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The North-West Regional
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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



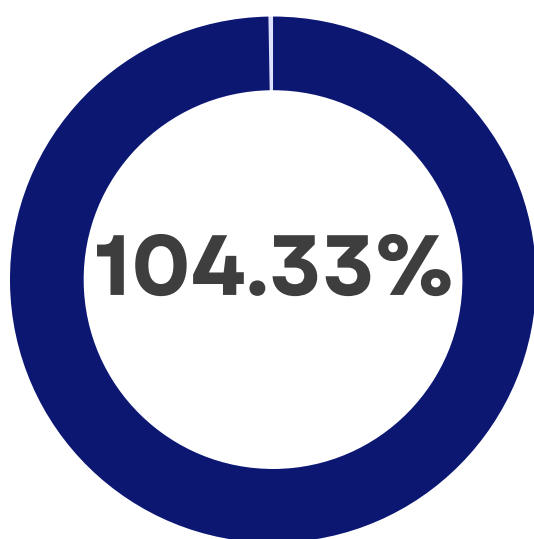
Calls for Projects

67

calls published

€ 1.499.435.187,11

budget of the published project calls



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

€ 1.499.435.187,11

budget of the launched project calls

67

calls launched



Submitted Projects

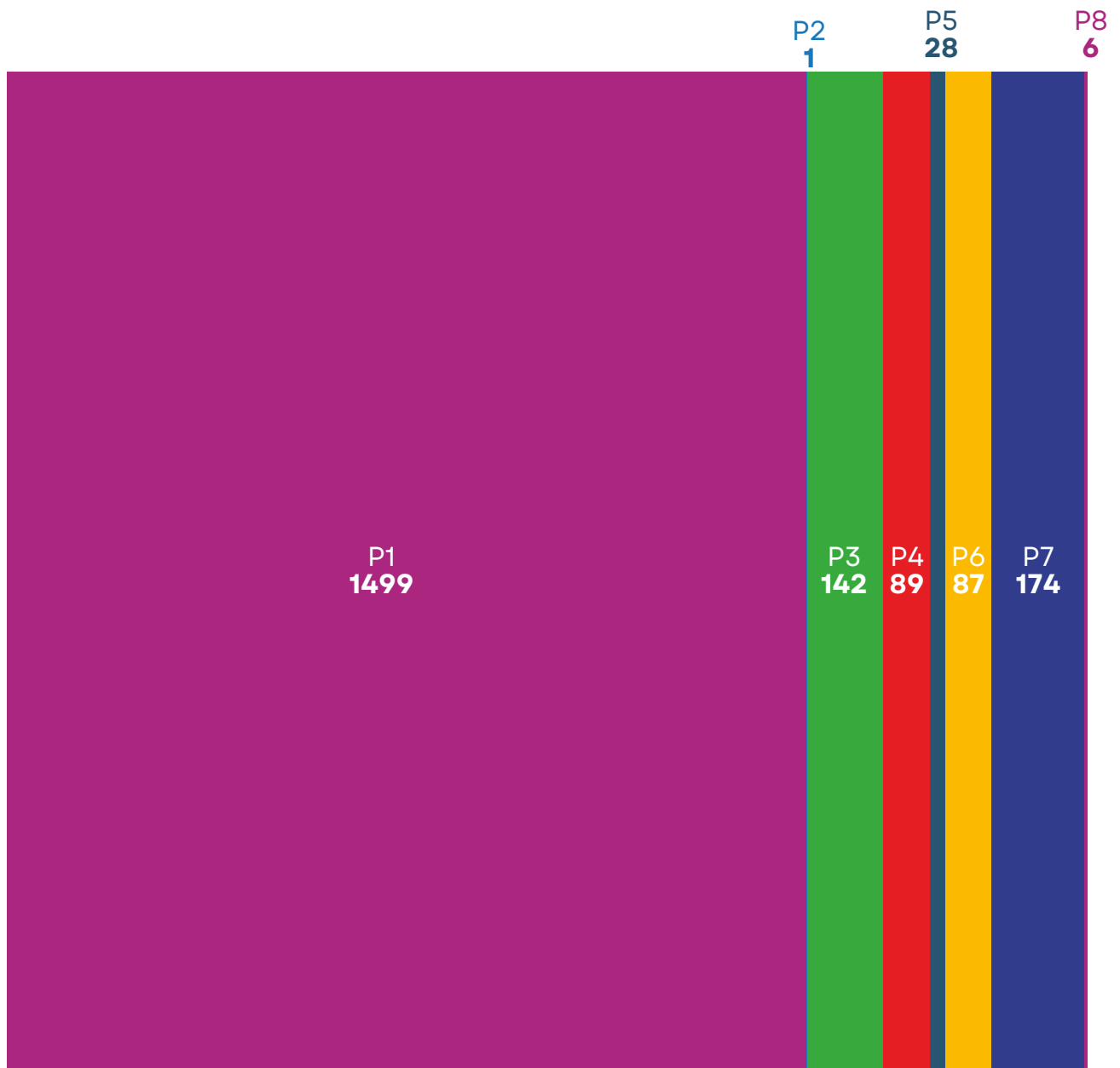
2026

in total

€ 4.908.311.928,49
Eligible budget of the submitted projects

341,51%

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



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

428,22%

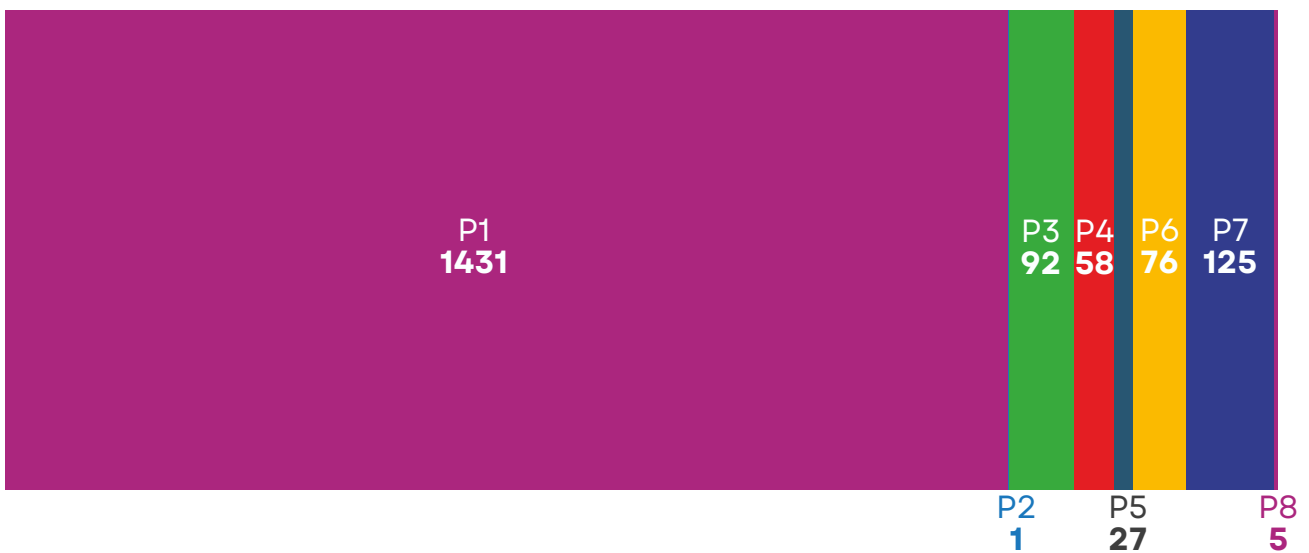
€ 6.154.580.628,00
The total budget of submitted projects

Evaluation of Projects

1815 in total



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



Projects in Contestation

536 total projects that have been contested



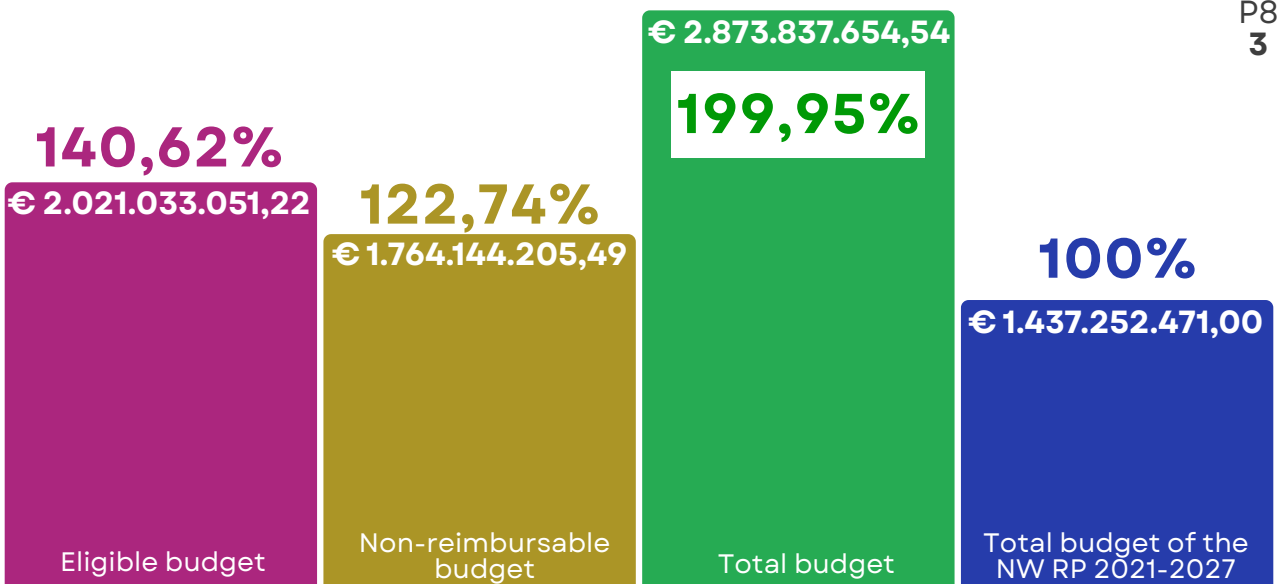
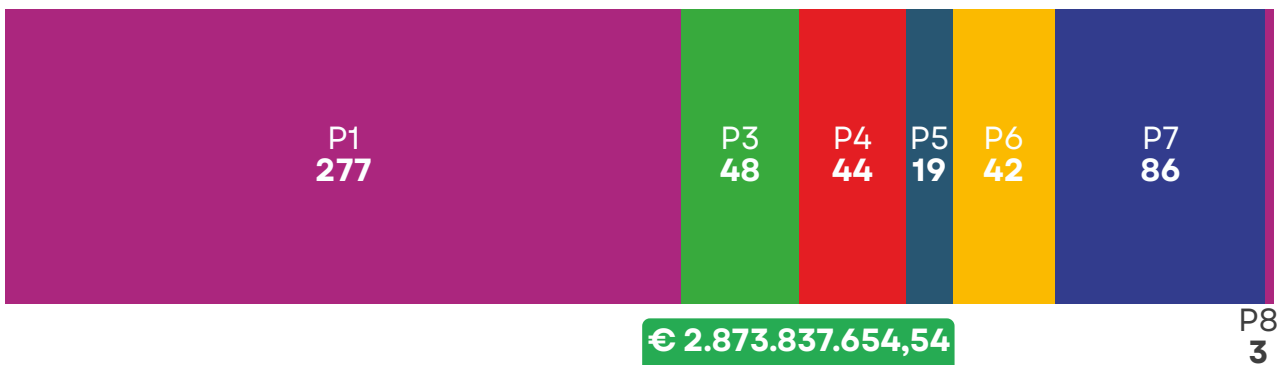
Projects in Contracting Procedure

702 total projects that have entered the contracting phase



Signed Contracts

519 in total

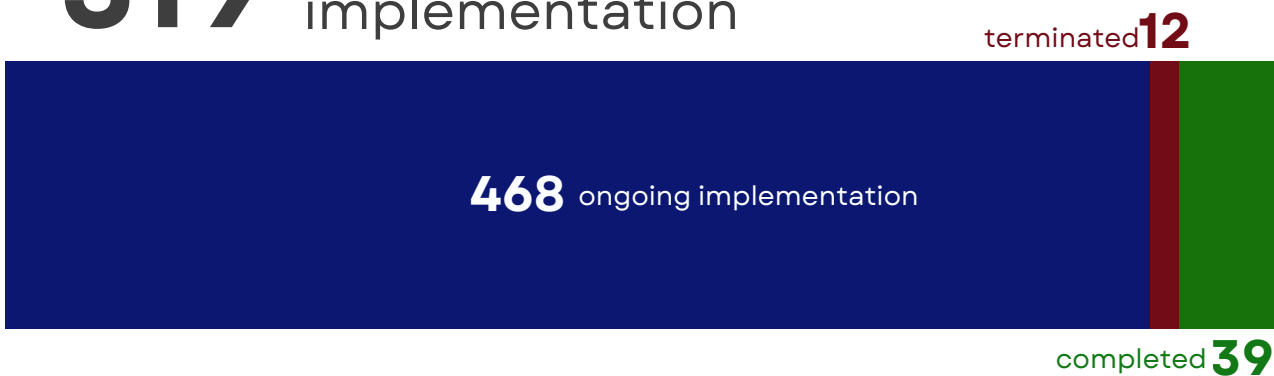


Monitoring of Projects

710 monitoring visits in total

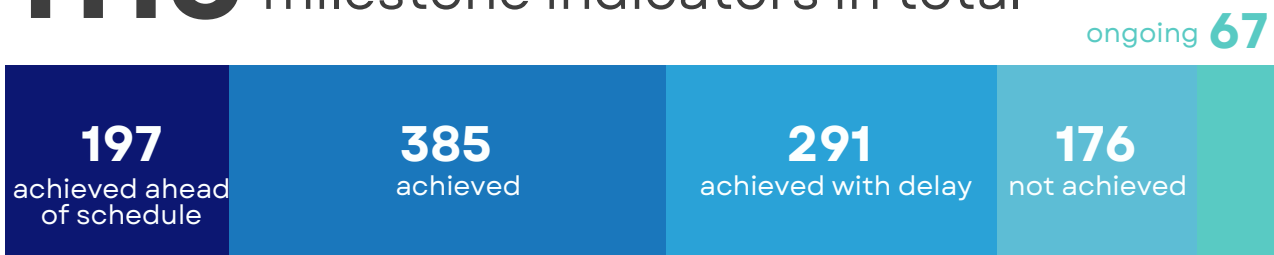


519 projects in implementation

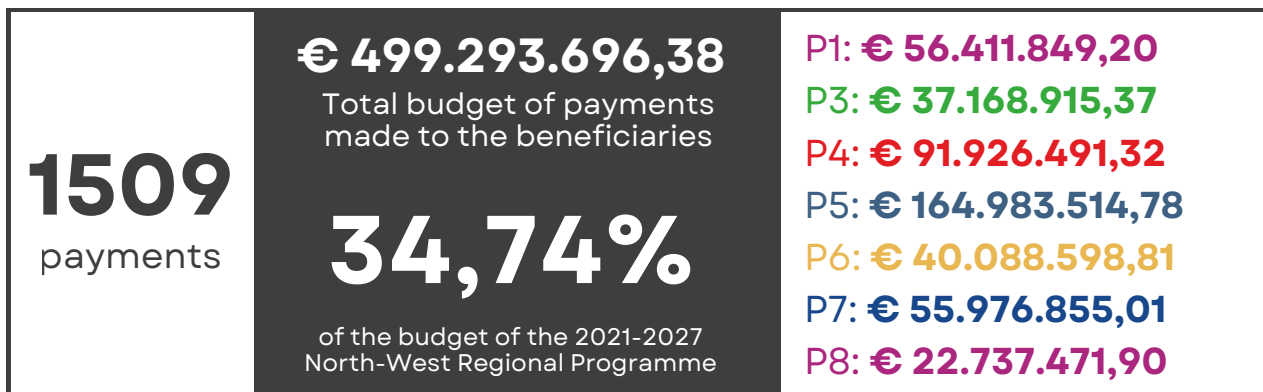


Milestone indicator reports

1116 milestone indicators in total

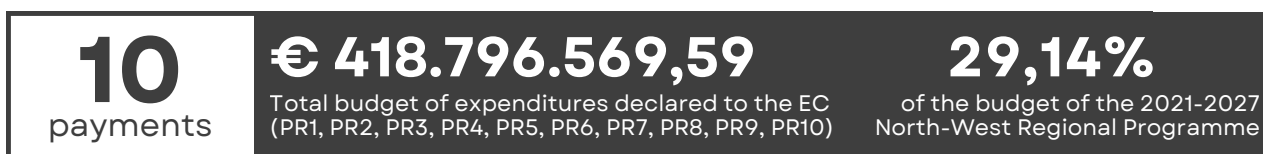


Payments Made



Payment Requests

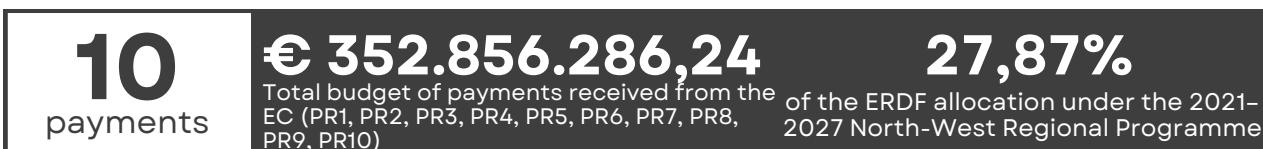
made to the European Commission



P1: € 56.411.849,20, out of which **€ 48.002.345,46** are **ERDF expenditures**
P3: € 37.168.915,37, out of which **€ 33.373.217,36** are **ERDF expenditures**
P4: € 91.926.491,32, out of which **€ 77.602.029,63** are **ERDF expenditures**
P5: € 164.983.514,78, out of which **€ 146.752.444,60** are **ERDF expenditures**
P6: € 40.088.598,81, out of which **€ 21.676.638,33** are **ERDF expenditures**
P7: € 55.976.855,01, out of which **€ 50.514.931,97** are **ERDF expenditures**

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1499

submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of

€ 1.345.296.676,34

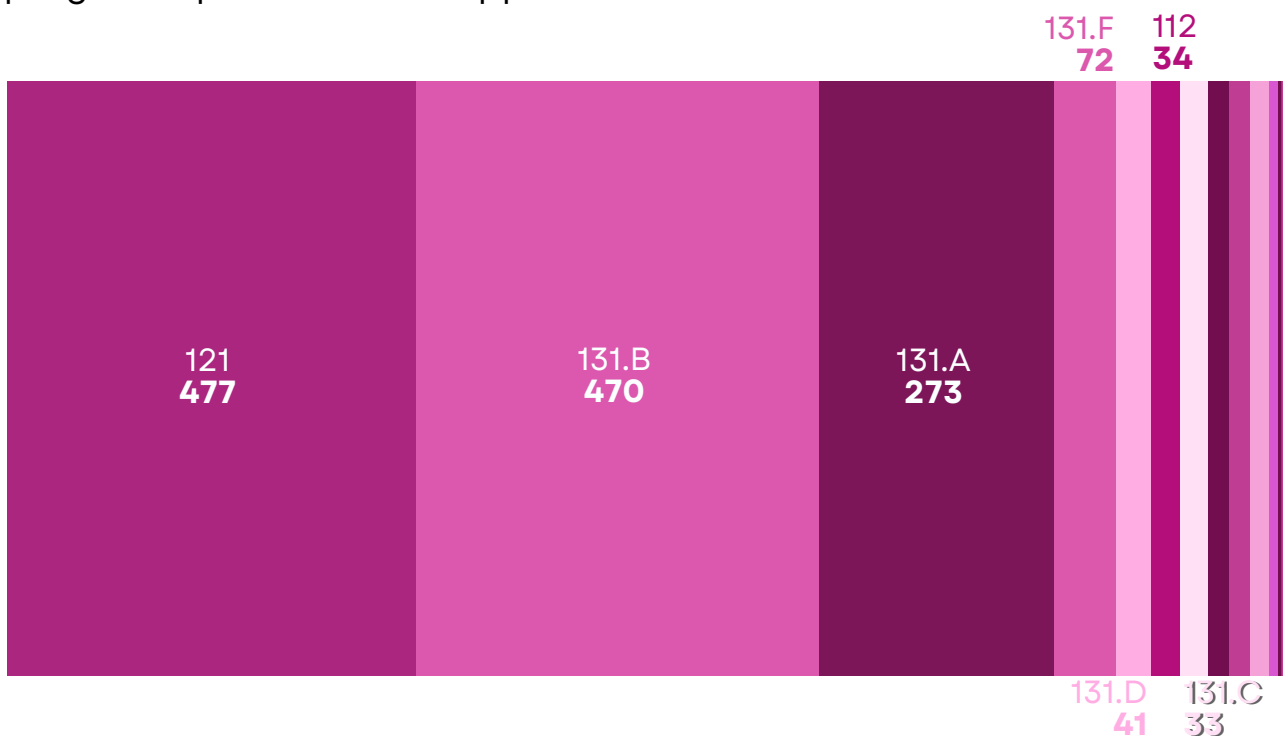
277

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.

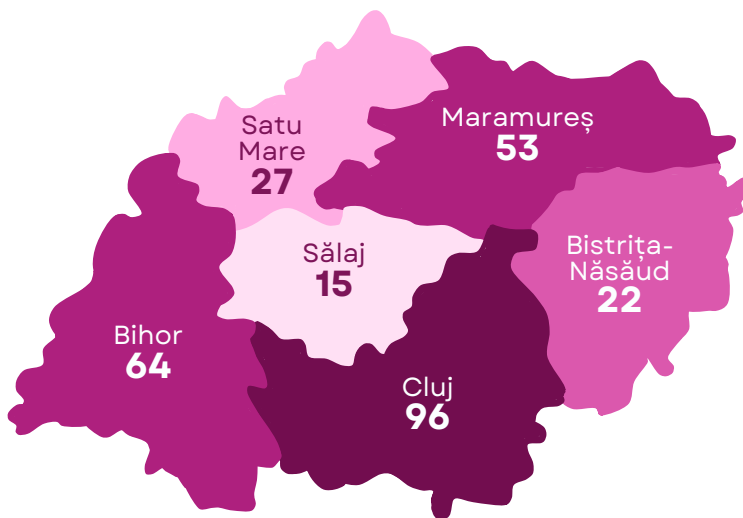
Out of the **277** contracts secured through this priority, **17** pertain to the **Smart Specialisation Parks**, while the remaining **260** support the **private sector**.

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

€ 337.653.711,18

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 398.051.616,69

The **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027** is driving regional growth by supporting **277 SMEs across six counties**, with almost than **€338 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.



142
submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of
€ 539.379.556,05

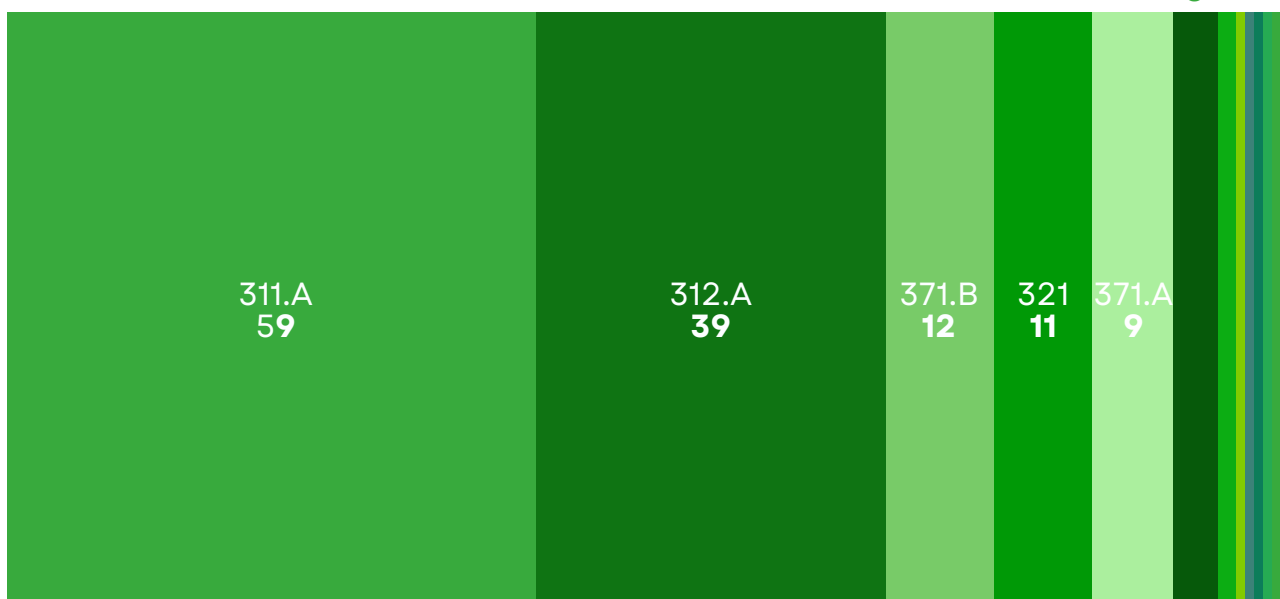
48
signed
contracts

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 **48** signed contracts of this priority, **22** contracts are for **urban infrastructure** and **26** contracts for **energy efficiency in public buildings**.

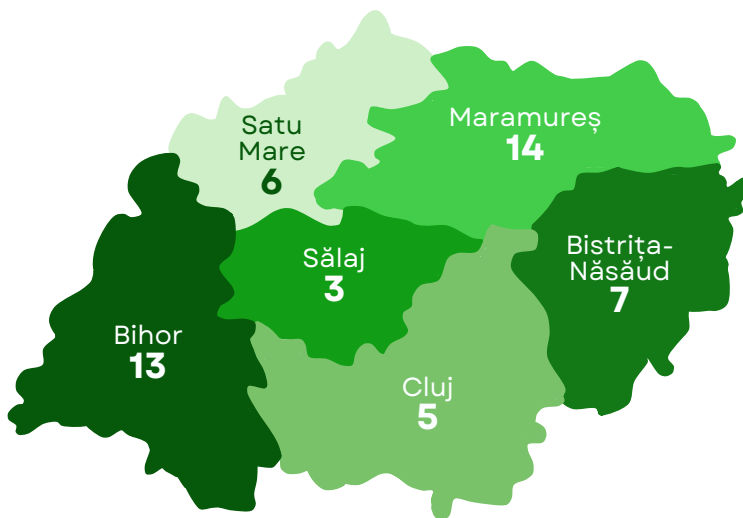
The most active calls relate to increasing **energy efficiency** in the region as part of **investments in the housing sector** and **supporting energy efficiency in public buildings, including heritage buildings**.

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Priority 3

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts
€ 188.529.330,46

The total budget of the signed contracts
€ 239.684.050,67

The **Municipality of Negrești-Oaș (Satu Mare County)** has signed a financing contract under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021-2027** to improve the energy performance of **six multifamily residential buildings** located on **Victoriei Street**. With a total investment of approximately **€5.1 million**, the project supports climate resilience, lower emissions and improved living conditions for residents. The intervention targets six residential blocks comprising **180 apartments**. Works include **thermal insulation of façades and roofs, replacement of windows** and doors, modernisation of heating and ventilation systems, **installation of photovoltaic panels and air-to-water heat pumps**, as well as upgraded LED lighting in common areas. Additional measures include refurbishment of shared spaces and building-related infrastructure. The investment is expected to reduce annual heating energy consumption by more than **83%**, while greenhouse-gas emissions will decrease from over **780 tonnes** to approximately **169 tonnes of CO₂** equivalent per year. Annual primary energy consumption is projected to fall from more than **4,600 MWh** to around **1,517 MWh**. By improving thermal comfort and reducing utility costs, the intervention directly benefits more than **1,000 residents** while contributing to the city's environmental objectives. Scheduled for completion in **December 2028**, the project reflects Negrești-Oaș's commitment to **sustainable, energy-efficient housing and long-term climate adaptation**.



Priority 4

Overview

89

submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of

€ 1.368.098.982,69

44

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 three active calls, this priority has garnered significant community interest, taking a significant step forward with the signing of **44** crucial contracts. These contracts pave the way for improved urban mobility infrastructure in the benefiting cities.

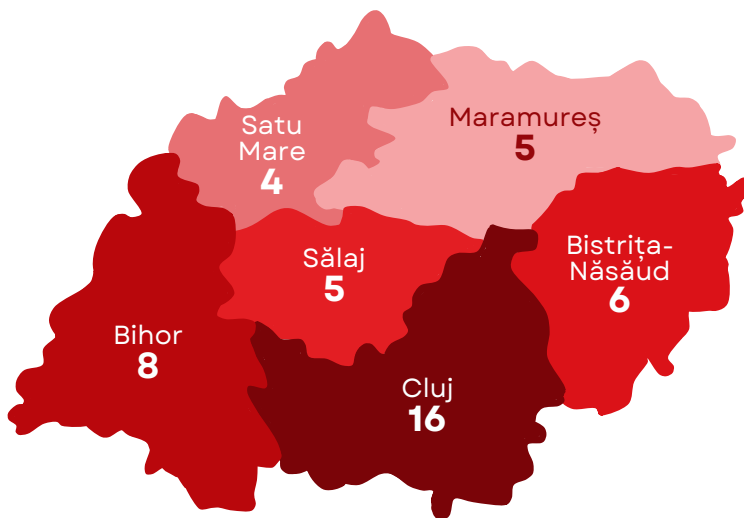
481.B
46

481.A
28

481.Etap
10

Priority 4

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 496.845.351,79

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 604.649.477,55

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

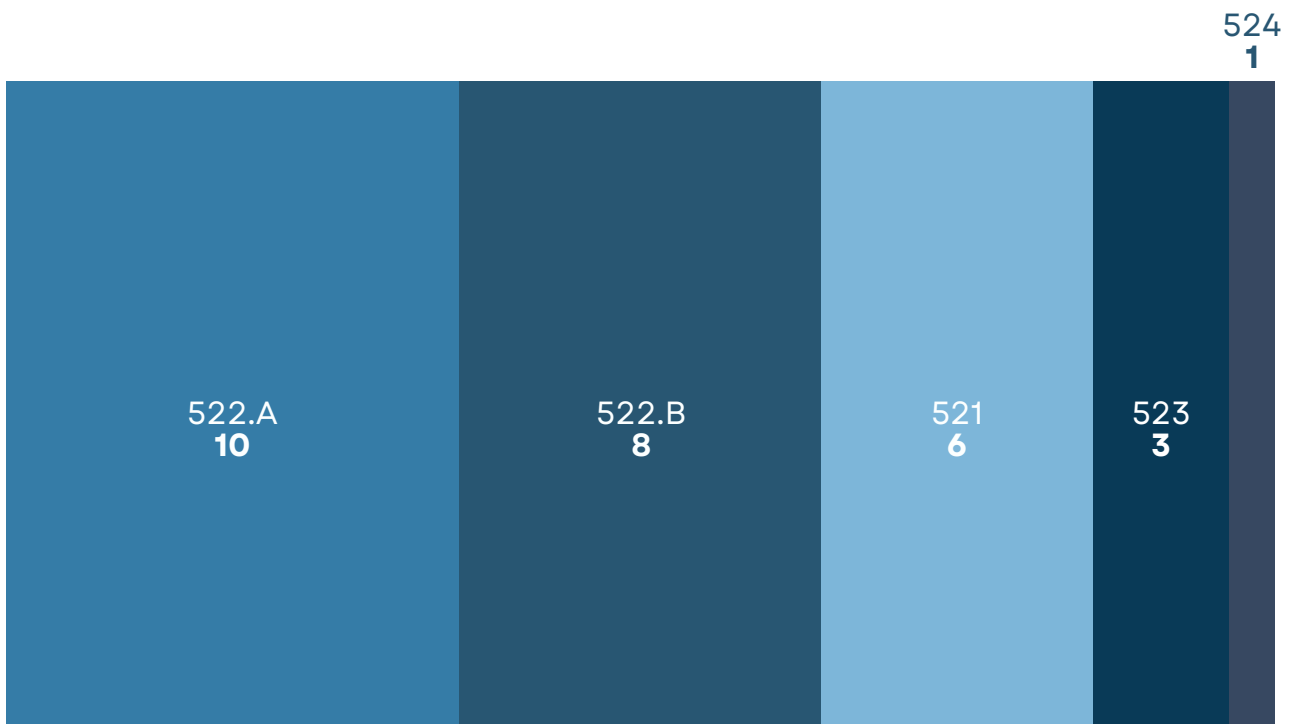
Overview

28
submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of
€ 504.396.071,83

19
signed
contracts

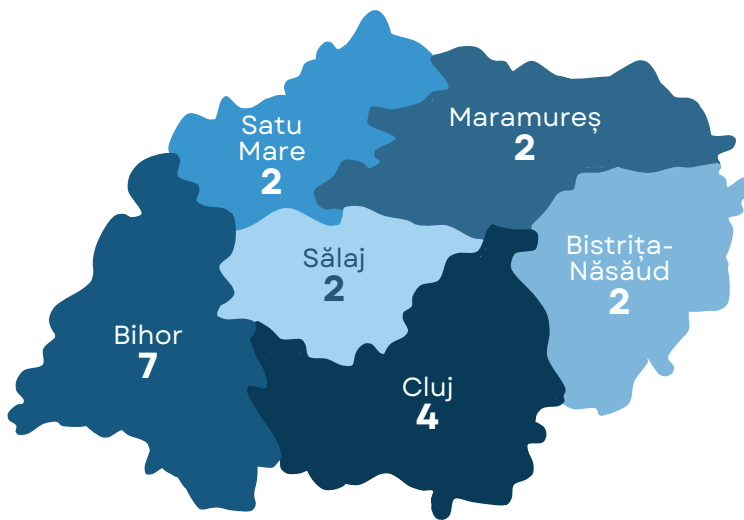
This priority is targeting **both infrastructure and safety**. **Upgrades to secondary roads**, including key **TEN-T connections**, are a focus. With 4 active tenders, the most significant interest has been seen in Call 522.A - Equipment to Increase Traffic Safety, with 8 projects submitted, followed by Call 521 - Construction / Rehabilitation of Secondary Road Links to the Road Network and TEN-T Nodes, with 6 submitted projects.

19 contracts, **six** for **road safety infrastructure**, **ten** for **road safety equipment** and **three** for **road infrastructure** have been secured under this priority.



Priority 5

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts
€ 440.596.487,94

The total budget of the signed contracts
€ 657.576.613,27

Bihor County is undertaking a major investment in the modernisation of regional public transport through the deployment of a new electric bus fleet serving communities across the county. With a total budget of over **€17 million**, the project is financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027** and supports the transition towards cleaner, more accessible and sustainable mobility. The intervention includes the acquisition of **24 electric buses** and the installation of **15 charging stations** across the county transport network. The new vehicles will operate on key regional routes connecting **Oradea with Marghita, Valea lui Mihai, Sălacea, Suplacu de Barcău, Aleșd, Beiuș, Ștei, Nucet, Salonta, Tinca and Ianoșda**, serving dozens of urban and rural communities. Designed for medium- and long-distance interurban travel, the buses will offer a minimum of **45 seats**, accessibility features for passengers with reduced mobility, modern passenger information and monitoring systems, and **battery autonomy of at least 250 kilometres**. The investment addresses the **mobility needs of students, commuters, elderly residents and citizens** who rely on public transport to access education, employment, healthcare and administrative services. Charging infrastructure will support the **daily operation of the new zero-emission fleet** and ensure reliable service across the network. The project is expected to attract more than **600,000 passenger** journeys annually while reducing dependence on private vehicles and lowering transport-related emissions. Scheduled for completion in **April 2028**, the investment represents a significant step towards a modern, integrated and **environmentally sustainable regional transport system** connecting communities throughout Bihor County.



Priority 6

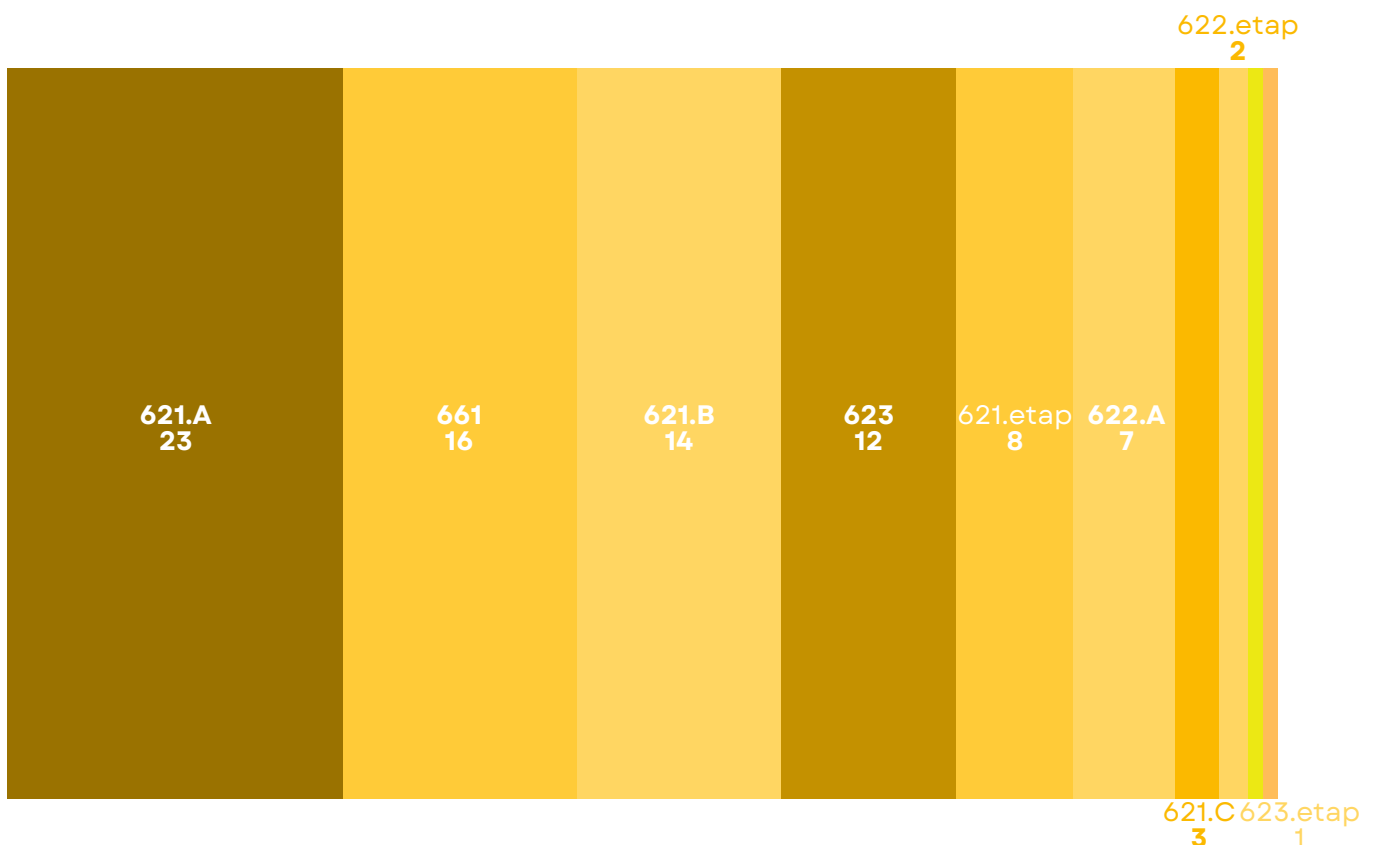
Overview

87
submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of
€ 250.808.428,18

42
signed
contracts

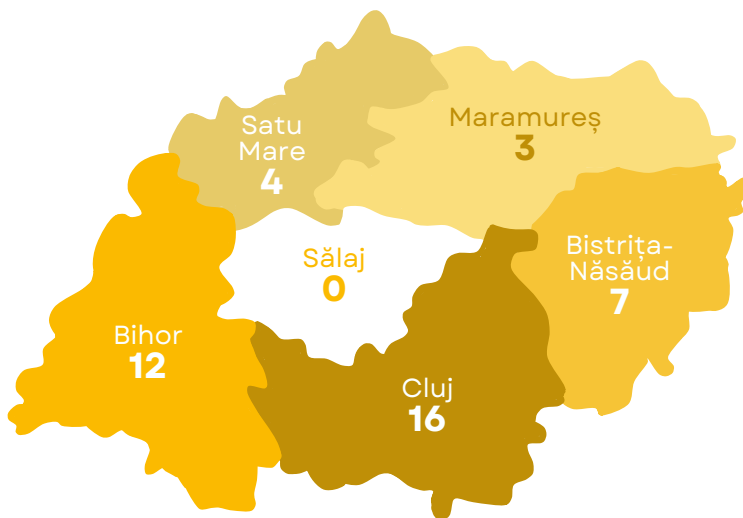
This priority marches for **a more social and inclusive Europe**. It involves tenders aimed at **enhancing educational infrastructure** across various levels, **from early childhood to university education**, and at **modernizing school facilities**.

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

€ 125.952.635,32

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 164.113.623,10

The **Commune of Drăgești (Bihor County)** is investing in educational and social infrastructure through the development of a **new school and preschool camp** in the village of **Tășad**, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total budget of over **€1.1 million**, the project aims to expand access to non-formal education, personal development activities and social inclusion opportunities for children in rural communities. The investment involves the construction and full equipment of a **modern educational camp** with accommodation capacity for **72 participants**. Developed on a site of more than **11,000 square metres**, the facility will include accommodation rooms for **children and teachers**, a **multifunctional hall, medical office, professional kitchen and dining areas**, administrative spaces and outdoor terraces. The camp will be equipped with educational materials, digital learning tools, sports equipment and recreational facilities designed to support a wide range of educational and leisure activities. Beyond the physical infrastructure, the project will host **annual programmes** focused on **personal development, health education, digital skills, cultural activities, environmental awareness and school and career guidance**. Particular attention is given to inclusion, with at least **110 children from vulnerable groups expected** to participate through adapted activities and dedicated support measures. The investment is expected to serve more than **700 children annually** through educational programmes and to strengthen social cohesion by promoting local cultural and natural heritage. Scheduled for completion in **November 2029**, the project reflects Drăgești's commitment to **accessible, inclusive and community-oriented educational infrastructure**.



Priority 7

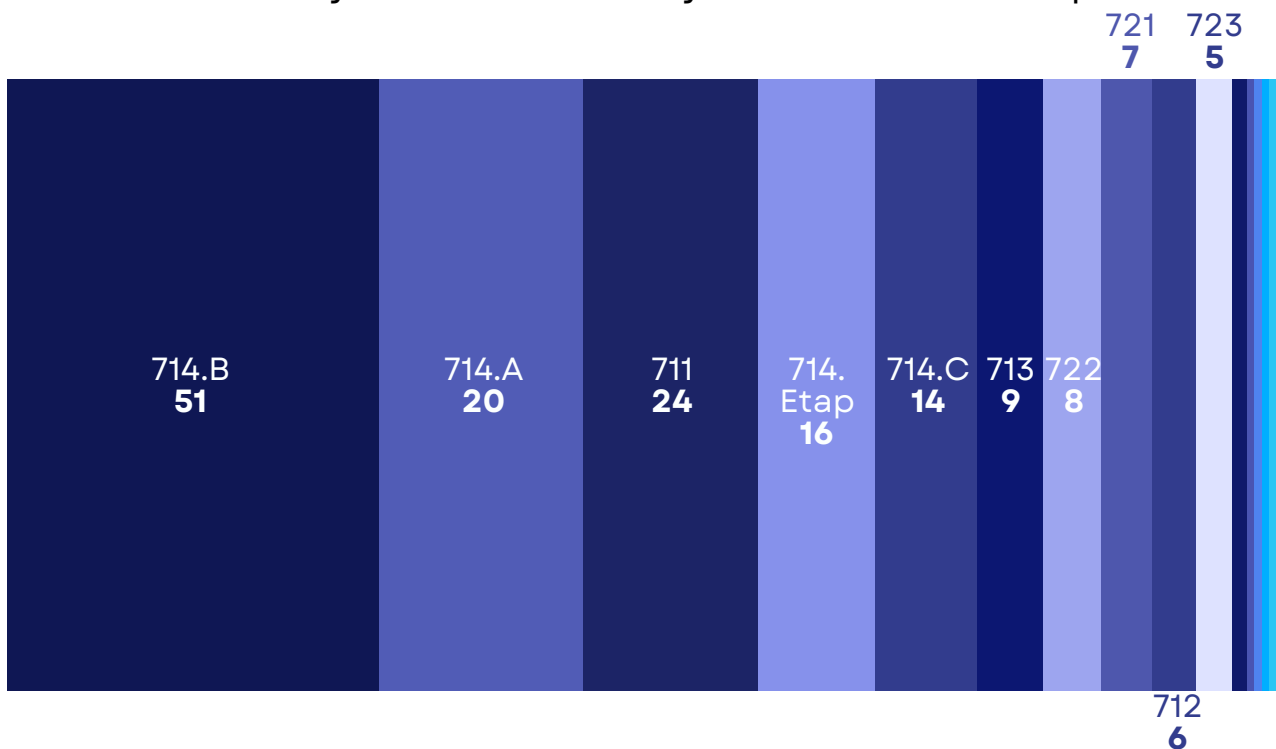
Overview

174
submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of
€ 963.086.534,87

86
signed
contracts

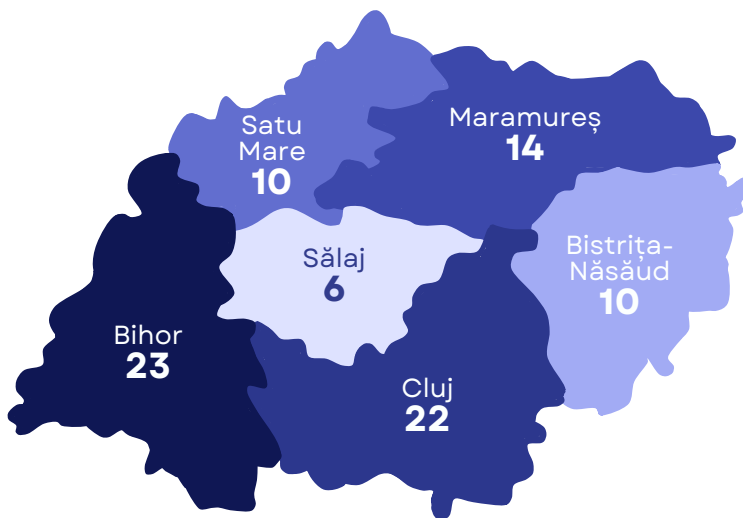
This priority marches for a **Europe that is close to its citizens**. It involves tenders promoting **integrated and inclusive development across social, economic, and environmental domains, as well as culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in non-urban areas**.

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

€ 510.781.452,95

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 638.481.285,05

The **Town of Tăuții-Măgherăuș (Maramureș County)** is investing in **community infrastructure** through the construction of a **new multifunctional centre**, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total budget of over **€3.6 million**, the project creates a **modern public facility** designed to **support cultural, educational, social and recreational activities** for residents across the town and its surrounding villages. The investment includes the construction of a multifunctional building with a built area of more than **1,200 square metres**. The facility will feature a **240-seat hall, exhibition spaces, a media library, socio-cultural workshops, children's areas and flexible spaces for community events**. Designed as a **“pavilion in a park”**, the centre will be integrated into an accessible green setting, creating a new focal point for local life and public participation. The surrounding site will be extensively landscaped, with nearly **8,500 square metres** of green space, **186 newly planted trees**, pedestrian alleys, outdoor terraces and multifunctional areas for open-air activities. The building will meet **nZEB energy-efficiency standards**, with at least **30% of its energy** demand covered by **renewable sources**. Serving more than **8,400 residents** from **Tăuții-Măgherăuș, Băița, Bușag, Nistru, Bozânta Mare, Merișor and Ulmoasa**, the project will provide modern facilities for **cultural programmes, educational activities, exhibitions and community gatherings**. Scheduled for completion in **December 2029**, the investment reflects an **integrated approach to local development**, combining **sustainable construction, public space enhancement** and improved **access to community services**.



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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