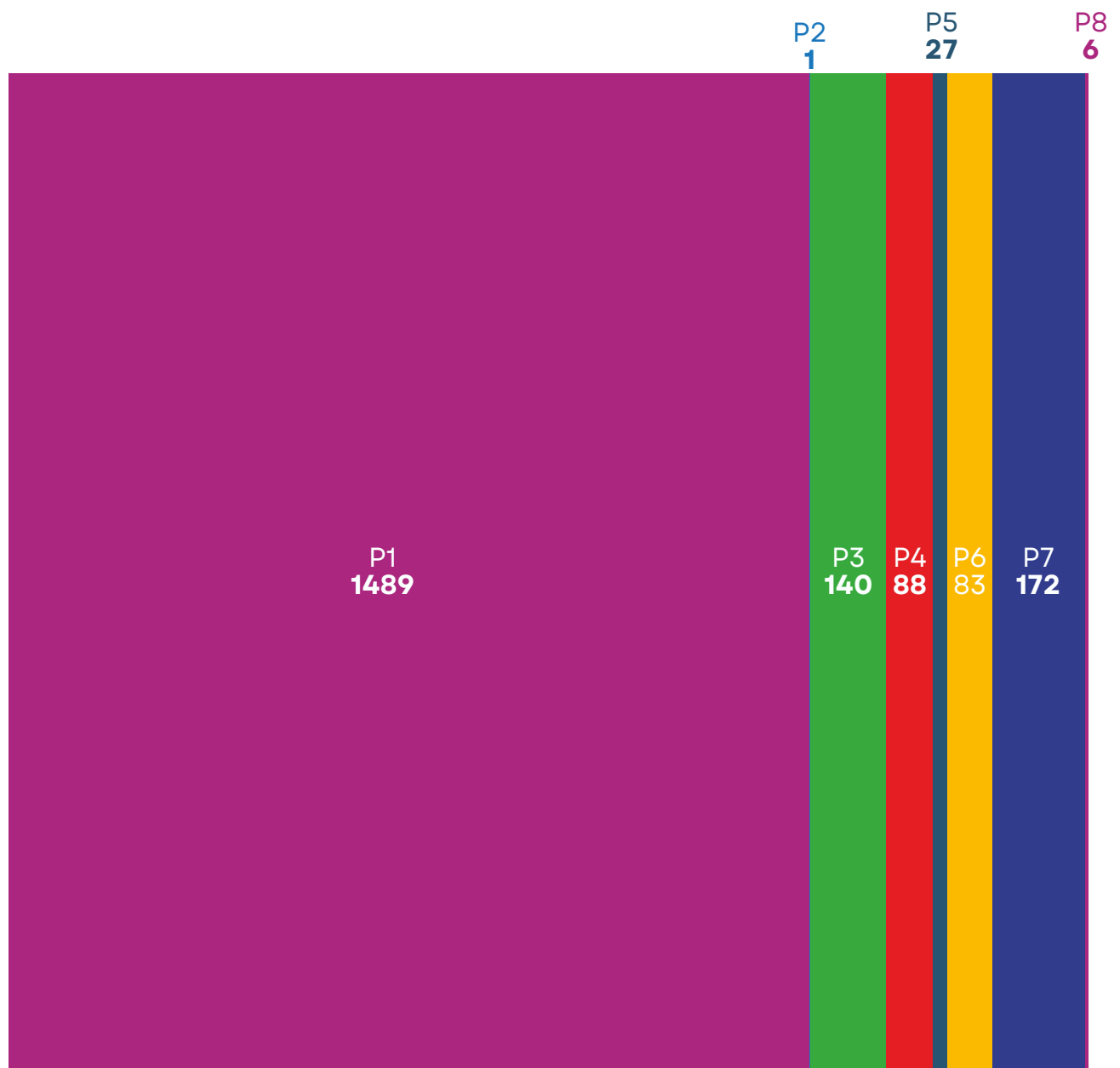
# 2006

in total

**€ 4.844.029.327,62**  
Eligible budget of the submitted projects

**337,03%**

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



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

**422,11%**

**€ 6.066.761.361,75**  
The total budget of submitted projects

# Evaluation of Projects

**1759** in total



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



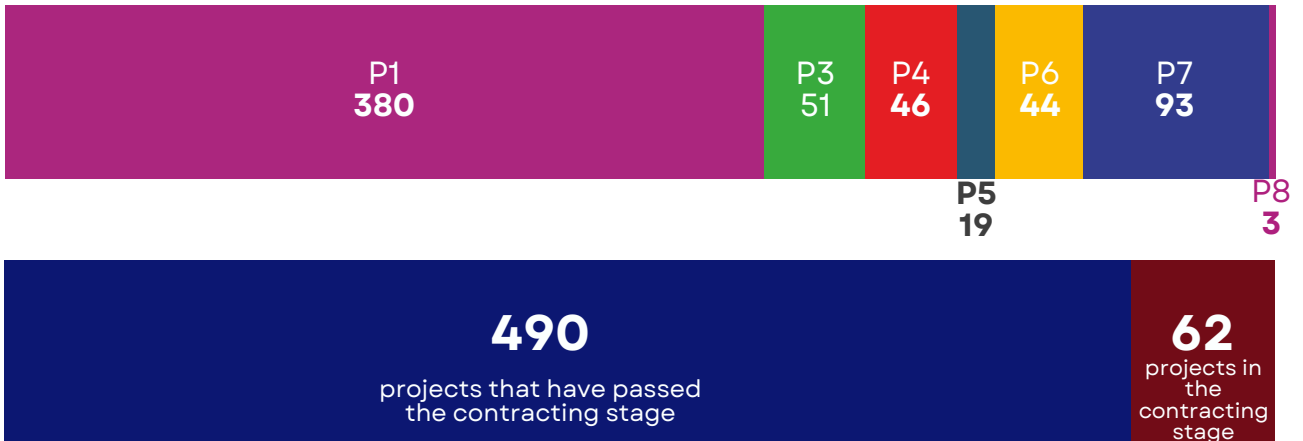
# Projects in Contestation

**527** total projects that have been contested



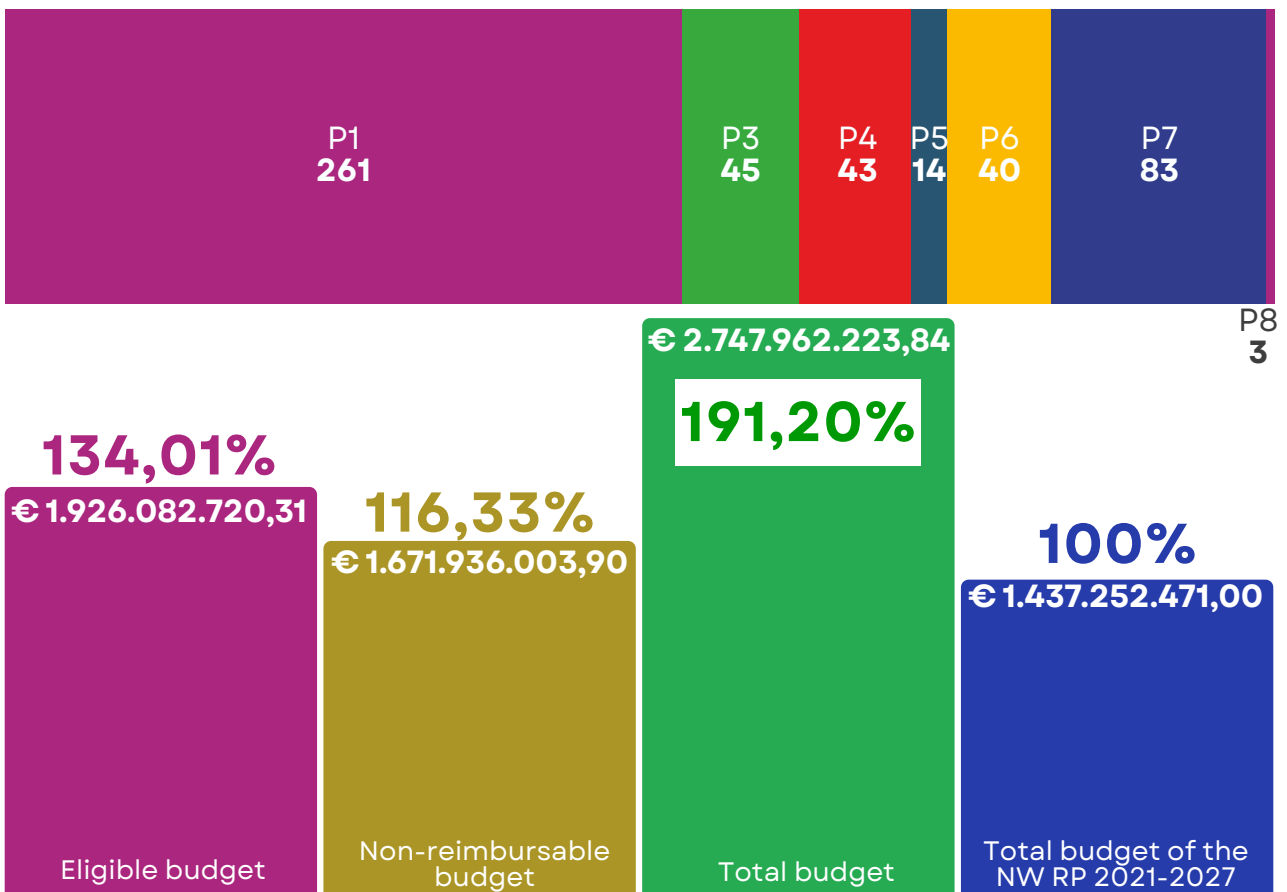
# Projects in Contracting Procedure

**637** total projects that have entered the contracting phase



# Signed Contracts

**489** in total



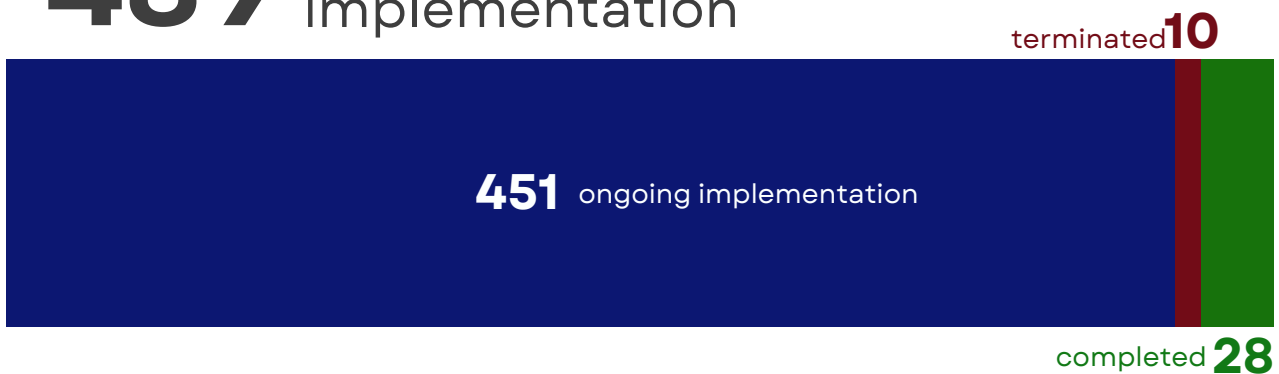
# Monitoring of Projects

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**483** monitoring visits in total



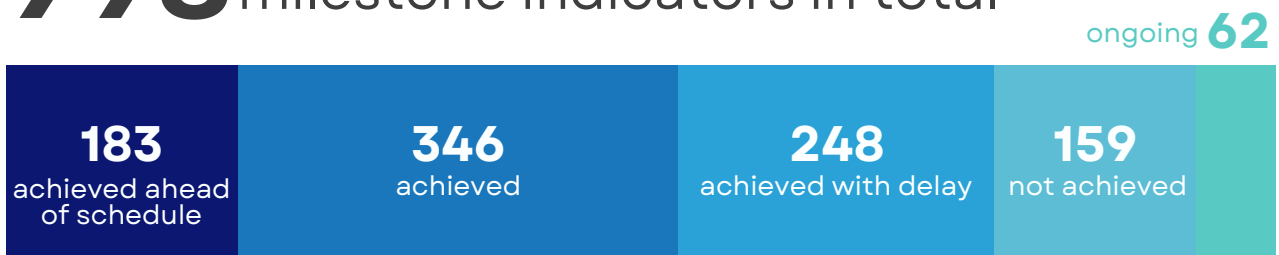
**489** projects in implementation



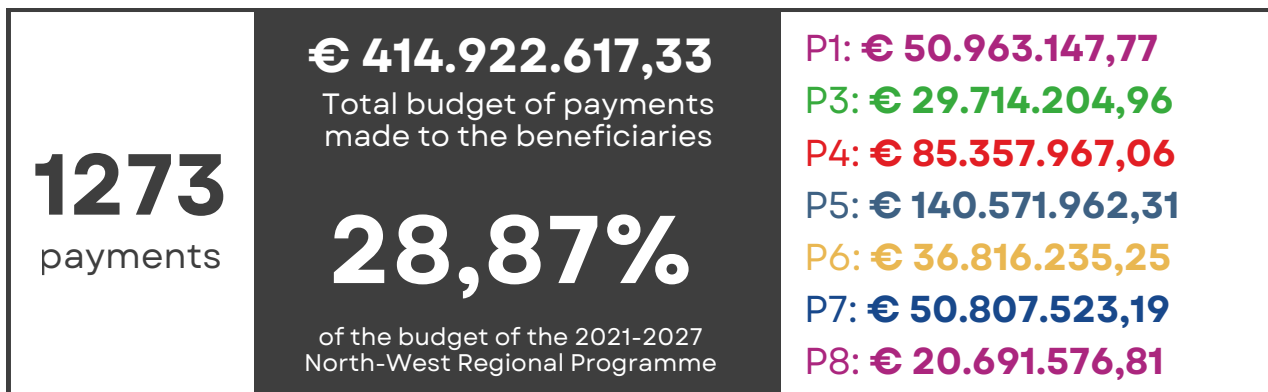
# Milestone indicator reports

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**998** milestone indicators in total

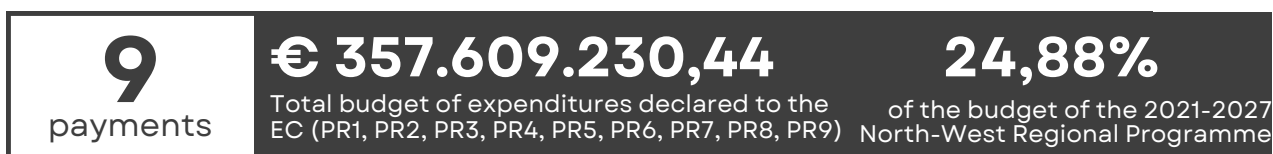


# Payments Made



## Payment Requests

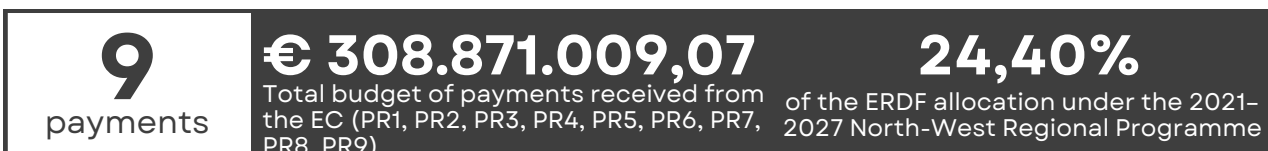
made to the European Commission



**P1: € 48.058.553,88**, out of which **€ 40.912.901,02** are **ERDF expenditures**  
**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**  
**P6: € 36.623.508,12**, out of which **€ 21.342.731,59** are **ERDF expenditures**  
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# 1489

submitted projects  
with a total eligible budget of

# € 1.308.342.292,51

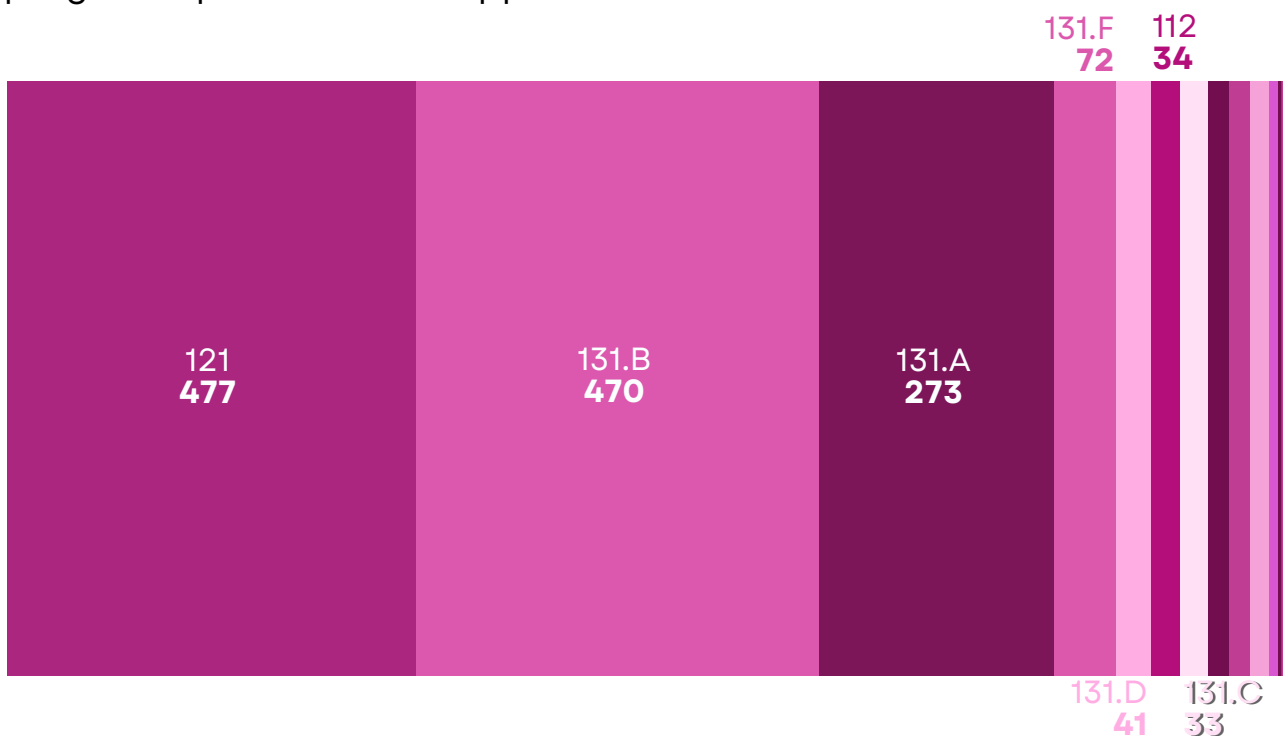
# 261

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.

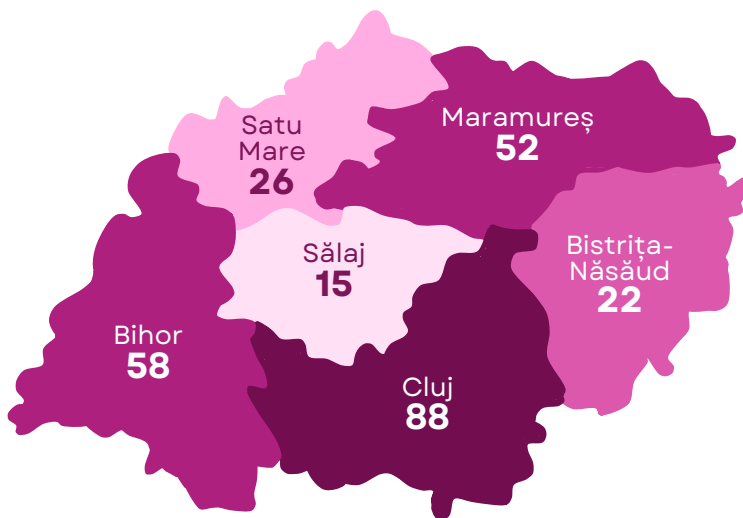
Out of the **207** contracts secured through this priority, **17** pertain to the **Smart Specialisation Parks**, while the remaining **190** support the **private sector**.

**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

€ 288.498.661,86

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 355.868.074,31

The **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027** marks a first concrete step in supporting **SME internationalisation**, with the **first financing contract signed** under the call dedicated to access to external markets. Out of **72 projects submitted**, one has already entered implementation, while several others are under evaluation or contracting, confirming growing interest from regional companies in expanding beyond local demand.

The contract was signed by **AC HELCOR SRL** from **Baia Mare (Maramureș County)**, a company with over **30 years of experience** in the pharmaceutical and food supplement sector. With an investment of over **€300,000**, the project supports market entry abroad through **product adaptation, export strategy development and improved international positioning**.

The intervention includes **market analyses, packaging redesign, international certifications including FDA approval, and participation in trade fairs and business missions targeting Europe, the United States, the Middle East and Asia**. The investment is complemented by new packaging equipment aligned with external market demand.

The project will create **two new jobs** and generate estimated export revenues of approximately **€3.8 million** during the durability period, illustrating how **EU funding supports SMEs** in scaling internationally and strengthening regional competitiveness.



# Priority 3

Overview

**140**

submitted projects  
with a total eligible budget of

**€ 523.878.257,01**

**45**

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**.

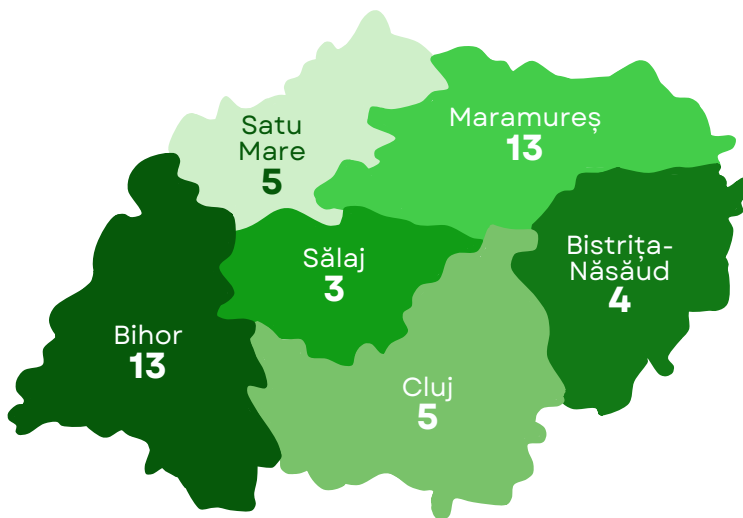
The most active calls relate to increasing **energy efficiency** in the region as part of **investments in the housing sector** and **supporting energy efficiency in public buildings, including heritage buildings**.

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# Priority 3

## Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 158.893.581,95

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 214.761.835,35

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 a residential building located on Bulevardul Unirii, no. 11. With a total investment of over **€3.1 million**, the project supports more efficient housing and reduced greenhouse-gas emissions at city level. The intervention targets a single block comprising **77 apartments**, where 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**, contributing to improved building performance and a more sustainable energy mix. The investment is expected to **reduce primary energy consumption** by approximately **59%** and **greenhouse-gas emissions** by around **72%**, equivalent to nearly **118 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>** annually. Upon completion, the building will register an estimated primary energy consumption of about **1,070 MWh per year**, with heating demand of approximately **337,000 kWh annually**, of which around **165,000 kWh will be covered by renewable sources**. By improving thermal comfort and reducing energy costs, the intervention **directly benefits residents** while contributing to the city's **environmental objectives**. Scheduled for completion in **January 2028**, the project reinforces Baia Mare's commitment to energy efficiency and climate-resilient housing.



# 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.

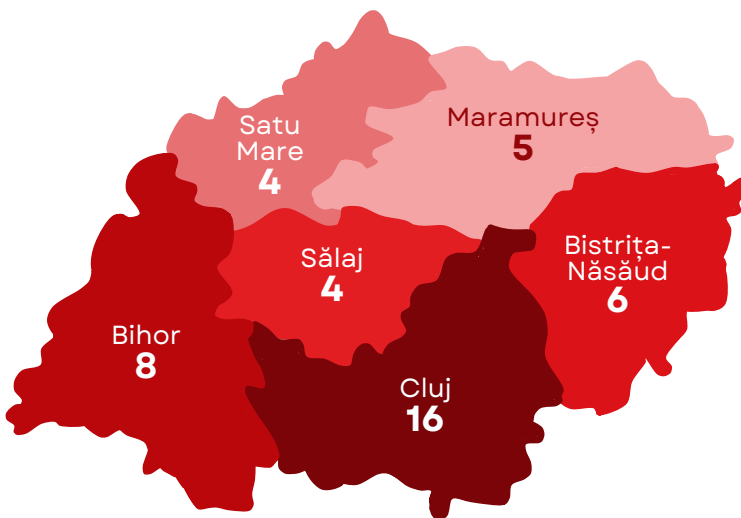
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481.A  
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# Priority 4

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 Cluj-Napoca (Cluj County)** is implementing a major urban mobility investment under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**, focused on improving connectivity between the Bulgaria and Iris districts through the construction of a new bridge over the Someșul Mic River. With a total budget of over **€11 million**, the project supports **safer, more efficient and low-emission transport** in a rapidly developing urban area. The intervention includes the construction of a **new four-lane road bridge** on Fabricii de Zahăr Street, replacing the existing pedestrian footbridge, alongside the **modernisation of adjacent road segments**. The new infrastructure integrates **623 metres of cycling lanes, wide pedestrian sidewalks, green areas and two electric vehicle charging stations**. The project creates a **multimodal transport corridor designed to accommodate public transport, cyclists and pedestrians**, while improving traffic flow and safety. The investment is expected to **reduce congestion, shorten travel times** and lower greenhouse-gas emissions by over 2,800 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually. It will **directly benefit more than 51,000 residents**, while supporting an estimated **3.6 million** annual public transport users and over **1.7 million cycling trips**. Scheduled for completion in **July 2027**, the project represents a key step toward a **more connected, accessible and climate-resilient urban mobility system** in Cluj-Napoca.



# Priority 5

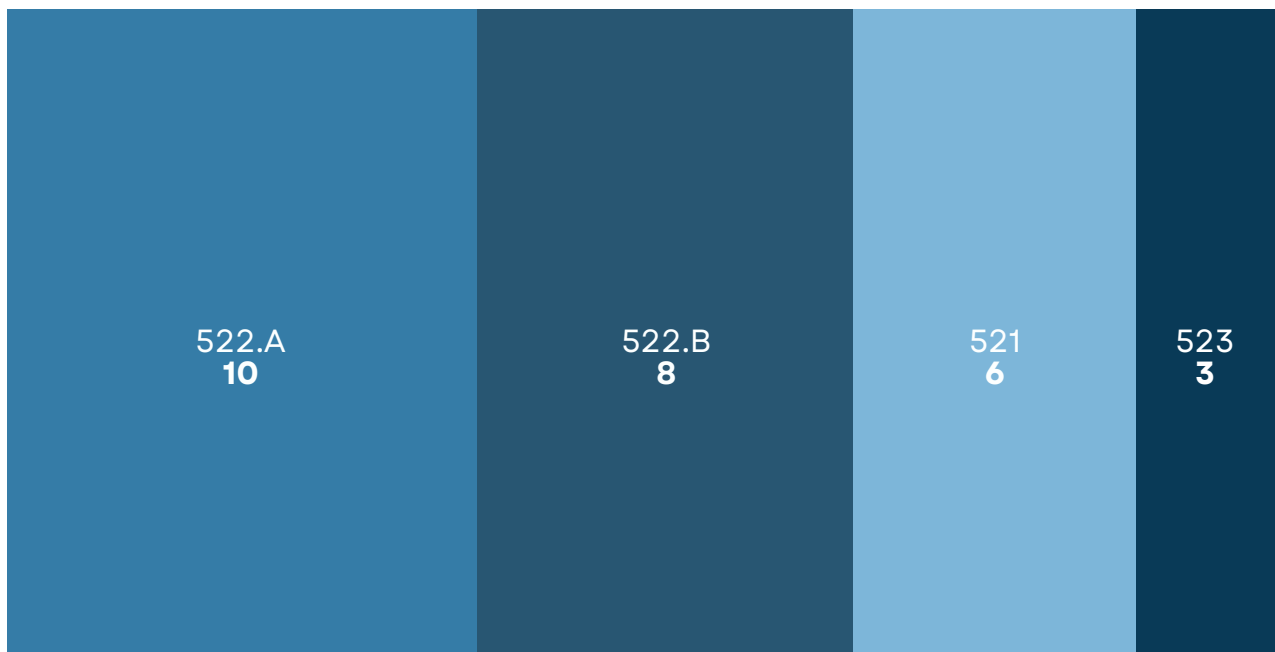
Overview

**27**  
submitted projects  
with a total eligible budget of  
**€ 510.966.203,02**

**14**  
signed  
contracts

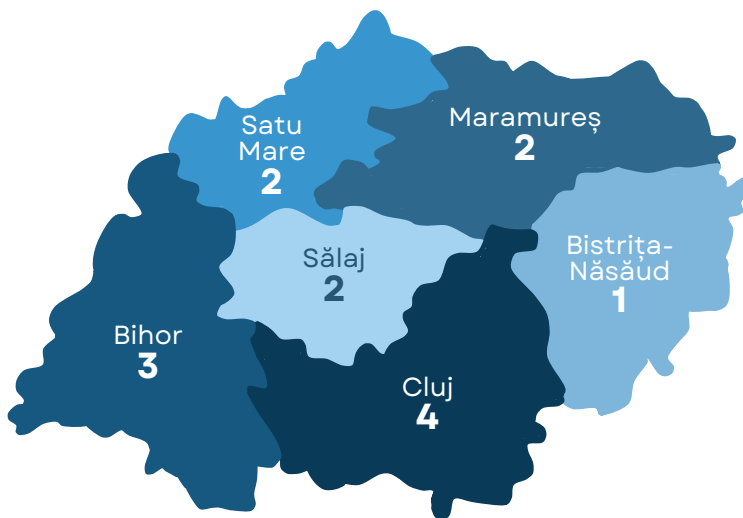
This priority is targeting **both infrastructure and safety**. **Upgrades to secondary roads**, including key **TEN-T connections**, are a focus. With 4 active tenders, the most significant interest has been seen in Call 522.A - Equipment to Increase Traffic Safety, with 8 projects submitted, followed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

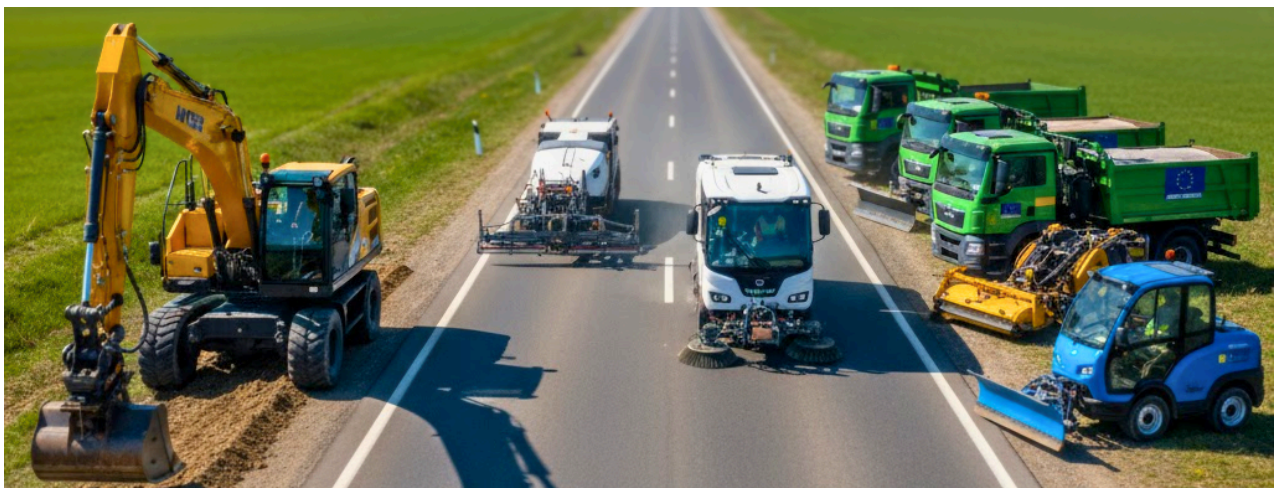
€ 406.257.011,49

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

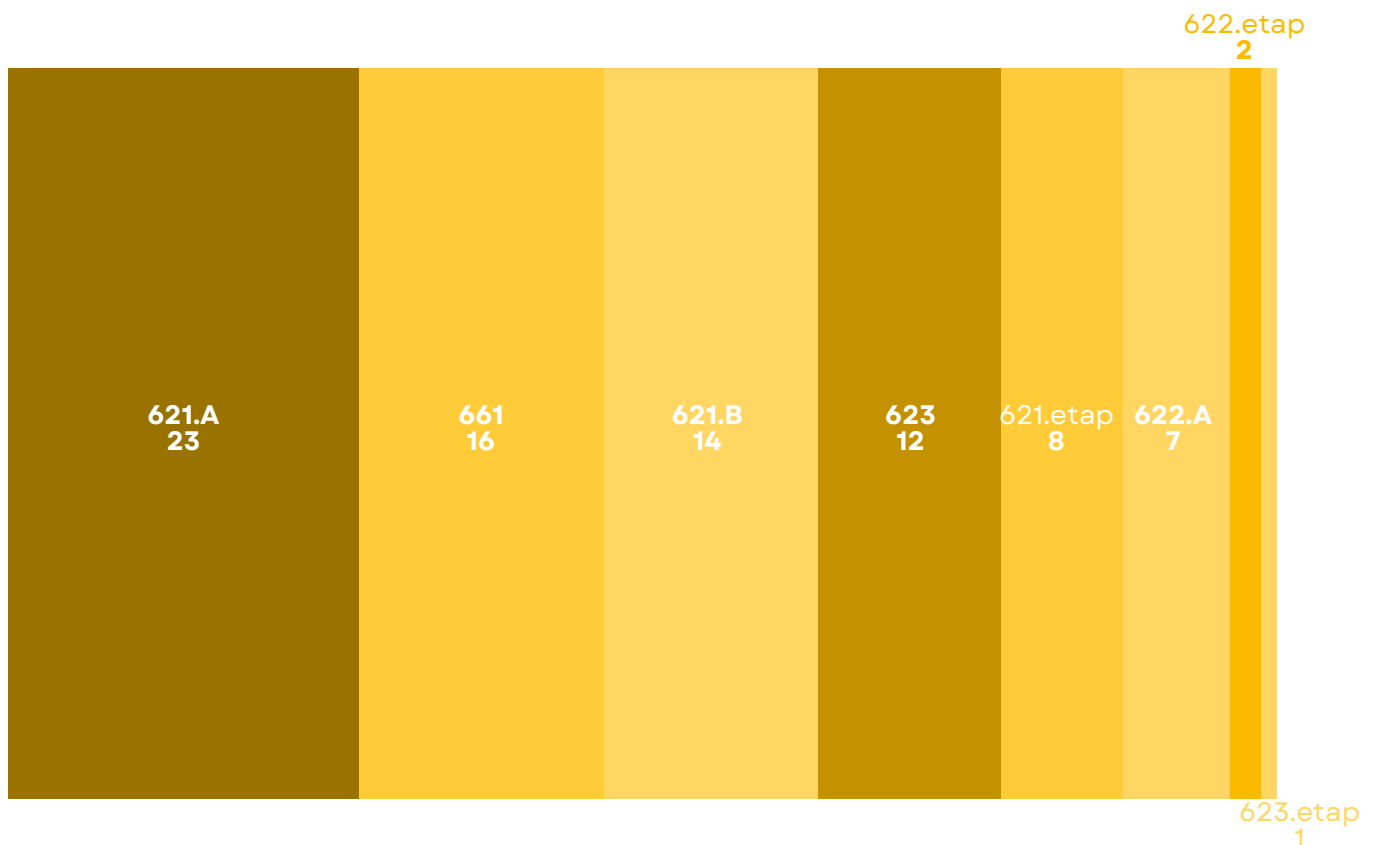
Overview

**83**  
submitted projects  
with a total eligible budget of  
**€ 236.997.866,47**

**40**  
signed  
contracts

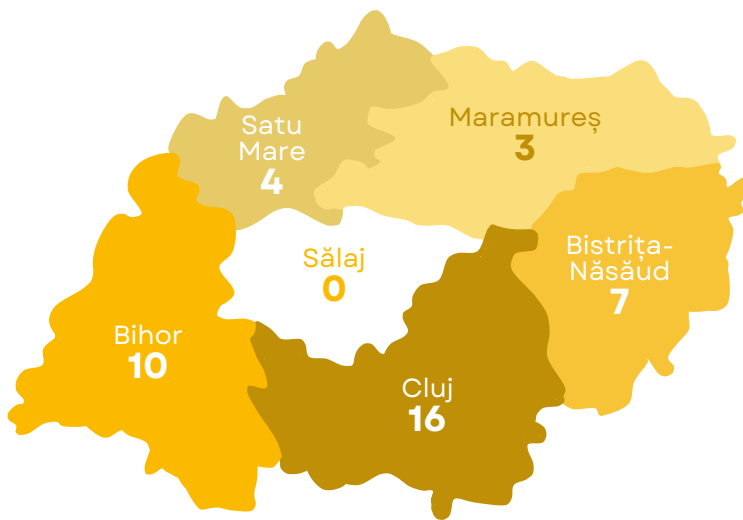
This priority marches for **a more social and inclusive Europe**. It involves tenders aimed at **enhancing educational infrastructure** across various levels, **from early childhood to university education**, and at **modernizing school facilities**.

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

€ 107.912.784,32

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 169.924.729,48

The **City of Vașcău (Bihor County)** is investing in **youth education and recreation** through the development of a **County Centre for School and Career Guidance** with an integrated leisure camp, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total budget of over **€2.8 million**, the project expands **access to modern educational and recreational infrastructure** in a rural mountain area. The investment involves the construction of **a new complex** on a site of over **4,200 square metres**, including **accommodation facilities** and spaces for **educational activities**, complemented by **green areas and outdoor recreation zones**. The buildings will use laminated timber structures and will include **accommodation rooms, dining areas, administrative spaces, a medical office and multipurpose learning rooms**. The centre will host **workshops, cultural and outdoor activities**, as well as **school and career guidance sessions** supporting personal development and teamwork. A dedicated inclusion component ensures that at least **15% of participants** will come from **vulnerable groups**. Serving children and young people from across Bihor County, the project contributes to **education and local development**. Scheduled for completion in **2029**, it reflects a commitment to **inclusive infrastructure and the sustainable use of local potential**.



# Priority 7

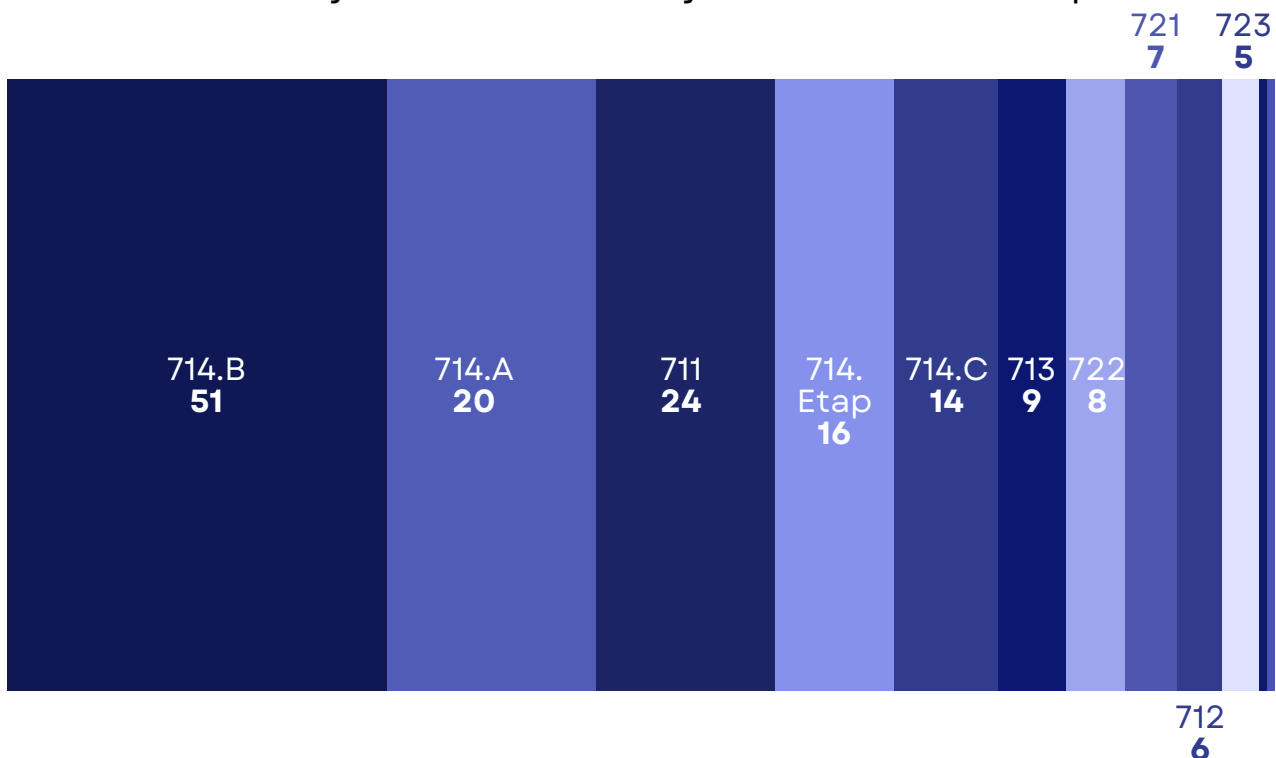
Overview

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

**83**  
signed  
contracts

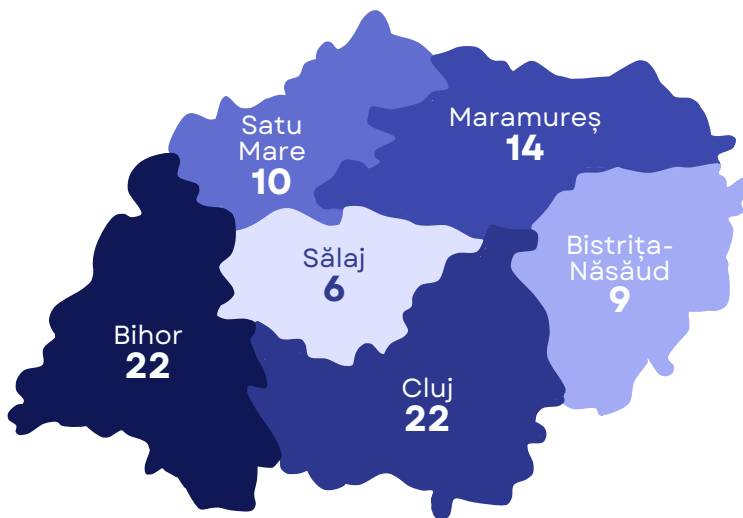
This priority marches for a **Europe that is close to its citizens**. It involves tenders promoting **integrated and inclusive development across social, economic, and environmental domains, as well as culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in non-urban areas**.

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

€ 473.195.002,14

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 631.150.606,82

The **Municipality of Cluj-Napoca (Cluj County)** is investing in the regeneration of the Canalul Morii corridor, between Parcul Rozelor and the Someș River, through an urban development project financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total budget of approximately **€8.94 million**, the investment **expands green space and improves environmental quality** in a dense urban area. The project delivers a **continuous public space of over 32,600 square metres**, structured around ecological restoration and soft mobility. It includes more than **18,700 square metres of planted areas** and nearly **7,900 square metres of pedestrian alleys** and shared-use surfaces. The intervention **reconnects fragmented areas**, linking **Parcul Rozelor (The Roses Park)** with nearby neighbourhoods and the river through new access routes and a pedestrian bridge. Design solutions **prioritise minimal intervention and landscape integration**. The left bank will function as a **shared space**, while the right bank will host a **riverside path with rest areas**, access steps to the water and a small multifunctional space. Additional elements include a **playground, urban furniture, lighting and drainage works**, alongside biodiversity protection measures. Targeting residents and visitors, the project improves access to green infrastructure for over **122,000 people** and contributes to the quality of life of the city's **286,598 residents**. Scheduled for completion in **December 2027**, the investment reflects an **integrated approach to urban regeneration based on accessibility and environmental balance**.



# Completed projects

A success story.

A production modernisation project has been completed by **FLEXIBIL SRL (Maramureş County)** through the project “**Increasing the competitiveness of FLEXIBIL SRL through investments in production equipment**”, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**, Priority 1 – A competitive region through innovation, digitalisation and dynamic enterprises.

With a total investment of approximately **€2.88 million**, the project expanded the **company’s manufacturing** capacity for **rubber-metal damping systems** used in automotive and industrial applications. A total of **22 new-generation production** units have been installed and are now fully operational, including **CNC machining centres, robotic cells for turning and welding, surface treatment equipment and vulcanisation presses**. The investment also includes a photovoltaic system supporting on-site energy consumption.

The **upgraded production line** allows **higher volumes, improved precision and reduced energy use** across the manufacturing process, addressing previous bottlenecks and enabling more efficient workflows. The equipment meets current European standards for **resource efficiency and waste reduction**, while supporting the company’s ability to deliver **consistent quality for international clients** across Europe and beyond.

The project entered the durability phase in February of 2026, marking **its full implementation**. It has created **5 new jobs**, including positions for vulnerable groups, while **strengthening** the company’s **competitiveness on external markets**. The investment illustrates how targeted industrial upgrades can **support productivity growth, energy efficiency and long-term resilience** in regional manufacturing.





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