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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



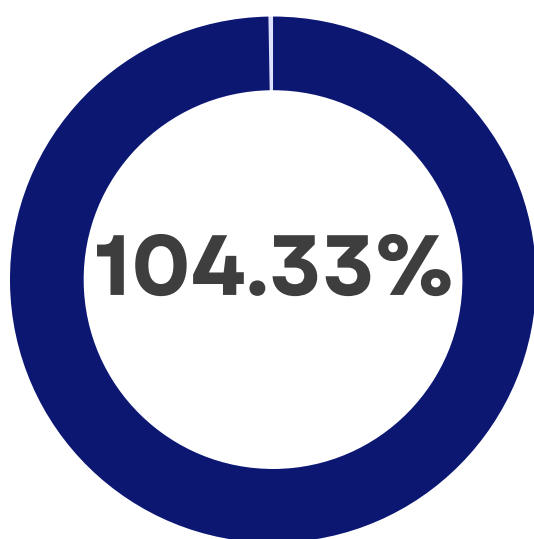
Calls for Projects

67

calls published

€ 1.499.435.187,11

budget of the published project calls



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North-West Regional Programme

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budget of the launched project calls

67

calls launched



Submitted Projects

2011

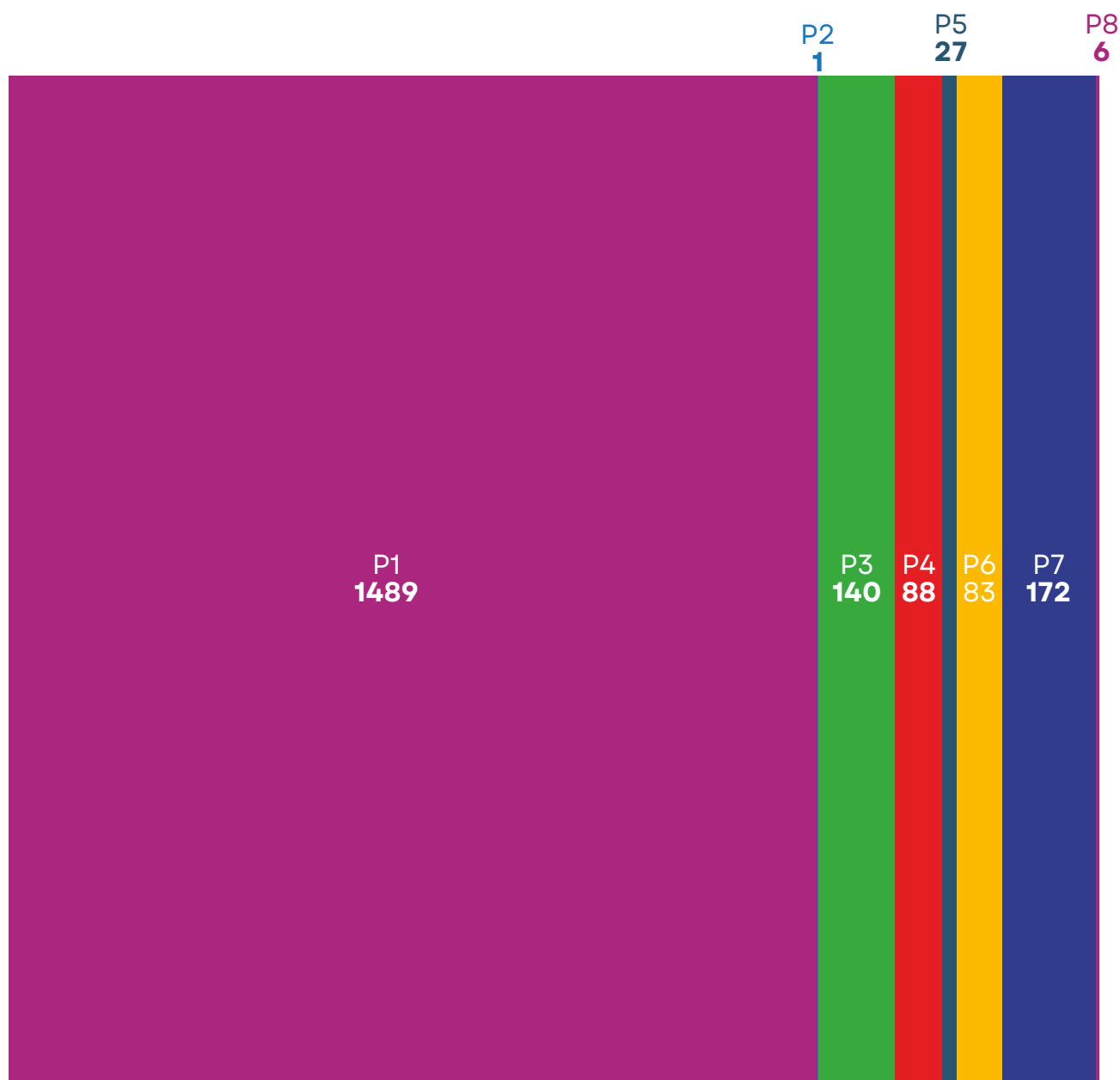
 in total

€ 4.884.506.274,27

Eligible budget of the submitted projects

339,85%

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

425,11%

€ 6.109.885.750,64

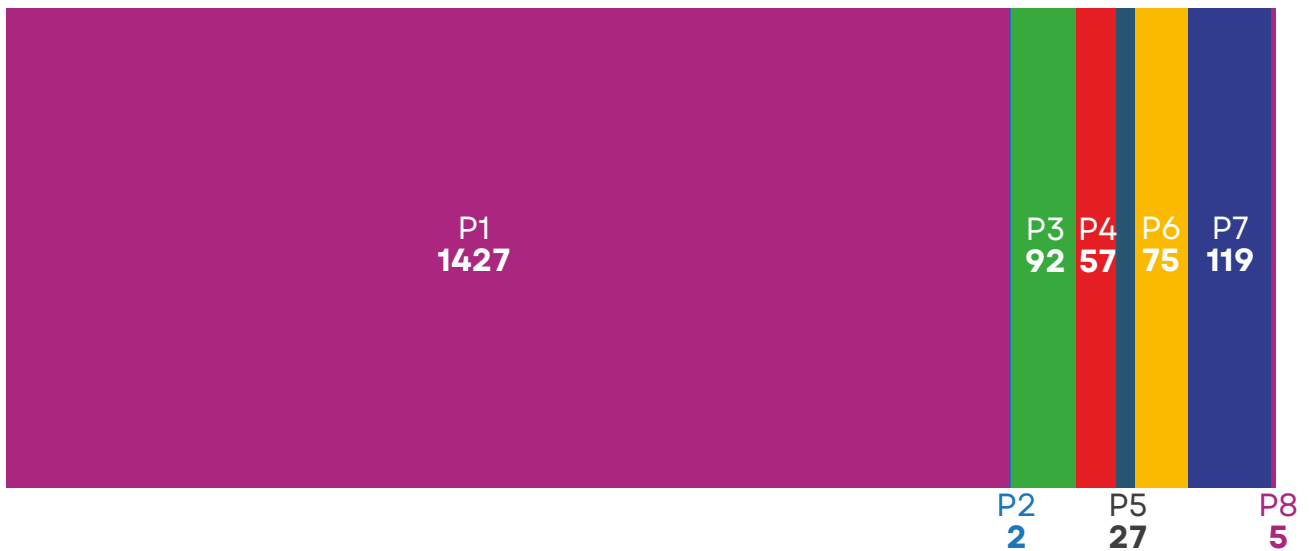
The total budget of submitted projects

Evaluation of Projects

1803 in total



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



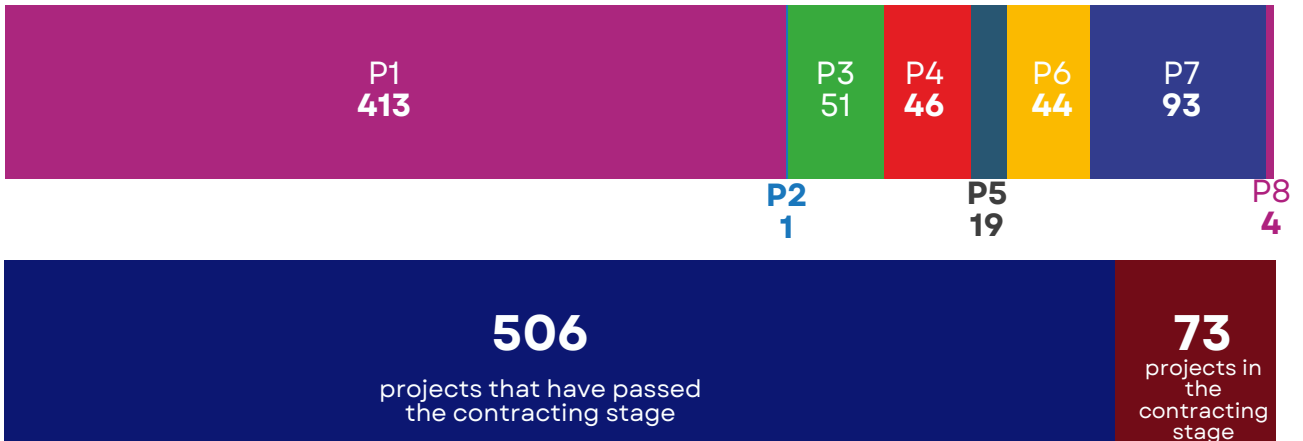
Projects in Contestation

533 total projects that have been contested



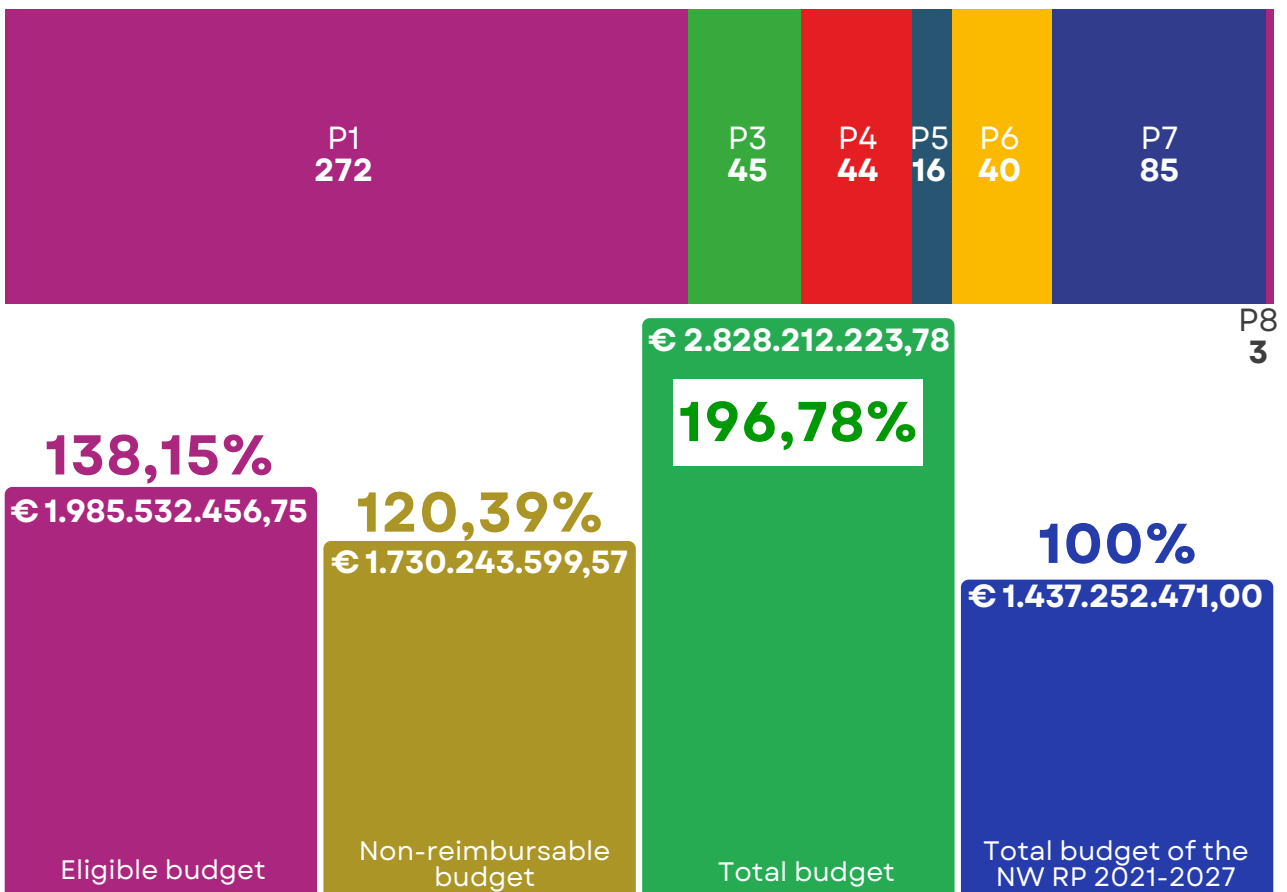
Projects in Contracting Procedure

672 total projects that have entered the contracting phase



Signed Contracts

505 in total

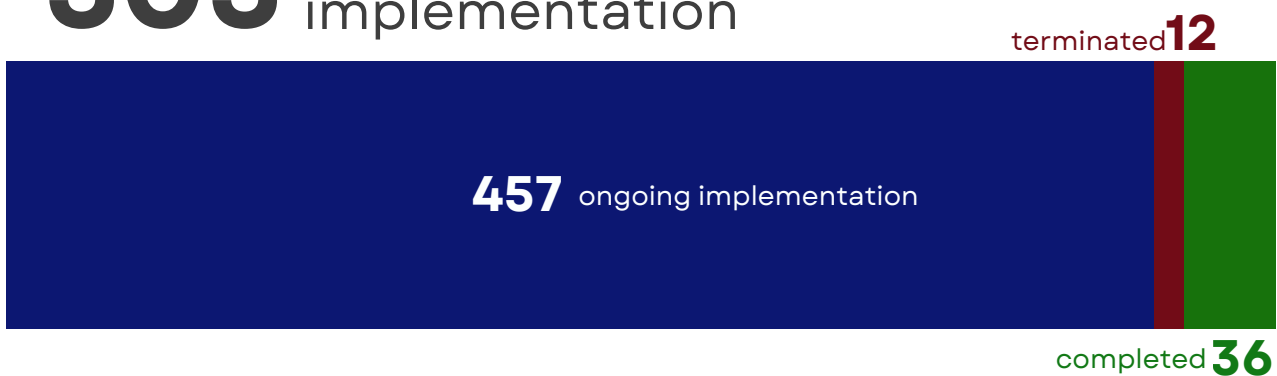


Monitoring of Projects

594 monitoring visits in total

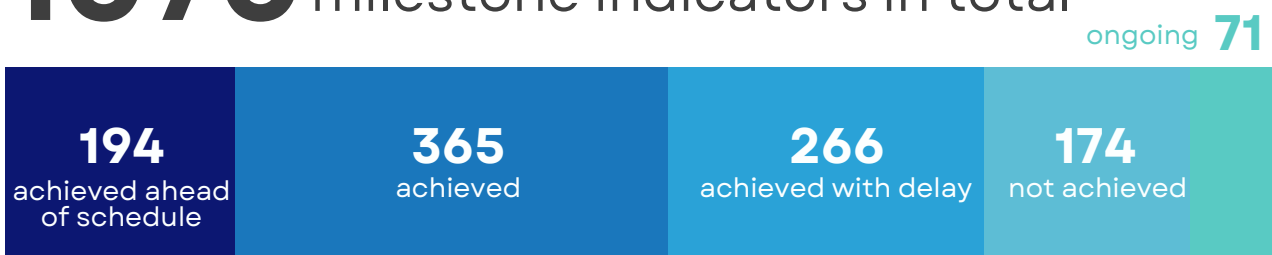


505 projects in implementation

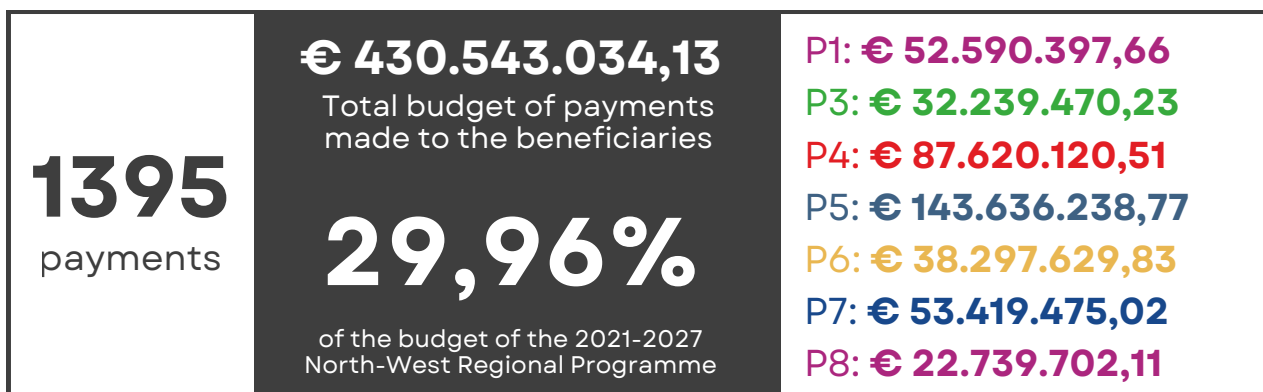


Milestone indicator reports

1070 milestone indicators in total

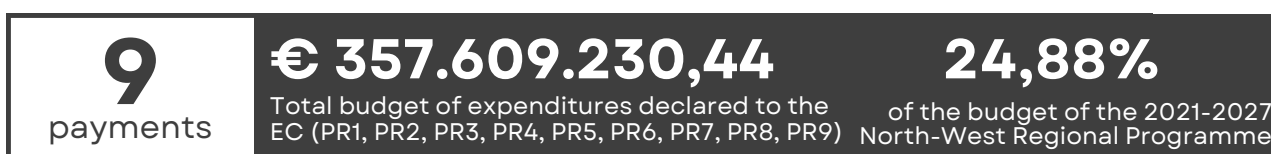


Payments Made



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**

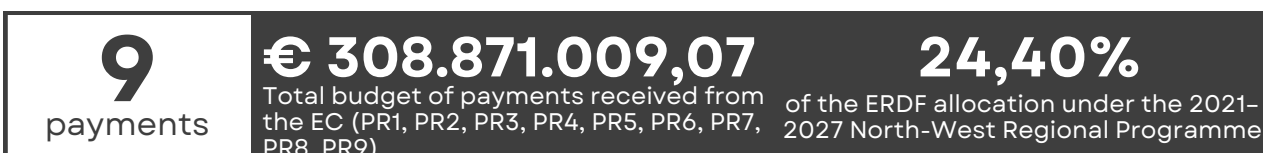
P5: € 139.170.136,75, out of which **€ 123.673.873,82** are **ERDF expenditures**

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Priority 1

Overview

1493

submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of

€ 1.335.931.523,09

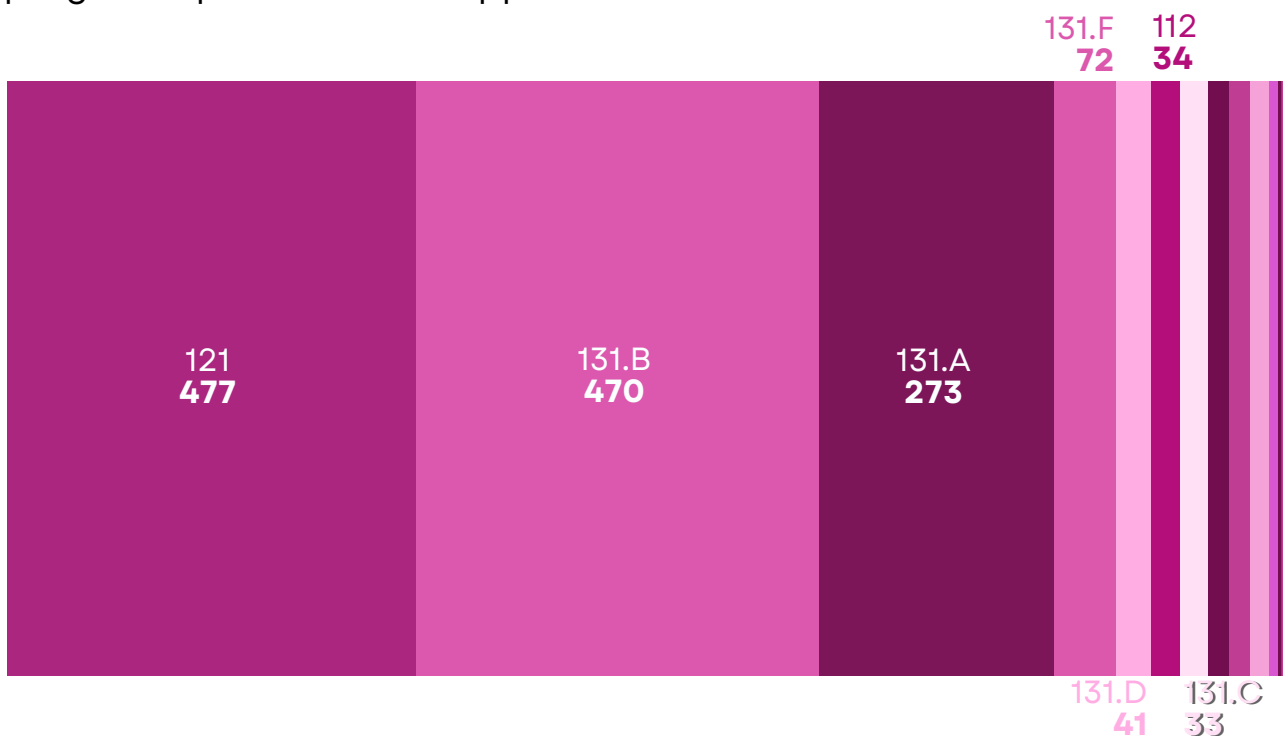
274

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.

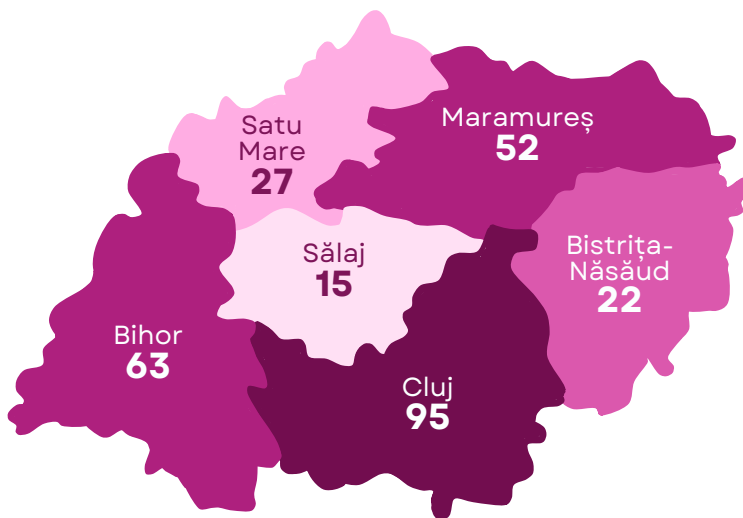
Out of the **207** contracts secured through this priority, **17** pertain to the **Smart Specialisation Parks**, while the remaining **190** support the **private sector**.

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

€ 315.768.893,31

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 384.094.531,90

The **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027** is driving regional growth by supporting **274 SMEs across six counties**, with almost than **€315 million** in eligible funding already allocated and a total investment reaching almost **€384 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.



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**.

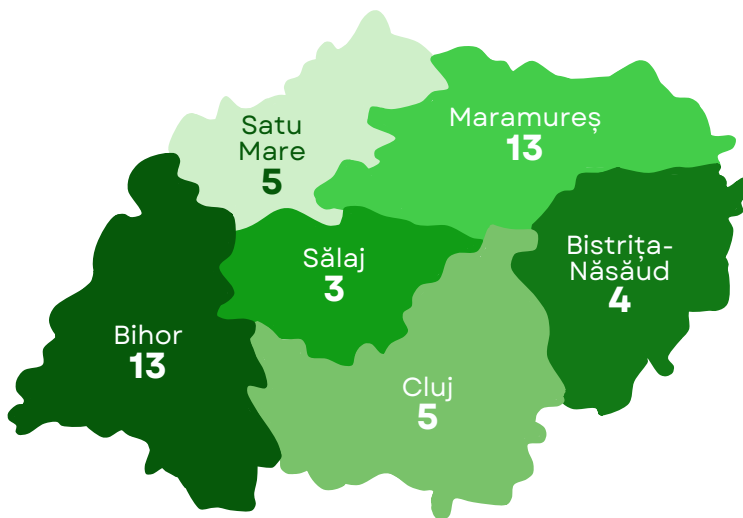
The most active calls relate to increasing **energy efficiency** in the region as part of **investments in the housing sector** and **supporting energy efficiency in public buildings, including heritage buildings**.

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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 **City of Sângeorz-Băi (Bistrița-Năsăud County)** has signed a financing contract under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021-2027** to improve the **energy performance of multifamily residential buildings**. With a total investment of approximately **€4.8 million**, the project supports **climate resilience, reduced emissions and improved living conditions** at local level. The intervention targets **four residential buildings**, covering a total of **174 apartments**. Works include **thermal insulation of façades and roofs**, replacement of windows and doors, and **modernisation of heating and hot water systems**. The project also introduces **renewable energy solutions**, alongside improved ventilation systems and accessibility measures, including equipment for persons with reduced mobility. The investment is expected to **reduce primary energy consumption** and greenhouse-gas emissions by over **65% compared** to pre-renovation levels. Upon completion, annual primary energy consumption is estimated at approximately **2,191 MWh**, while emissions will decrease by around **298 tonnes of CO₂** equivalent per year. Heating demand is projected at about **800,000 kWh annually**, with a significant share covered by renewable energy sources. By improving thermal comfort and lowering energy costs, the project directly benefits over **340 residents** while contributing to broader environmental and urban quality objectives. Scheduled for completion in **March 2028**, the investment reflects Sângeorz-Băi's commitment to sustainable, energy-efficient housing and climate adaptation.

BEFORE



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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.

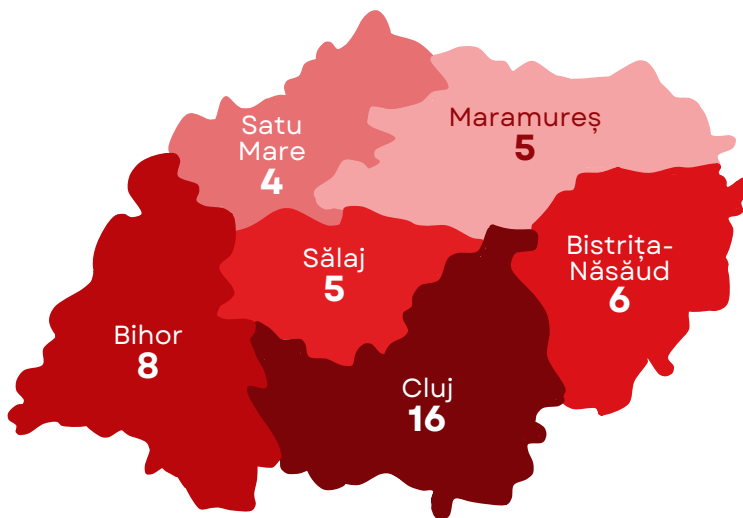
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46

481.A
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Priority 4

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 404.743.231,11

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 615.283.328,24

The **Municipality of Zalău (Sălaj County)** is implementing a sustainable urban mobility investment under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**, aimed at **modernising public transport infrastructure and reducing emissions** across the city. With a total budget of over **€5.4 million**, the project supports the transition toward **cleaner, more efficient and accessible urban mobility**. The intervention includes the construction of a secondary bus depot, designed to support the operation of electric public transport. The facility will include **a dispatch building, parking and service areas**, and a covered structure for up to **40 electric buses**, alongside **four fast-charging stations equipped** with pantograph systems. Complementary works cover utilities, **access roads, green spaces and technical installations necessary** for full operation. In parallel, the project provides the acquisition of **five electric minibuses (6–8 metres)**, fully equipped with **intelligent transport systems**, including onboard computers, **e-ticketing validators, passenger information systems and video monitoring**. The fleet will be supported by **five slow-charging stations**, ensuring efficient daily operation. The investment targets the entire population of Zalău, approximately **52,000 residents**, and is expected to serve over **1.45 million public transport users annually**. By **improving service quality and reducing reliance** on conventional vehicles, the project will contribute to a reduction of greenhouse-gas emissions by over **2,000 tonnes of CO₂** equivalent per year. Scheduled for completion in **June 2028**, the project represents a key step toward **a modern, low-emission public transport system**, improving urban mobility and quality of life in Zalău.



Priority 5

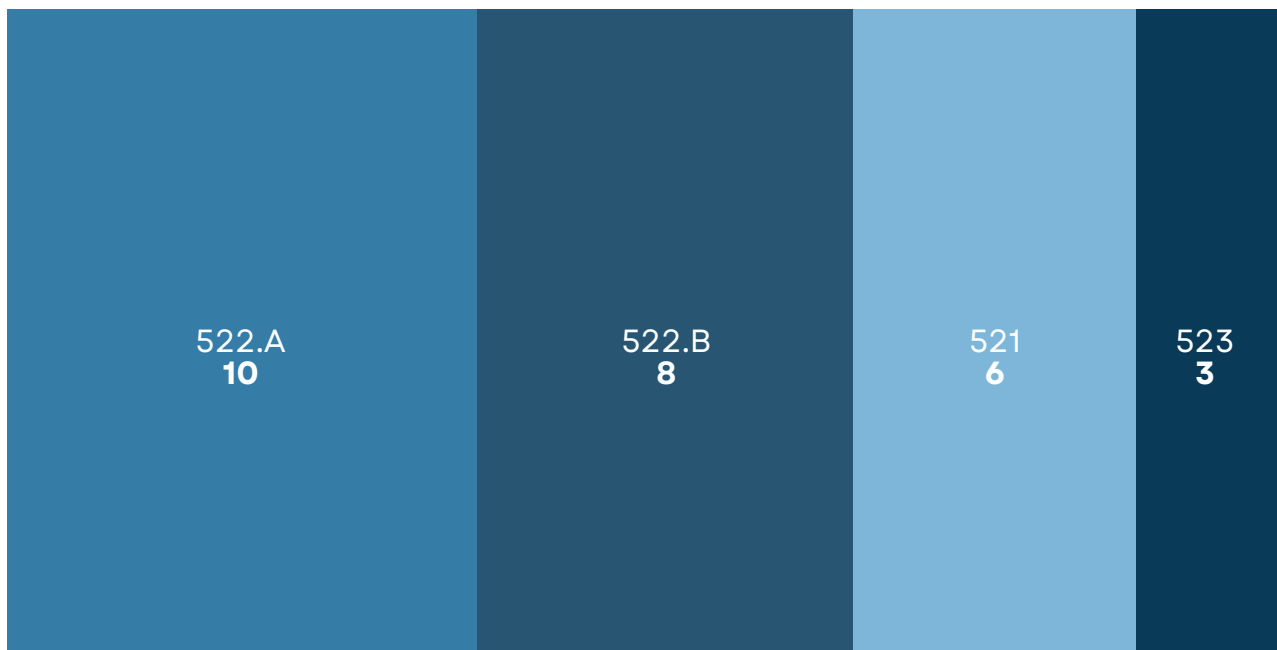
Overview

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

14
signed
contracts

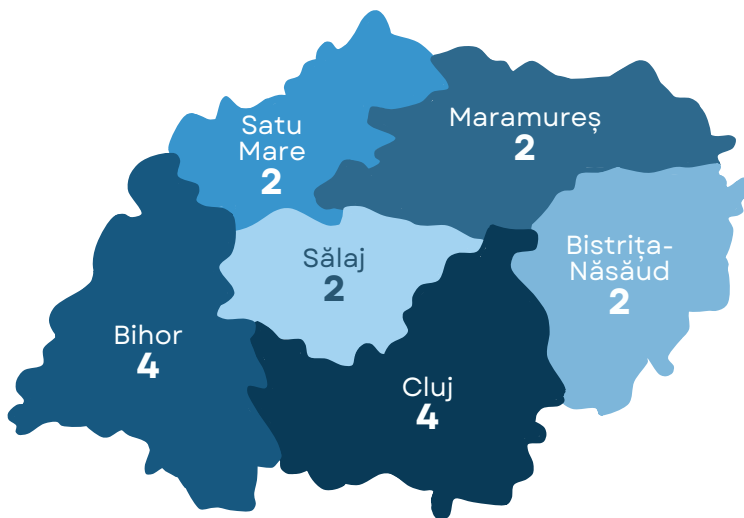
This priority is targeting **both infrastructure and safety**. **Upgrades to secondary roads**, including key **TEN-T connections**, are a focus. With 4 active tenders, the most significant interest has been seen in Call 522.A - Equipment to Increase Traffic Safety, with 8 projects submitted, followed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

€ 416.586.519,44

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 693.698.578,93

Beclean Town (Bistrița-Năsăud County) is undertaking a targeted investment to eliminate a critical traffic bottleneck and **improve road safety** at the intersection of DJ172, the railway line and DN17. With a total budget of over **€8.4 million**, the project is financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021-2027**, contributing to the objective of a more connected and safer transport network. The intervention addresses a **high-risk at-grade crossing** where road, rail and national traffic currently intersect, generating frequent delays, congestion and safety concerns for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. The project's core solution is the **construction of a new underground road passage** of approximately **140 metres**, including **access ramps**, allowing uninterrupted **traffic flow beneath** the railway line while maintaining the existing road alignment. In parallel, the surrounding infrastructure will be **comprehensively modernised**. Works include **full road rehabilitation**, new **pedestrian sidewalks**, **LED public lighting**, traffic monitoring systems and **updated signalling adapted** to the new traffic configuration. Intersections in the area will be **reorganised to reduce conflict points** and **improve overall circulation** clarity. The investment is expected to **significantly reduce waiting times**, eliminate level crossings with rail traffic and decrease the risk of accidents, while improving travel conditions along DN17, an important regional corridor connecting Cluj-Napoca and Suceava. Beyond the town's approximately 11,000 residents, the project will benefit regional traffic flows and over **150,000 annual visitors** travelling to nearby Băile Figa. Scheduled for completion in **December 2028**, the project demonstrates how **targeted infrastructure solutions** can enhance safety, efficiency and connectivity in key transit areas across the North-West Region.



Priority 6

Overview

84

submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of

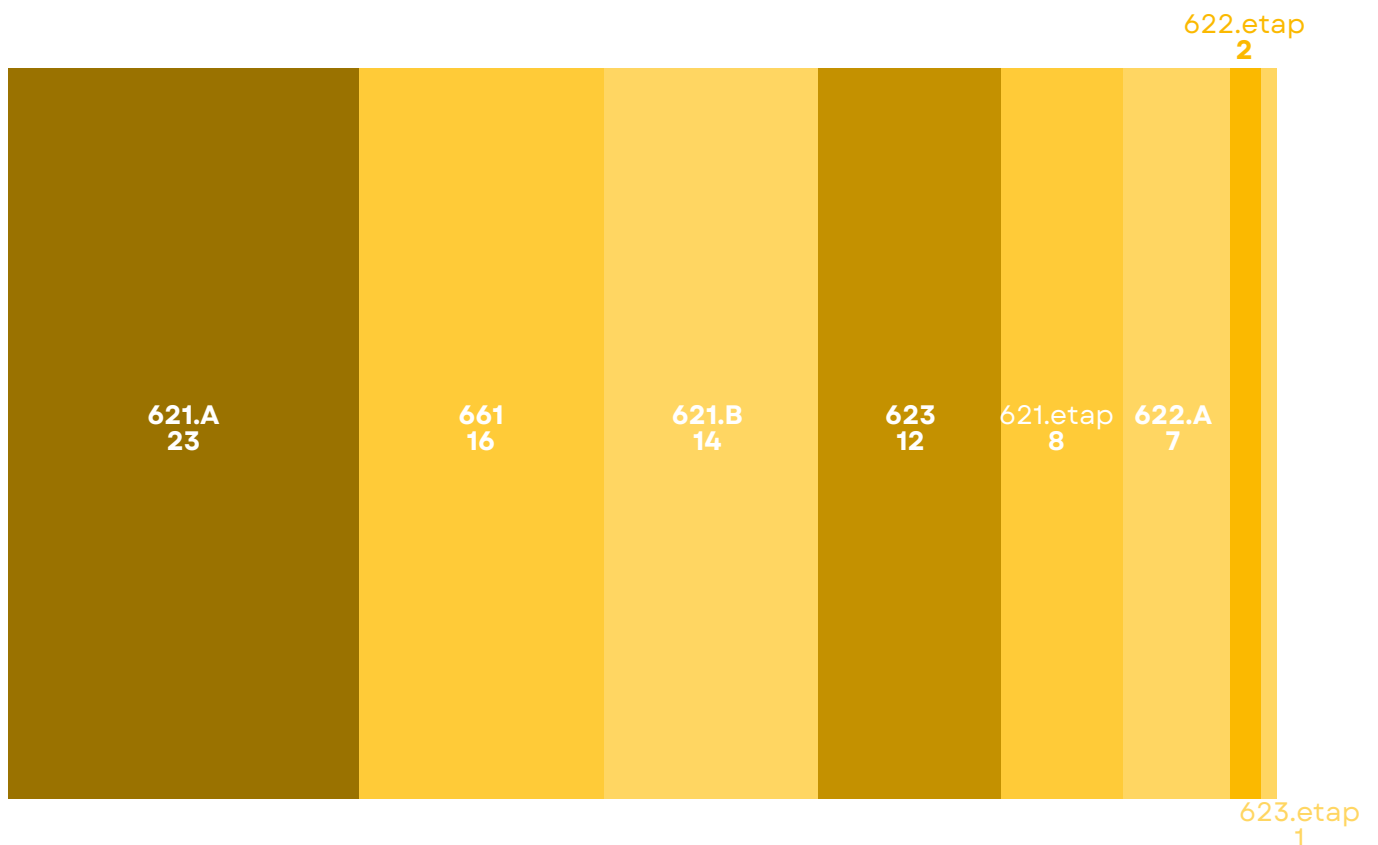
€ 247.950.979,09

40

signed
contracts

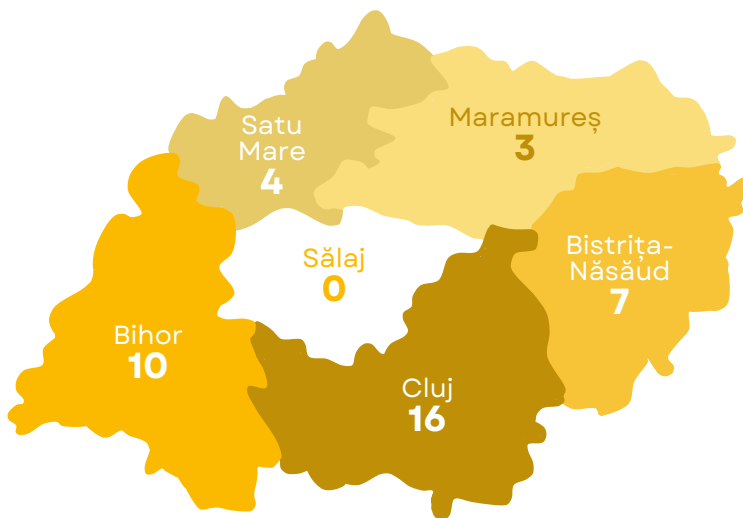
This priority marches for **a more social and inclusive Europe**. It involves tenders aimed at **enhancing educational infrastructure** across various levels, **from early childhood to university education**, and at **modernizing school facilities**.

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

Beltiug Commune (Satu Mare County) is investing in early childhood education through the construction of a **new kindergarten** in the village of Ghirișa, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total budget of over **€500,000**, the project **improves access to preschool education** in a rural area where distance and limited local services have long affected participation. The investment involves the construction of a **new ground-floor kindergarten building** designed to accommodate **40 children in two groups**. The facility will include classrooms adapted to **early education, administrative and technical spaces**, and all necessary utilities to ensure safe and modern learning conditions. It will be equipped with **age-appropriate furniture, IT equipment and educational materials** that support interactive learning and balanced child development. The surrounding site will be fully arranged to support **daily activities and accessibility**. Works include the development of a **playground, a small sports area, green spaces**, pedestrian pathways, vehicle access and parking areas, creating a safe and functional environment for both children and parents. By providing **education services close to home**, the project addresses a concrete community need, **supporting school participation from an early age** and reducing the risk of early school leaving, particularly among vulnerable groups. Scheduled for completion in **February 2028**, the investment reflects the commune's commitment to **accessible, inclusive and community-based education** infrastructure.



Priority 7

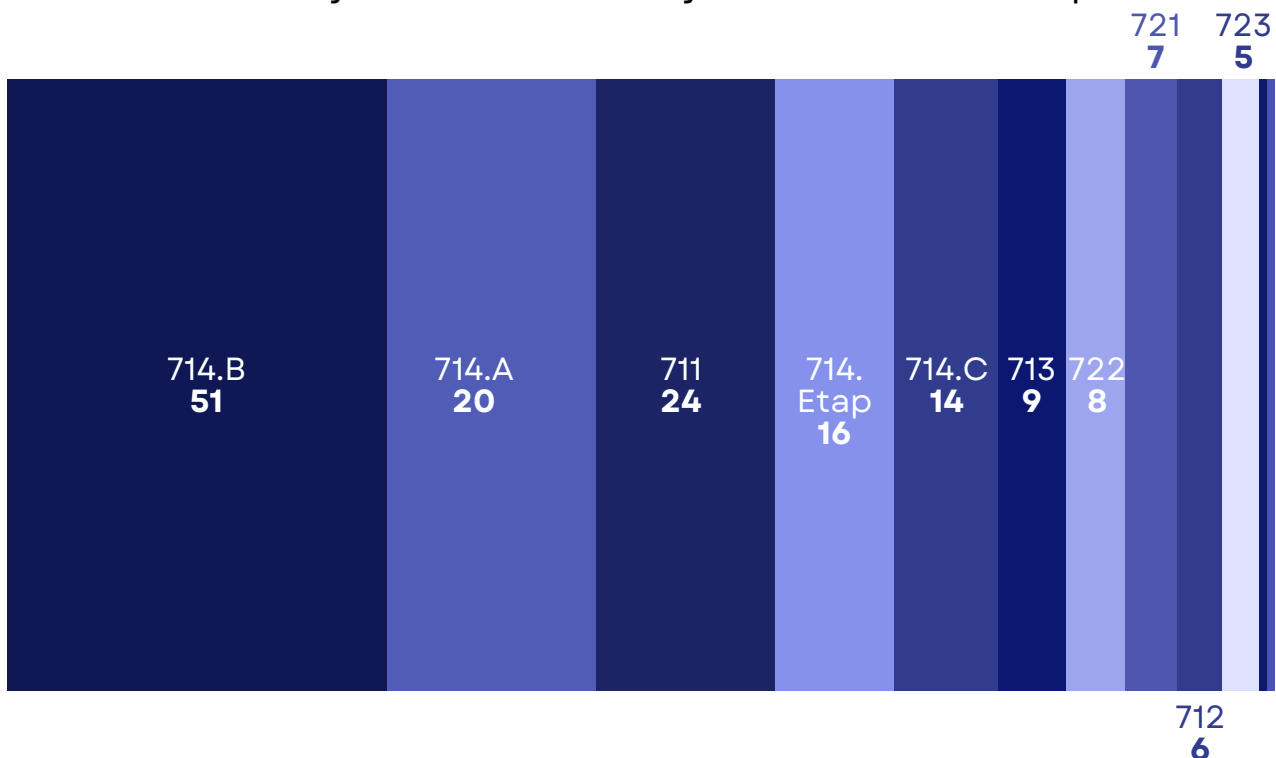
Overview

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

83
signed
contracts

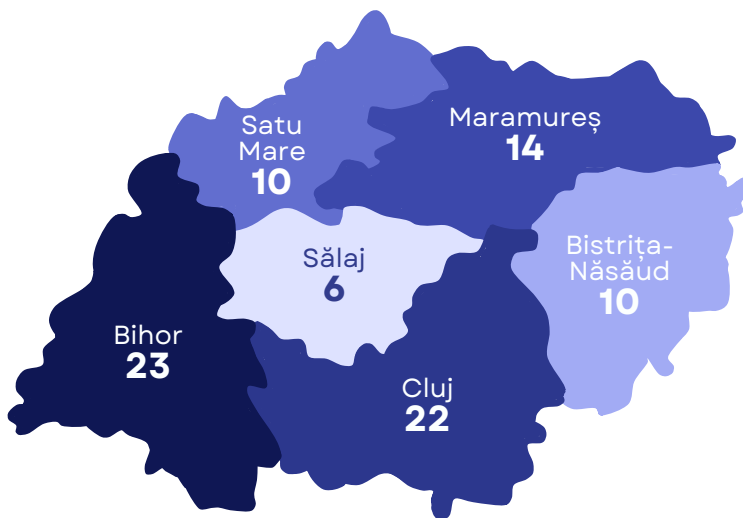
This priority marches for a **Europe that is close to its citizens**. It involves tenders promoting **integrated and inclusive development across social, economic, and environmental domains, as well as culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in non-urban areas**.

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
€ 479.035.506,50

The total budget of the signed contracts
€ 648.006.781,54

Contract no. 500 goes to the **Municipality of Bistrița (Bistrița-Năsăud County)**, for an urban regeneration investment focused on the MHC Lake area, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total budget of approximately **€3.55 million**, the project **enhances public space quality** and **expands green infrastructure** in a growing urban zone. The intervention covers over **20,800 square metres** and is **structured around landscape rehabilitation**, recreation and inclusive access. More than half of the site will be **dedicated to green space, including lawns, tree planting and perennial gardens**, supported by sustainable irrigation systems. The project introduces a network of pedestrian alleys built with permeable materials, alongside clearly defined active and passive zones. The active area will include a **multifunctional pavilion, an open-air amphitheatre and spaces for events** and social interaction, while quieter areas will prioritise relaxation and nature. Additional features include **a thematic playground, a dedicated pet area, urban furniture**, LED lighting, bicycle parking and electric vehicle charging points. A water feature will be integrated to reinforce the natural character of the site, while over **185 new trees** will improve microclimate conditions and biodiversity. The investment will provide improved access to **green urban infrastructure** for over **44,000 residents** and contribute to the **quality of life** of Bistrița's wider population of nearly **95,000**. Scheduled for completion in **February 2029**, the project **reflects a balanced approach to urban regeneration**, combining environmental quality with accessible public space.



Completed projects

A success story.

A **major urban mobility upgrade** has entered the durability phase on the **13th of February 2026**, following completion by the **Municipality of Zalău (Sălaj County)** through the project “**Modernisation of DJ 191C: Tudor Vladimirescu, Porolissum, Bujorilor, Moigradului and Cetății streets**”, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**.

With a total investment of approximately **€7.4 million**, the project has modernised **6.7 km of urban road infrastructure**, improving conditions for public transport, pedestrians and cyclists. The works included **full rehabilitation of the carriageway, construction of sidewalks on both sides**, development of dedicated cycling lanes, upgrading of underground utility networks and the modernisation of 12 bus stops.

The intervention **improves mobility flows across the city** by creating safer and more accessible routes for daily travel. Pedestrian traffic is **estimated to increase by 114%**, while bicycle use is projected to grow by **250%**, reflecting a shift toward more sustainable transport modes. At the same time, greenhouse-gas emissions in the project area are expected to decrease by around **11% annually**.

Now fully implemented, the project **delivers immediate benefits** for residents through **reduced congestion, improved safety and better integration** of public transport, illustrating how **targeted infrastructure investments** can support **cleaner and more efficient urban** mobility systems.





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