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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.



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

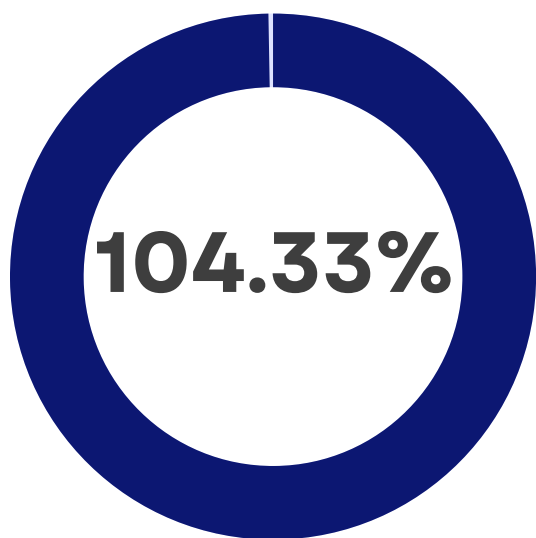
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68

calls published

€ 1.499.495.187,11

budget of the published project calls



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

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budget of the launched project calls

68

calls launched





# Submitted Projects

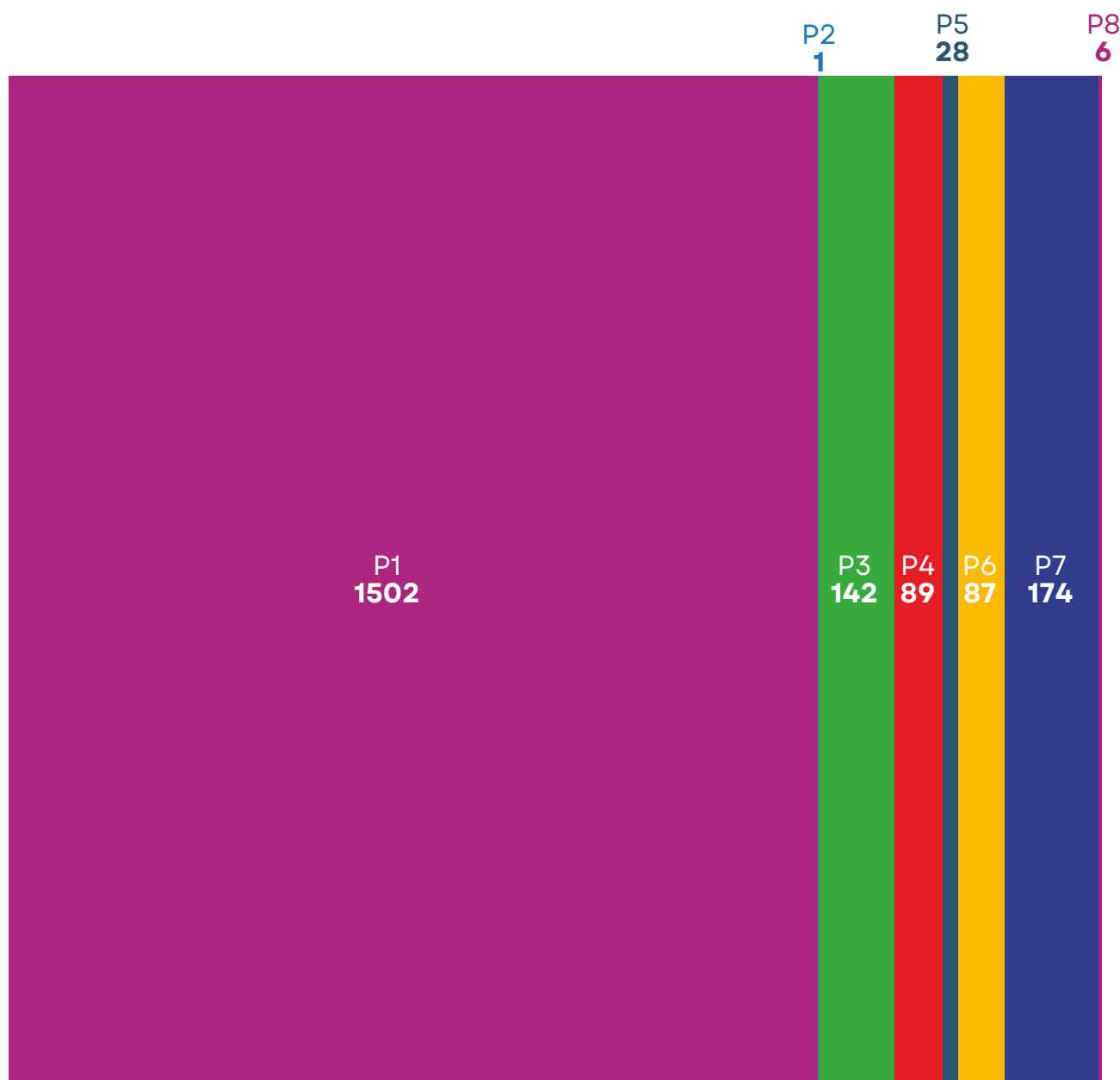
# 2029

in total

**€ 4.776.316.680,71**  
Eligible budget of the submitted projects

**332,32%**

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



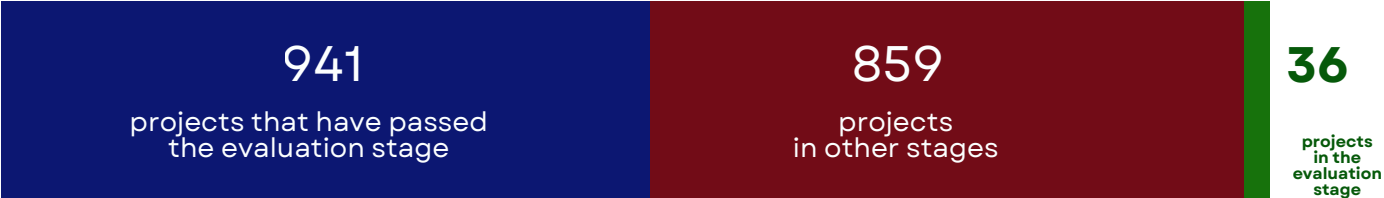
of the budget of the  
2021-2027 North-West  
Regional Programme

**416,79%**

**€ 5.990.369.231,35**  
The total budget of submitted projects

# Evaluation of Projects

**1836** in total



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



# Projects in Contestation

**541** total projects that have been contested



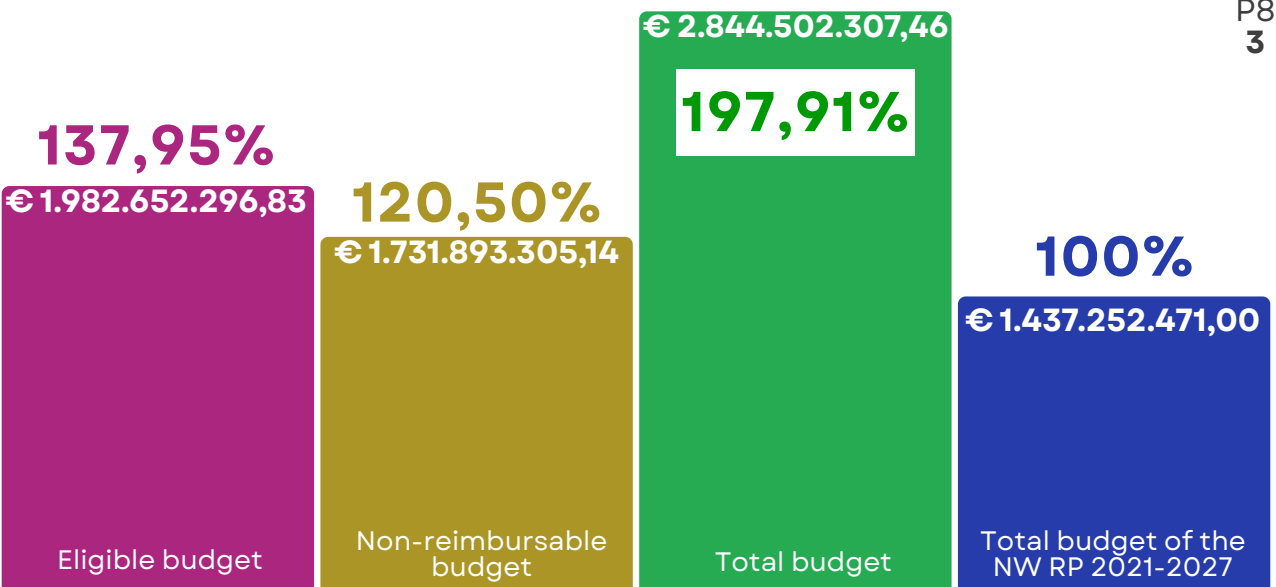
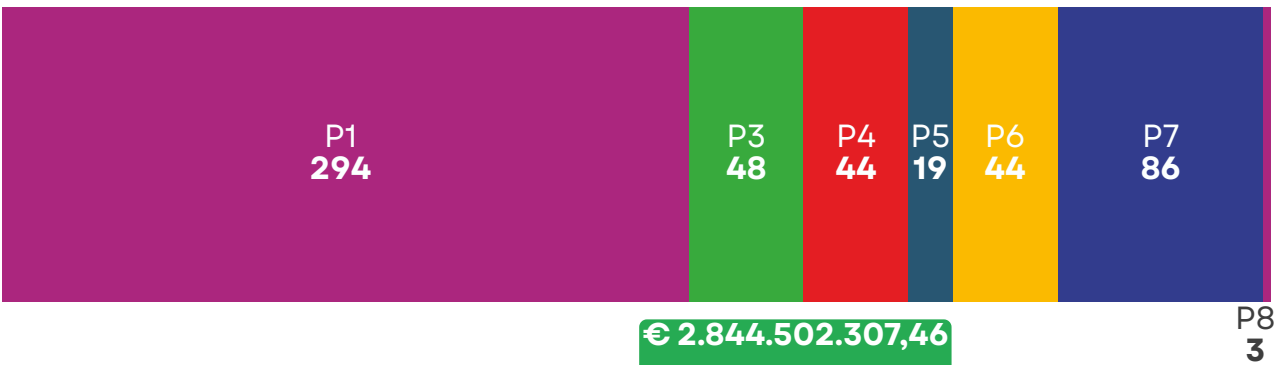
# Projects in Contracting Procedure

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



# Signed Contracts

**538** in total



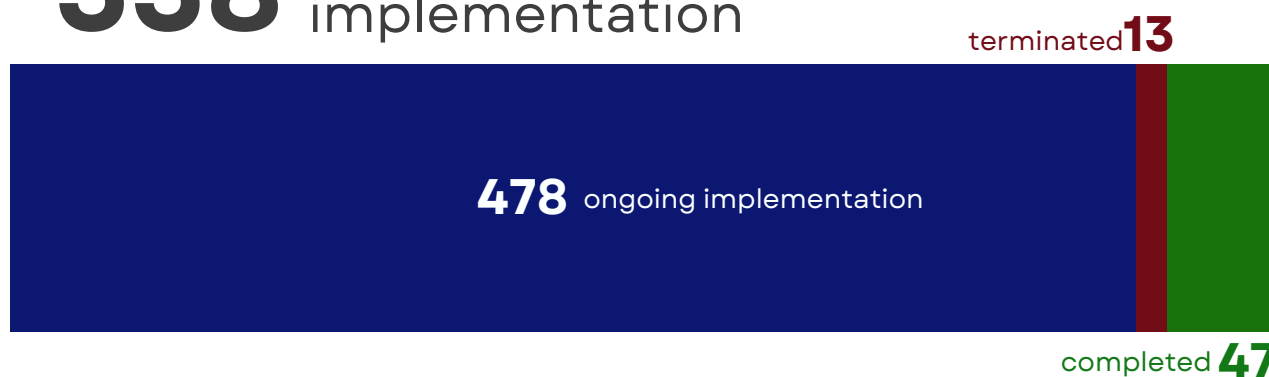
# Monitoring of Projects

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**728** monitoring visits in total



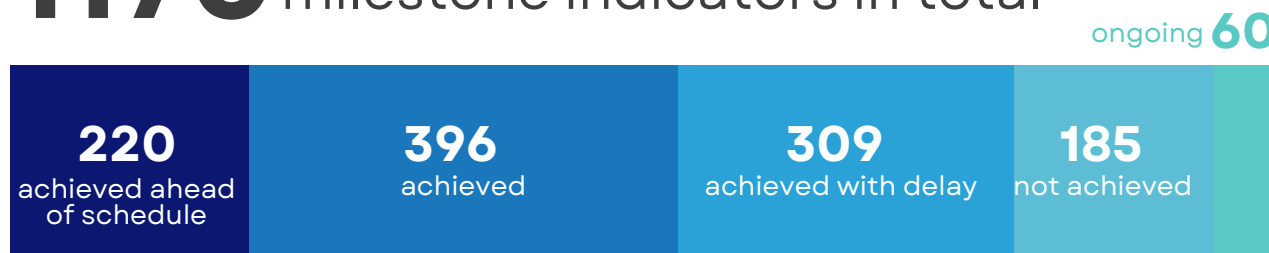
**538** projects in implementation



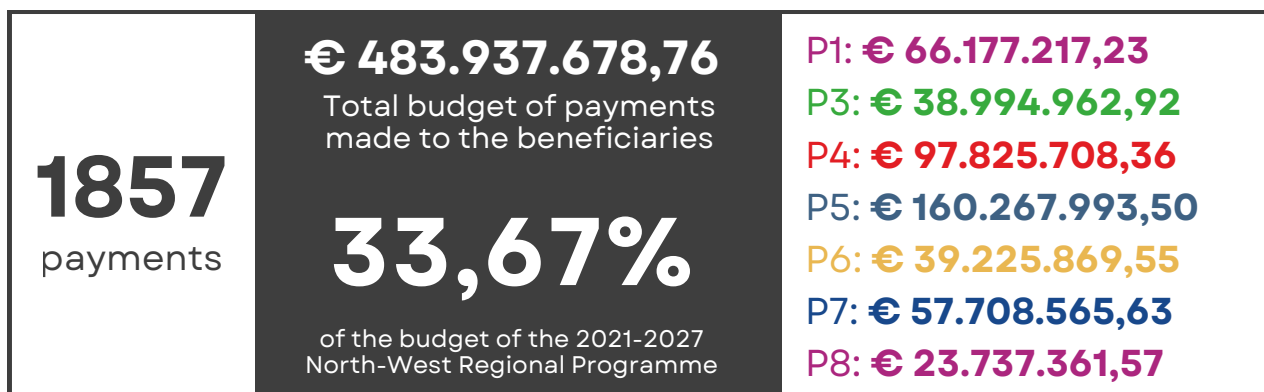
## Milestone indicator reports

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**1170** milestone indicators in total

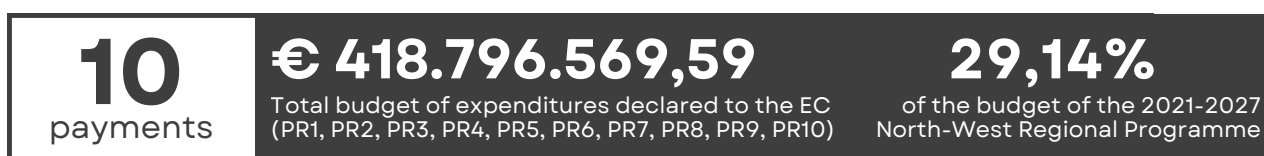


# Payments Made



## Payment Requests

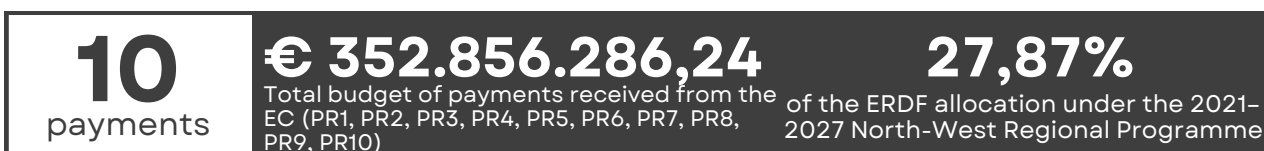
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P1: € 66.177.217,23, out of which € 56.292.026,42 are ERDF expenditures  
P3: € 38.994.962,92, out of which € 34.854.330,40 are ERDF expenditures  
P4: € 97.825.708,36, out of which € 83.844.527,86 are ERDF expenditures  
P5: € 160.267.993,50, out of which € 142.006.740,41 are ERDF expenditures  
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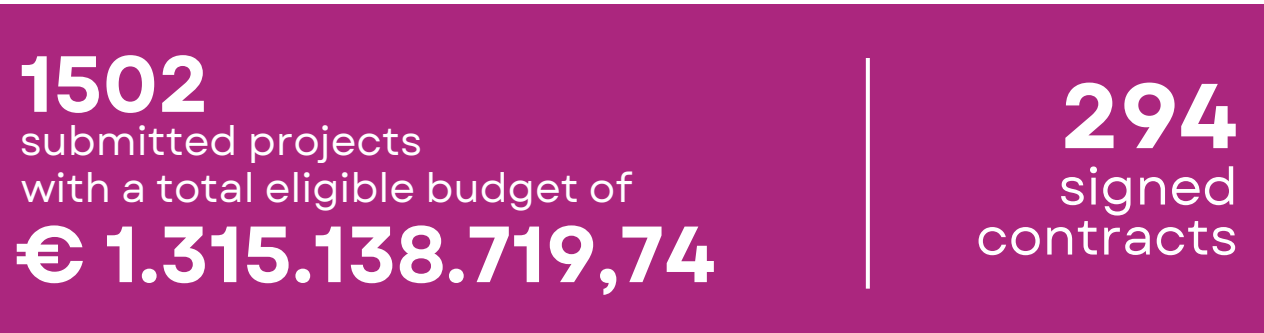
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# Priority 1

Overview



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.

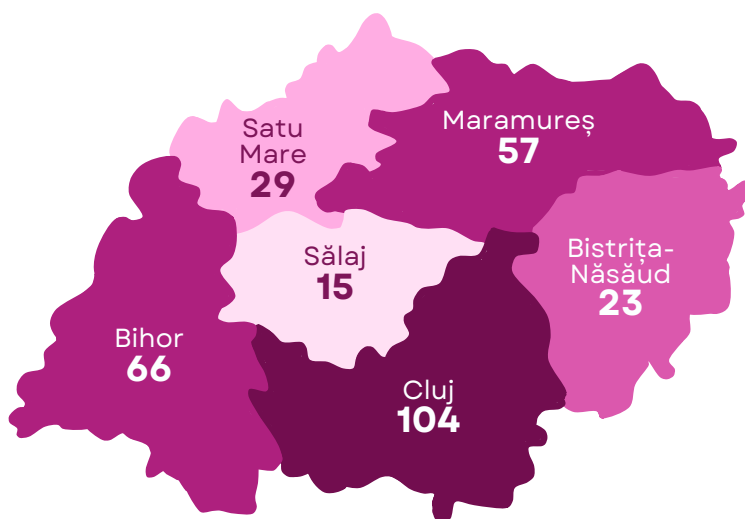
Out of the **277** contracts secured through this priority, **17** pertain to the **Smart Specialisation Parks**, while the remaining **260** support the **private sector**.

**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

€ 314.773.098,84

The total budget of the signed contracts

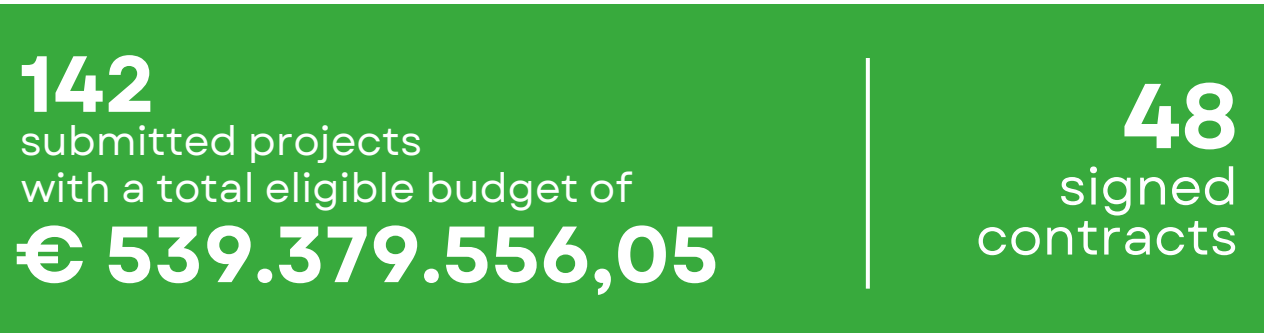
€ 384.544.392,20

The **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027** is driving regional growth by supporting **294 SMEs across six counties**, with almost than **€314 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.



# Priority 3

Overview

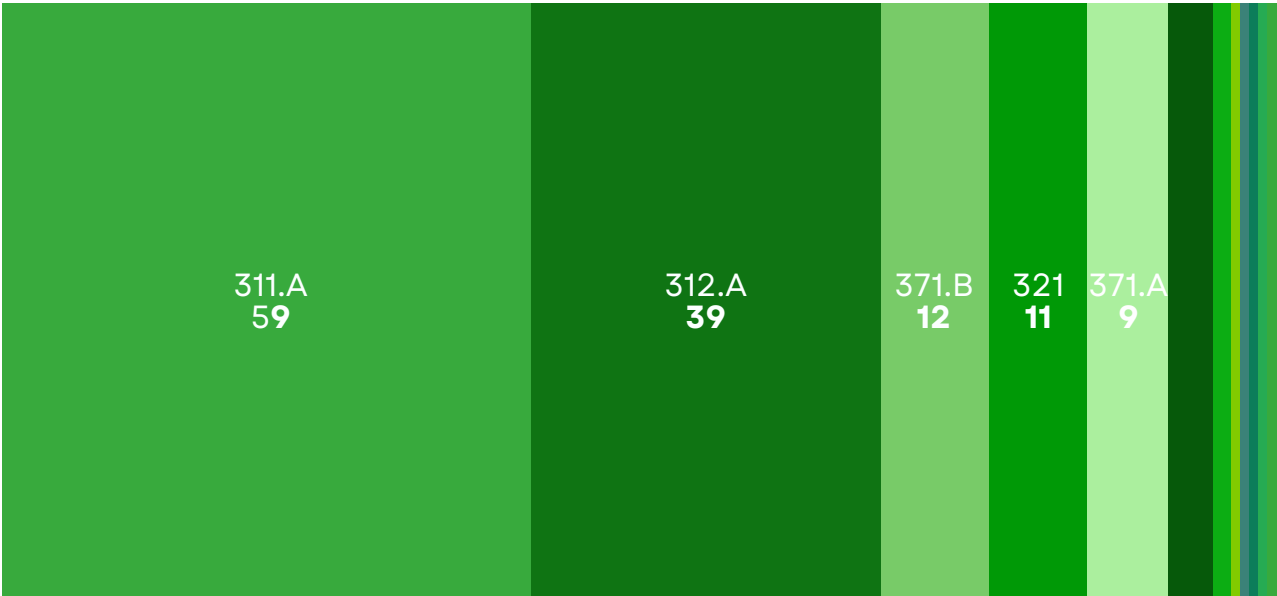


This priority marches for a **greener Europe**. It involves tenders targeting **energy efficiency in housing, public buildings (including heritage sites), and renewable energy in rural areas**. It also supports **green cities and improved urban green infrastructure**.

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**.

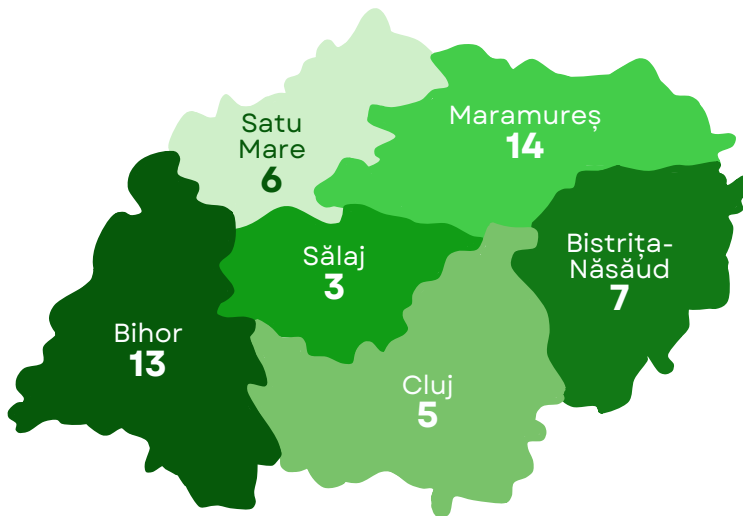
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# Priority 3

## 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

**Baia Mare Municipality (Maramureș County)** is investing in green infrastructure through the redevelopment of the **Pocol Estate** surroundings, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total budget of approximately **€3.12 million**, the project **enhances biodiversity, public space quality and cultural tourism** by transforming the area around the **historic Pocol House** into a landscaped urban park. The intervention covers more than **10,300 square metres** and combines **heritage-sensitive restoration** with contemporary landscape design. Around the historic building, the project will **recreate elements inspired by the site's original appearance**, including restored entrance gates, landscaped gardens, a **historic-style gazebo** and pedestrian promenades. A second area introduces **modern recreational features** such as a multifunctional **greenhouse for exhibitions** and events, a **pergola with seating**, an ornamental fountain, **ecological pathways**, landscaped green areas and supporting visitor facilities. The investment also includes **urban furniture**, drinking fountains, lighting, sanitary infrastructure and **extensive planting designed** to strengthen the **site's ecological value** while improving accessibility and visitor experience. The project will **create nearly one hectare** of new and improved green infrastructure, providing enhanced public access for around **3,700 residents** while **contributing to the quality of life** of Baia Mare's wider population of over **108,000 people**. Scheduled for completion in **March 2029**, the investment reflects an **integrated approach** to **heritage conservation, green infrastructure and sustainable urban tourism**.



# 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.

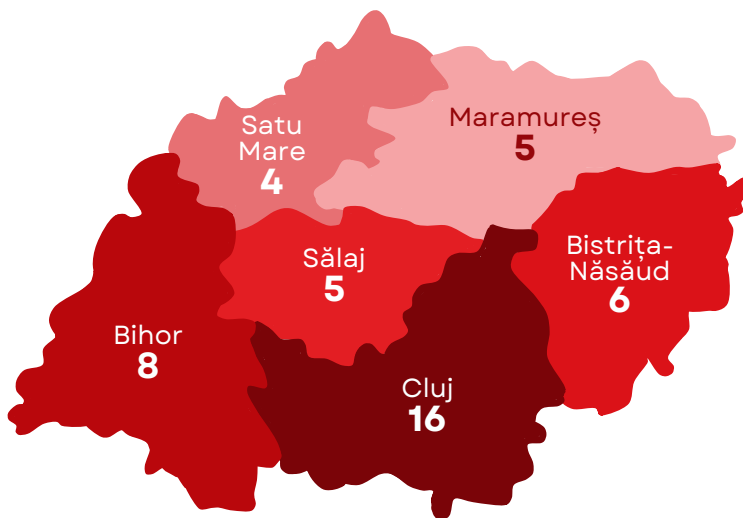
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# Priority 4

## 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

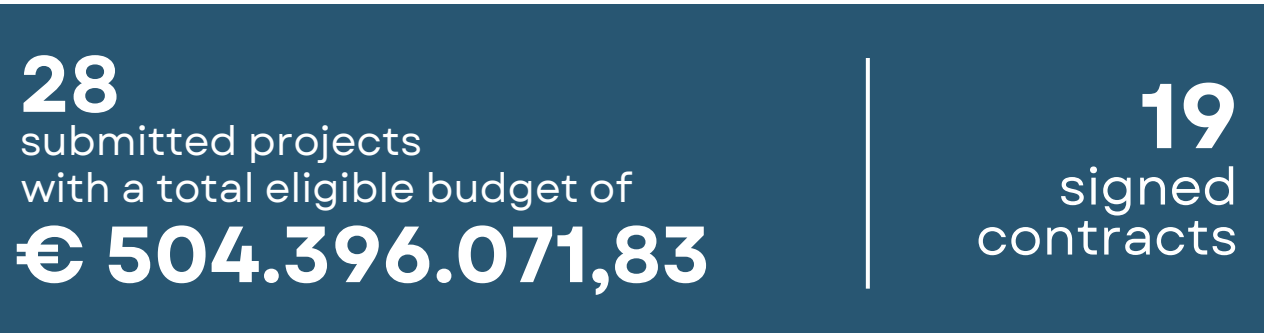
The **Municipality of Zalău (Sălaj County)** is implementing a sustainable urban mobility investment under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**, aimed at **modernising public transport infrastructure and reducing emissions** across the city. With a total budget of over **€5.4 million**, the 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 CO<sub>2</sub>** 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.





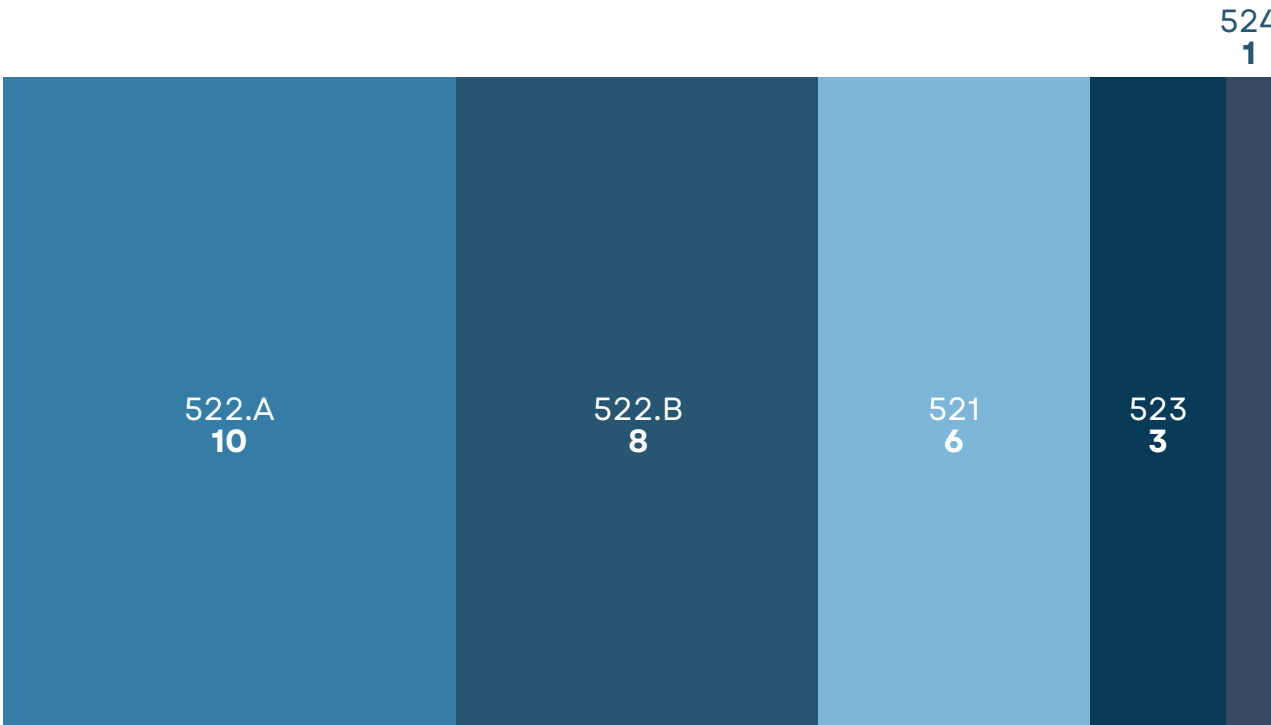
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Overview



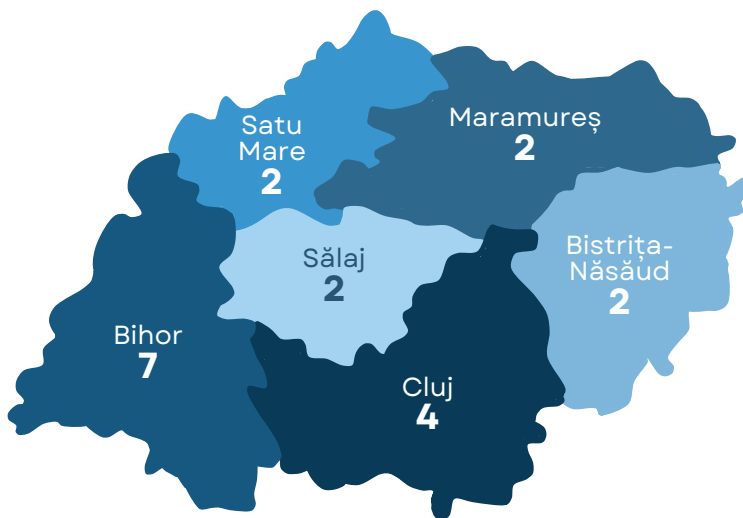
This priority is targeting **both infrastructure and safety**. **Upgrades to secondary roads**, including key **TEN-T connections**, are a focus. With 4 active tenders, the most significant interest has been seen in Call 522.A - Equipment to Increase Traffic Safety, with 8 projects submitted, followed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

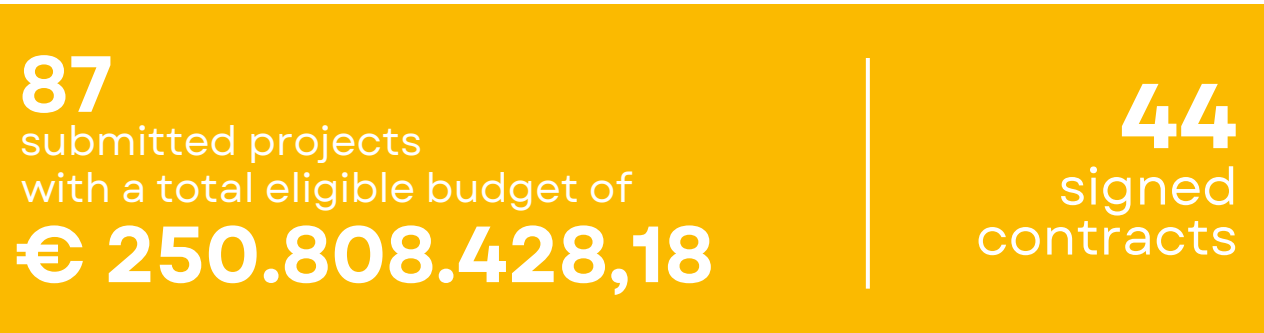
€ 657.576.613,27

**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.



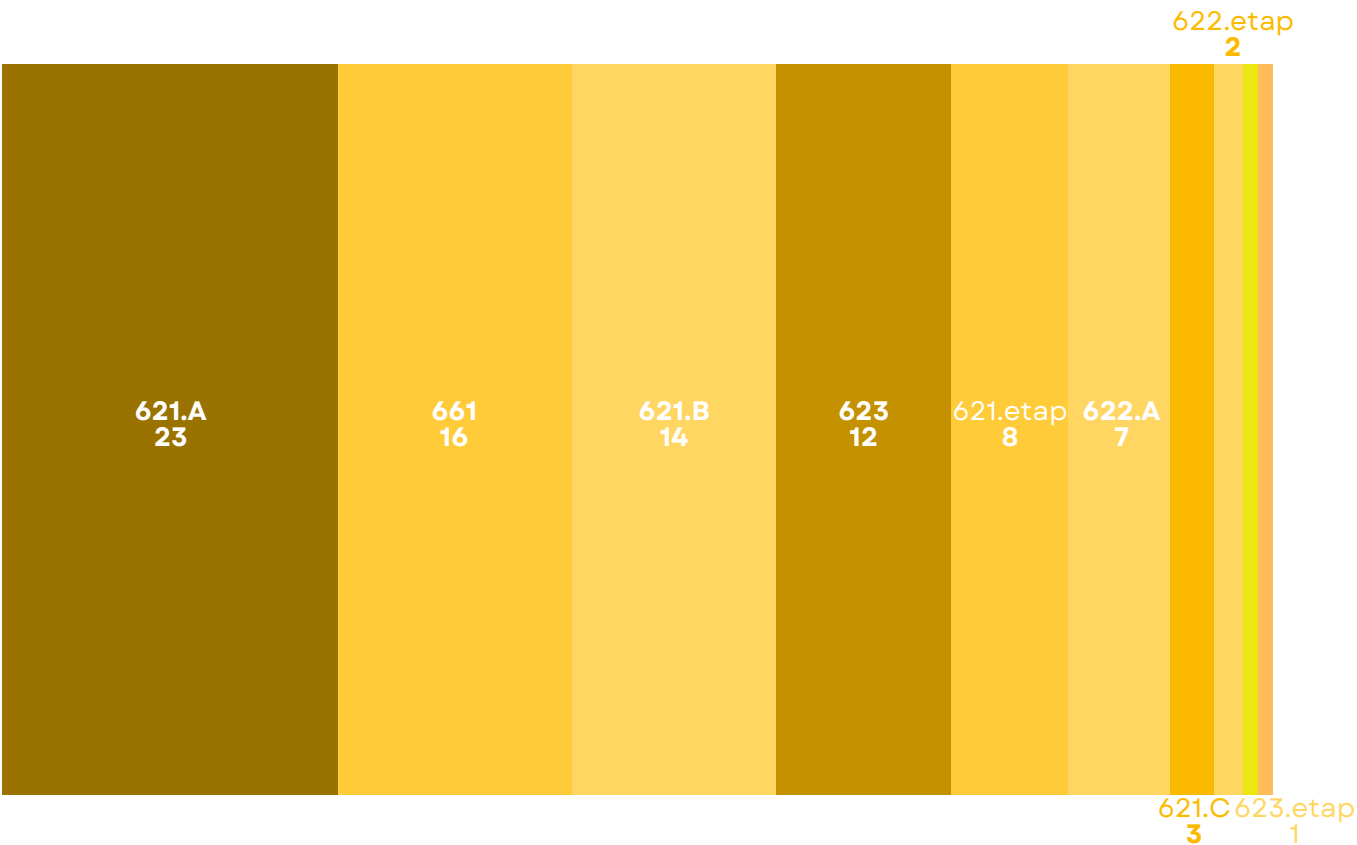
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Overview



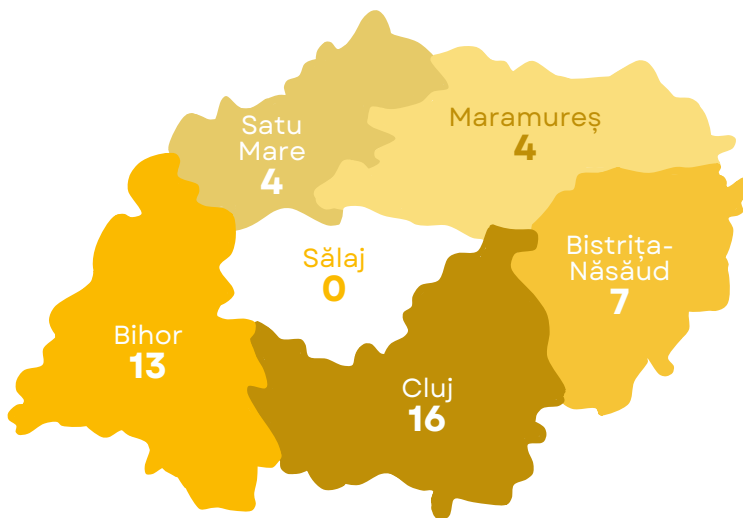
This priority marches for **a more social and inclusive Europe**. It involves tenders aimed at **enhancing educational infrastructure** across various levels, **from early childhood to university education**, and at **modernizing school facilities**.

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

€ 123.049.140,84

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 217.045.955,88

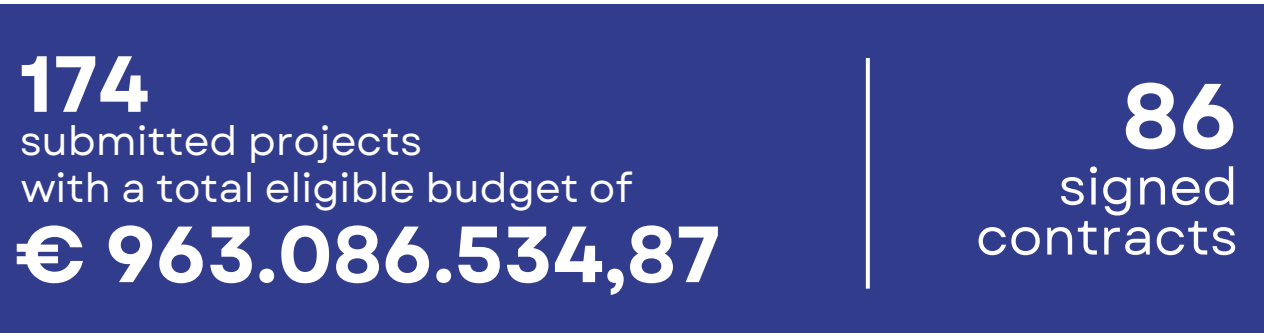
The **Commune of Lăpuș (Maramureș County)**, in partnership with **Lăpuș Secondary School** and the **Cristian Vasc Football Sports Club**, is investing in educational infrastructure through the development of a new school camp, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. As the first project of its kind delivered through a **partnership between a local authority, a school and a sports club**, the investment has a total budget of approximately **€2.1 million** and supports non-formal education and social inclusion. The project involves the **construction and full equipment of a modern school camp** with accommodation capacity for **50 participants** on a site of more than **23,400 square metres**. The complex will include accommodation rooms, a multifunctional hall, **educational spaces**, administrative facilities, **outdoor sports grounds**, green areas and **recreational infrastructure**. It will also be equipped with **digital learning tools, sports equipment, multimedia systems** and renewable energy solutions. The investment will support **annual educational, cultural and sports programmes** coordinated by the three project partners. At least **303 children** are expected to participate each year, including over **44% from vulnerable groups**, while the infrastructure will also support future **ESF+ educational activities**. Serving children from Lăpuș and neighbouring communities, the project is expected to reach around **800 pupils and preschool children annually**. Scheduled for completion in **May 2028**, the investment reflects an **integrated approach to education, sport and community development** through institutional partnership.





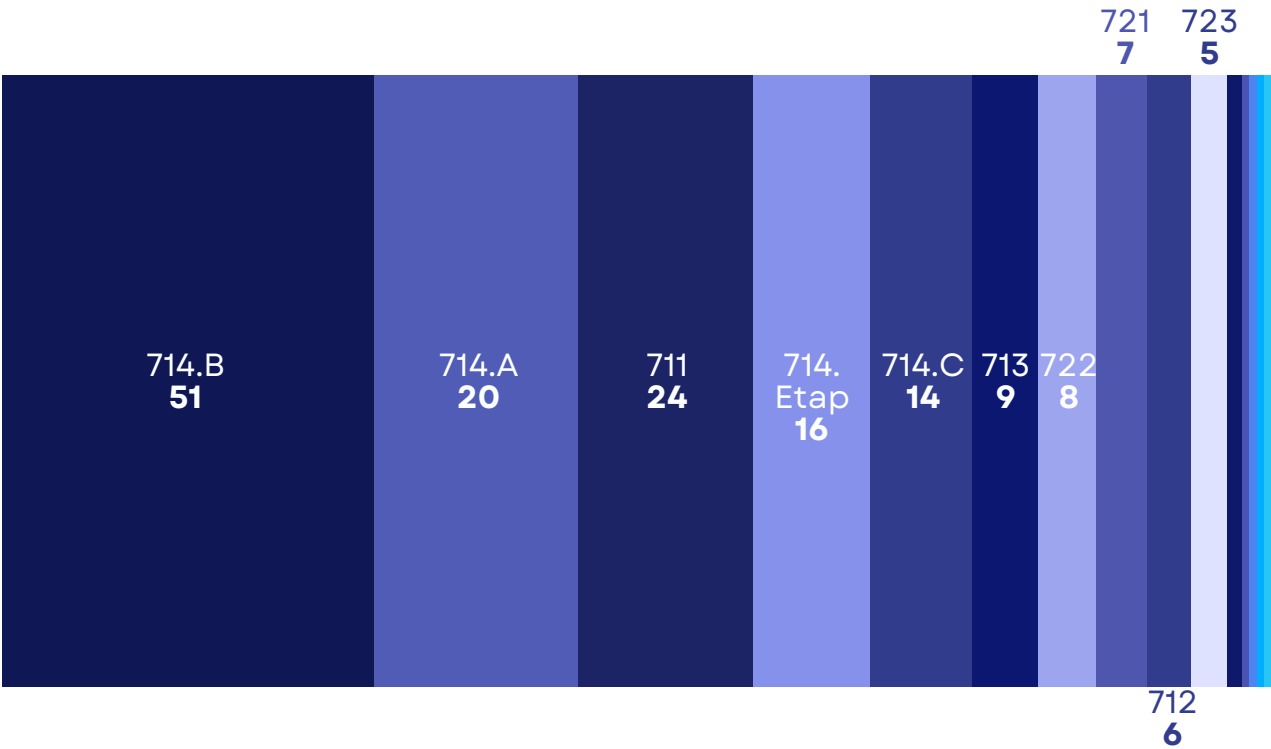
# Priority 7

Overview



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**.

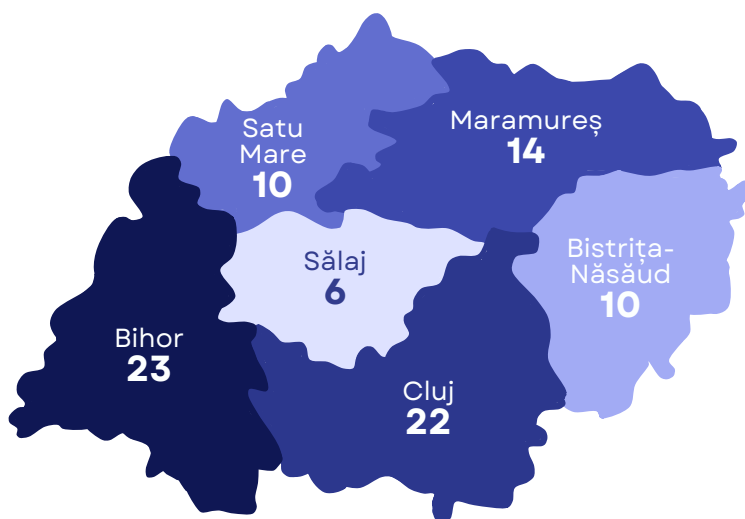
The call for projects **714.B** - Urban regeneration and the security of public spaces has **16** signed contracts, showcasing the increased interest of the public sector beautify the cities to match the beauty of the community that inhabits each place.





# 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 **Municipality of Oradea (Bihor County)** is investing in the regeneration of the Nufărul I neighbourhood through an integrated urban development project financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total budget of over **€13.6 million**, the investment improves public spaces, **expands green infrastructure** and promotes **sustainable mobility** in one of the city's largest residential districts. The intervention covers approximately **7.6 hectares** and combines landscape rehabilitation with upgraded pedestrian, cycling and transport infrastructure. More than **23,000 square metres** of green areas and over **14,000 square metres** of pedestrian routes will be redeveloped, alongside new **cycling connections**, a bridge over the Peța Stream, modernised streets, **accessible sidewalks**, upgraded bus stops and reorganised parking areas. The project will **preserve valuable** existing **trees** while introducing hundreds of **new trees**, **perennial planting** and sustainable drainage solutions. New playgrounds, **fitness areas**, **social spaces**, **bicycle facilities**, pet-friendly areas, urban furniture, LED lighting and video surveillance will create a greener, safer and more inclusive public environment. Serving approximately **6,100 residents** directly while benefiting the wider city of Oradea, the project creates a more **accessible and climate-resilient neighbourhood** designed for everyday community life. Scheduled for completion in **August 2029**, the investment reflects **an integrated approach to urban regeneration**, combining environmental quality, sustainable mobility and improved public space.



# Completed projects

*A success story.*

A **production modernisation project** has entered the durability phase on **28<sup>th</sup> of April 2026**, following completion by **PLAST TECHNIK SRL (Cluj County)** through the project **“Glass Reflecting Visions: Investment in the Art of Modern Insulating Glass”**, 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 **€3.7 million**, the project has **strengthened the company’s production capacity** through the installation of **two state-of-the-art technological lines** for manufacturing insulating glass units, complemented by a **solar thermal system** for domestic hot water production. The investment **modernises key production processes**, increasing **precision, productivity and resource efficiency** while supporting more sustainable manufacturing operations.

The upgraded production facilities **enable higher product quality, improved cutting accuracy and reduced material waste**, while integrating research results developed in cooperation with research organisations into the manufacturing process. The investment also **enhances the company’s competitiveness** on both domestic and international markets by **increasing production capacity and lowering operating costs**.

Now fully implemented, the project has created **five new jobs**, including one position dedicated to a person from a disadvantaged group, while **reinforcing the company’s long-term growth** and innovation capacity. The investment demonstrates how **targeted support** for advanced manufacturing technologies can **improve productivity, sustainability and the competitiveness** of regional SMEs.





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