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**The North-West Regional
Development Agency**
as the Managing Authority for
the **2021-2027 North-West
Regional Programme**



The 2021-2027 North-West Regional Programme



The **2021-2027 North-West Regional Programme** is a European funding instrument aimed at supporting the development of the **North-West Development Region** of Romania, which comprises the counties of Bihor, Bistrița-Năsăud, Cluj, Maramureș, Satu Mare and Sălaj.



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



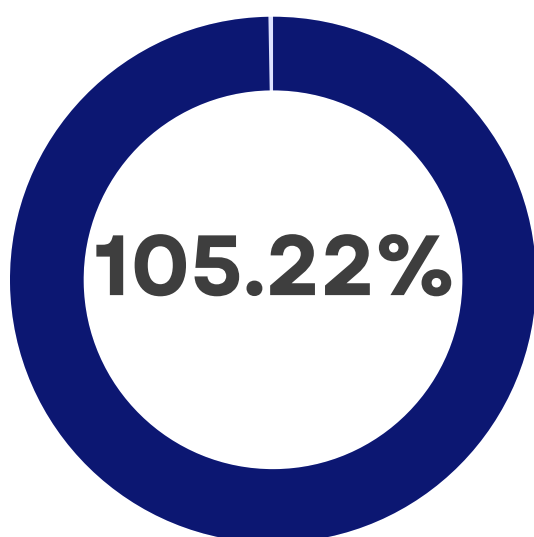
Calls for Projects

78

calls published

€ 1.512.319.336,98

budget of the published project calls



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

€ 1.486.274.336,98

budget of the launched project calls

69

calls launched



Submitted Projects

2037

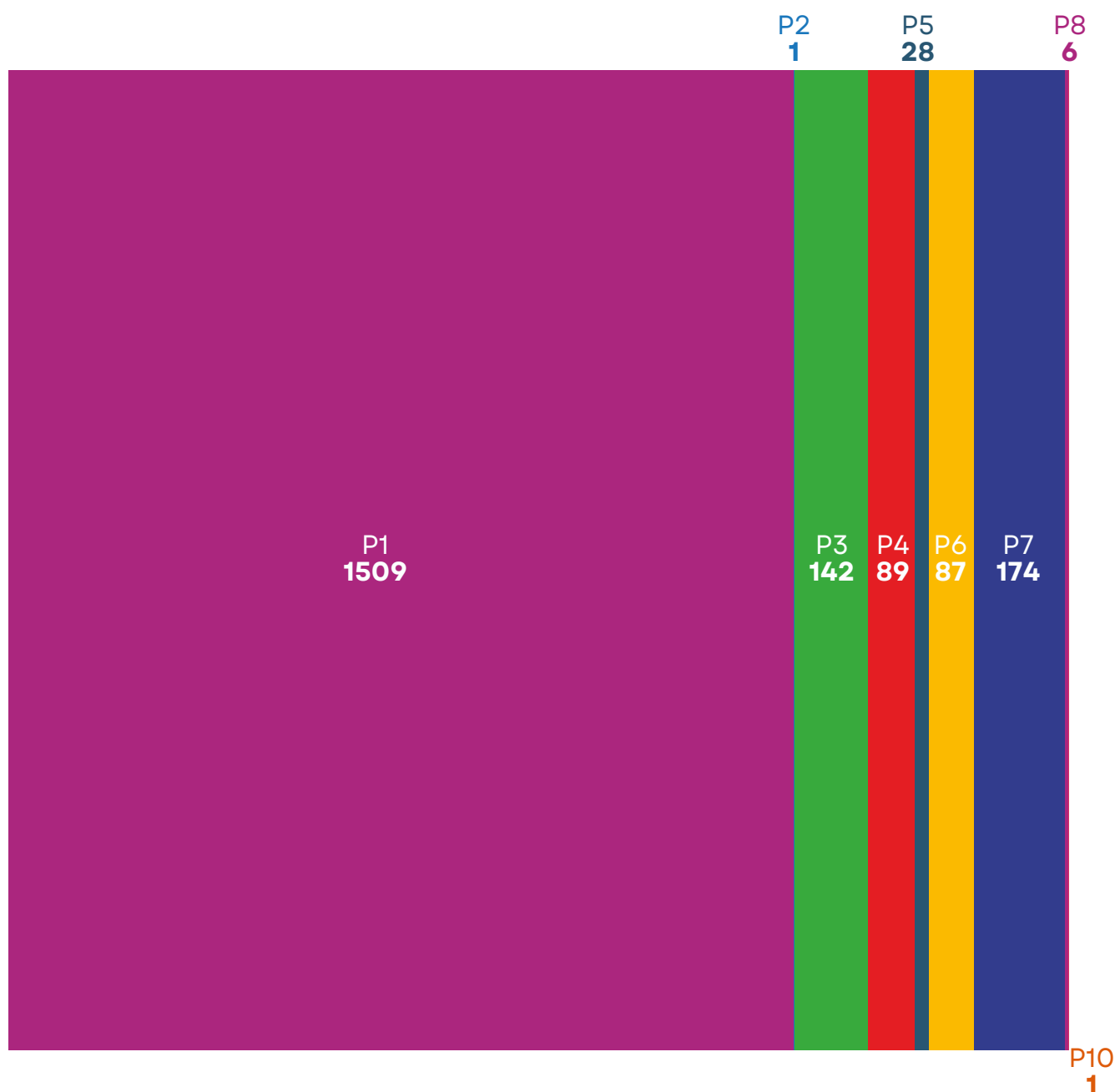
in total

€ 4.795.779.716,42

Eligible budget of the submitted projects

333,68%

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



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

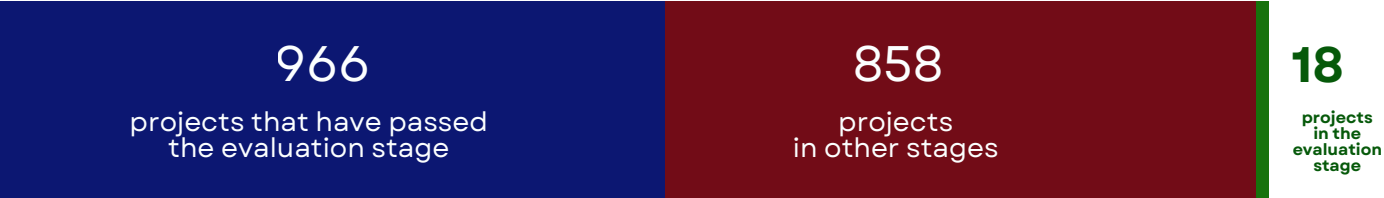
418,49%

€ 6.014.708.044,39

The total budget of submitted projects

Evaluation of Projects

1842 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



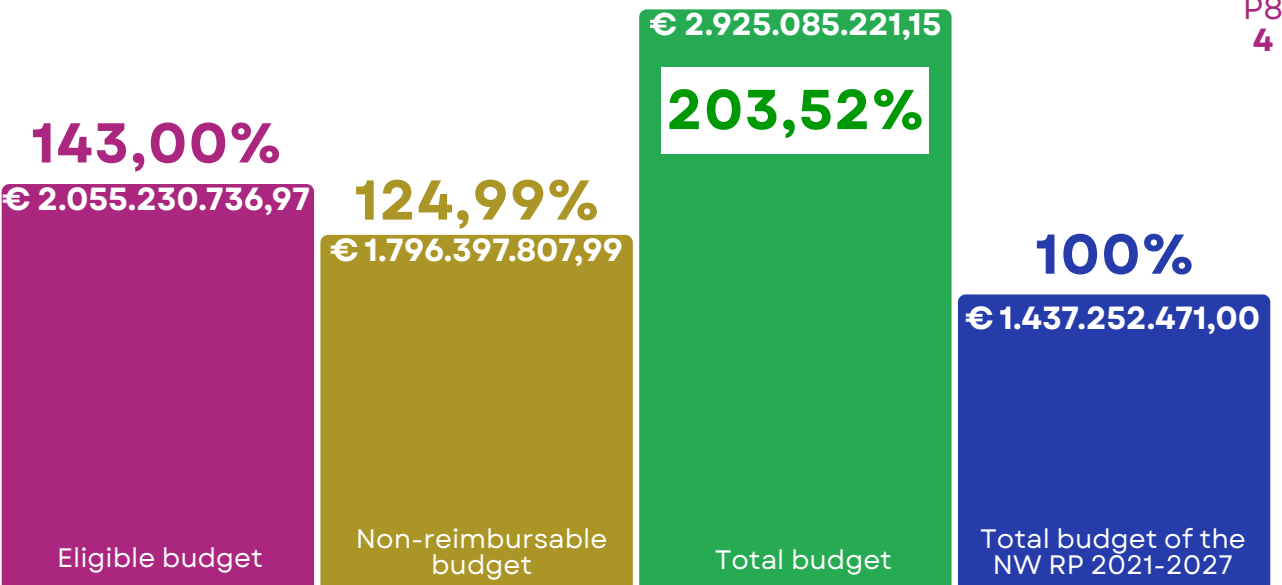
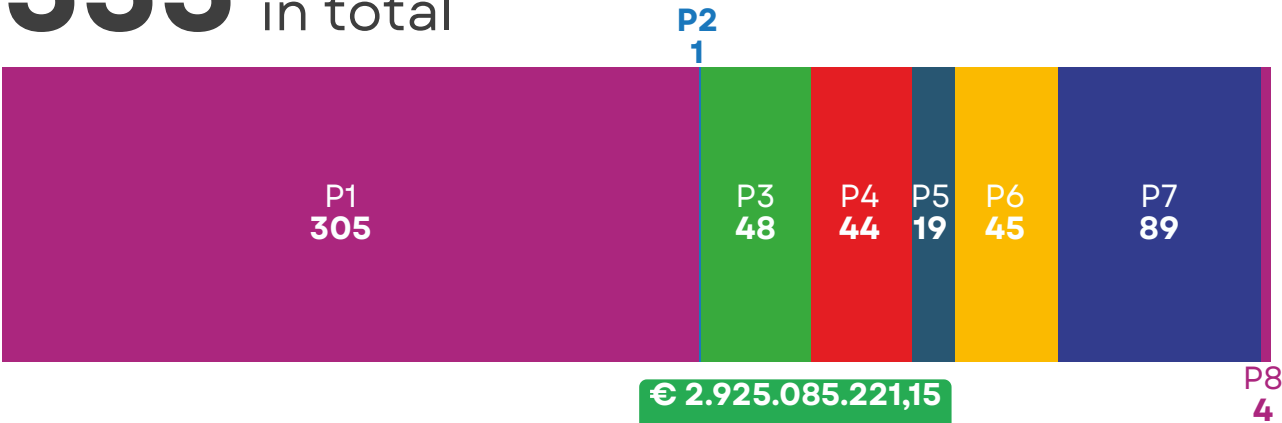
Projects in Contracting Procedure

746 total projects that have entered the contracting phase



Signed Contracts

555 in total

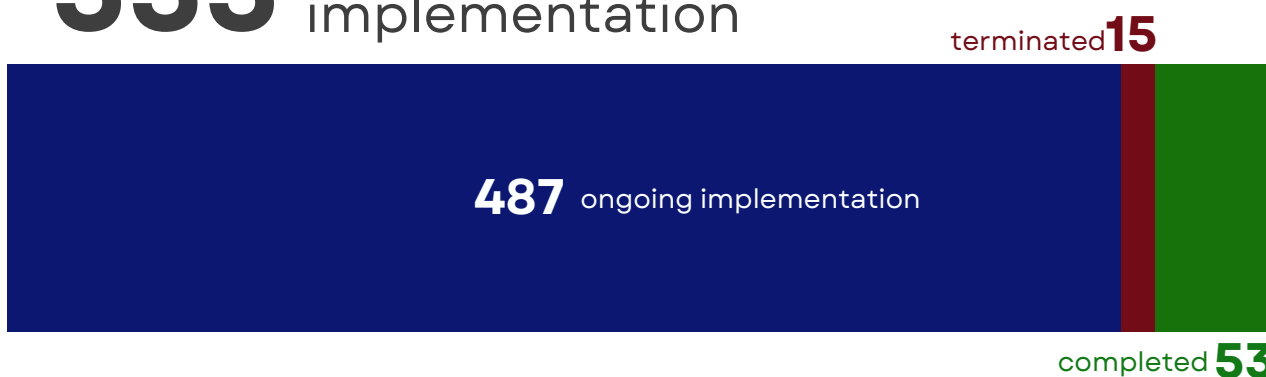


Monitoring of Projects

761 monitoring visits in total

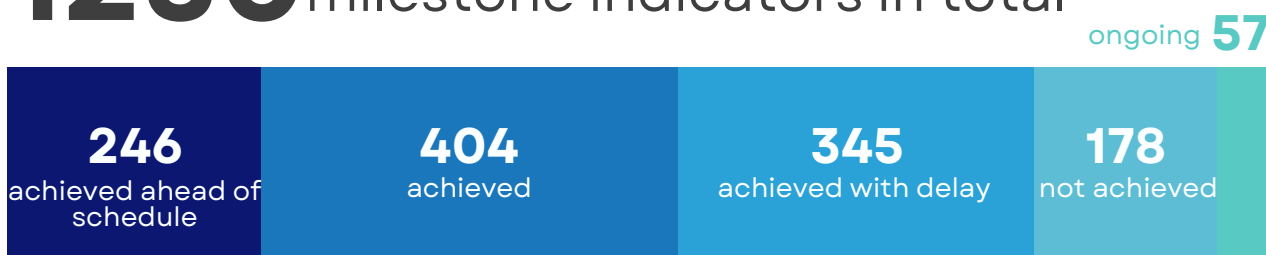


555 projects in implementation



Milestone indicator reports

1230 milestone indicators in total



Payments Made

2025 payments	€ 506.188.019,05 Total budget of payments made to the beneficiaries 35,22% of the budget of the 2021-2027 North-West Regional Programme	P1: € 70.232.244,51 P3: € 42.304.061,85 P4: € 102.019.227,77 P5: € 161.147.419,87 P6: € 41.571.614,14 P7: € 63.497.574,55 P8: € 25.415.876,36
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Payment Requests

made to the European Commission

11 payments	€ 467.501.408,35 Total budget of expenditures declared to the EC (PR1, PR2, PR3, PR4, PR5, PR6, PR7, PR8, PR9, PR10, PR11)	32,53% of the budget of the 2021-2027 North-West Regional Programme
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P4: € 102.019.227,77, out of which € 87.646.623,57 are ERDF expenditures
P5: € 161.147.419,87, out of which € 142.773.112,36 are ERDF expenditures
P6: € 41.571.614,14, out of which € 21.182.510,66 are ERDF expenditures
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Payments

made by the European Commission

11 payments	€ 359.829.183,55 Total budget of payments received from the EC (PR1, PR2, PR3, PR4, PR5, PR6, PR7, PR8, PR9, PR10, PR11)	28,42% of the ERDF allocation under the 2021-2027 North-West Regional Programme
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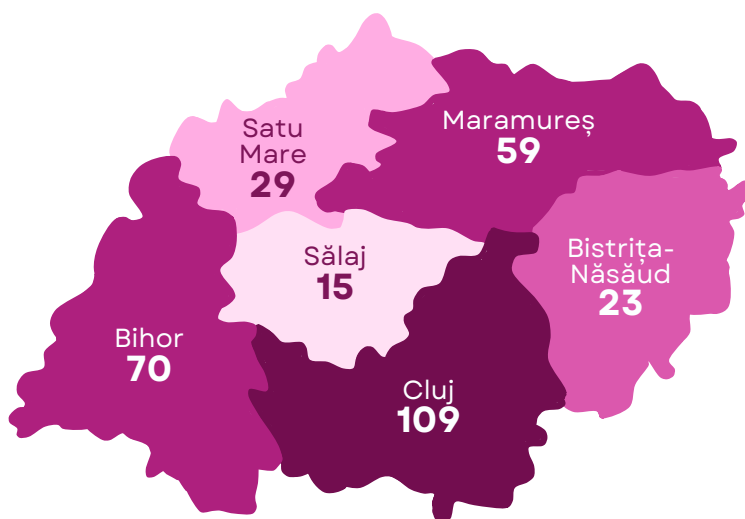
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Priority 1

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 319.461.310,51

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 390.730.741,17

The **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027** is driving regional growth by supporting **305 SMEs across six counties**, with almost **€320 million** in eligible funding already allocated and a total investment reaching almost **€390 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.



1
submitted projects
with a total eligible budget of
€ 56.050.951,77

1
signed
contracts

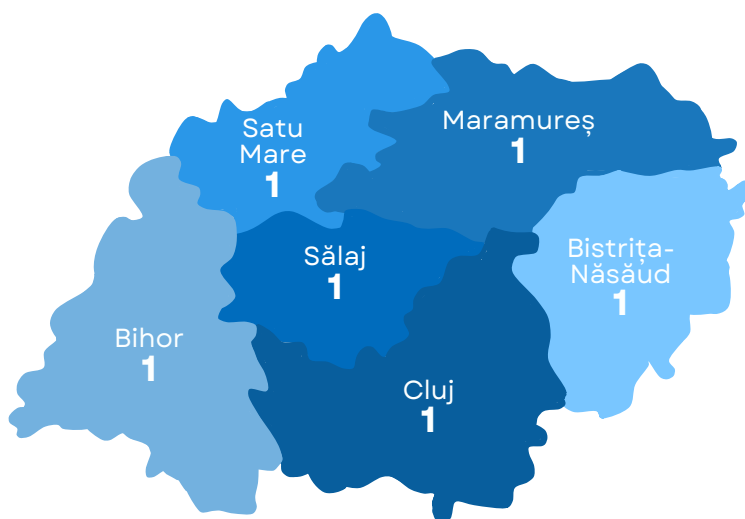
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Priority 2

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The total budget of the signed contracts

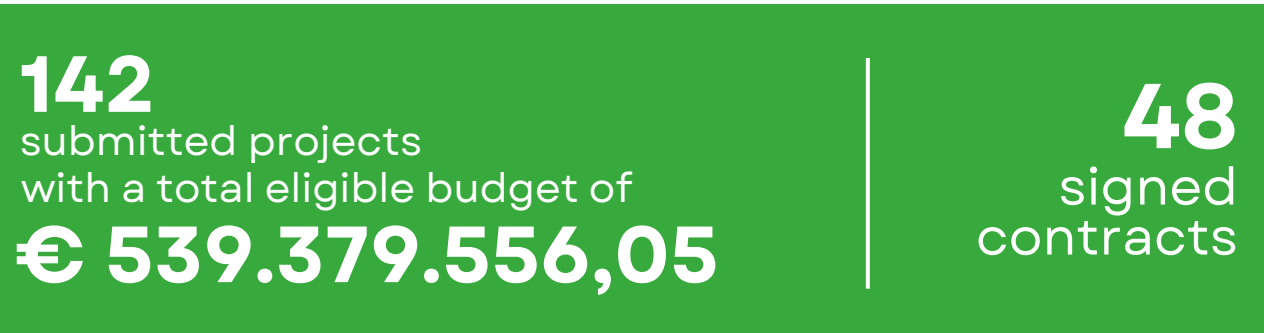
€ 56.050.951,77

The **Special Telecommunications Service (STS)**, in partnership with the **Bistrița-Năsăud County Council**, is investing in regional digital infrastructure through the establishment of the **North-West Regional Data Centre**, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total budget of approximately **€56 million**, the project creates the **shared digital infrastructure** that will support the **development of secure, interoperable and citizen-oriented public services** across the North-West Region. The investment includes the **construction and operationalisation** of a regional data centre designed to provide **high-performance computing, secure data storage, connectivity and cloud infrastructure** for public authorities. Acting as a **common digital platform**, the facility will enable **county councils, municipalities, towns and communes** to **develop and operate digital public services** using a resilient and scalable technological environment while maintaining their own administrative systems and service portfolios. By providing a **shared infrastructure for data management and digital services**, the project will improve **interoperability** between public institutions, **strengthen cybersecurity** and increase the **efficiency of public administration**. The investment is expected to reduce administrative complexity, **facilitate the delivery of digital services for citizens** and businesses, and support the long-term digital transformation of local and regional government throughout the North-West Region. Scheduled for completion within **42 months**, the project represents one of the **largest strategic digital infrastructure investments** financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**, reflecting a long-term commitment to **smart governance, secure public services and a more connected regional administration**.



Priority 3

Overview

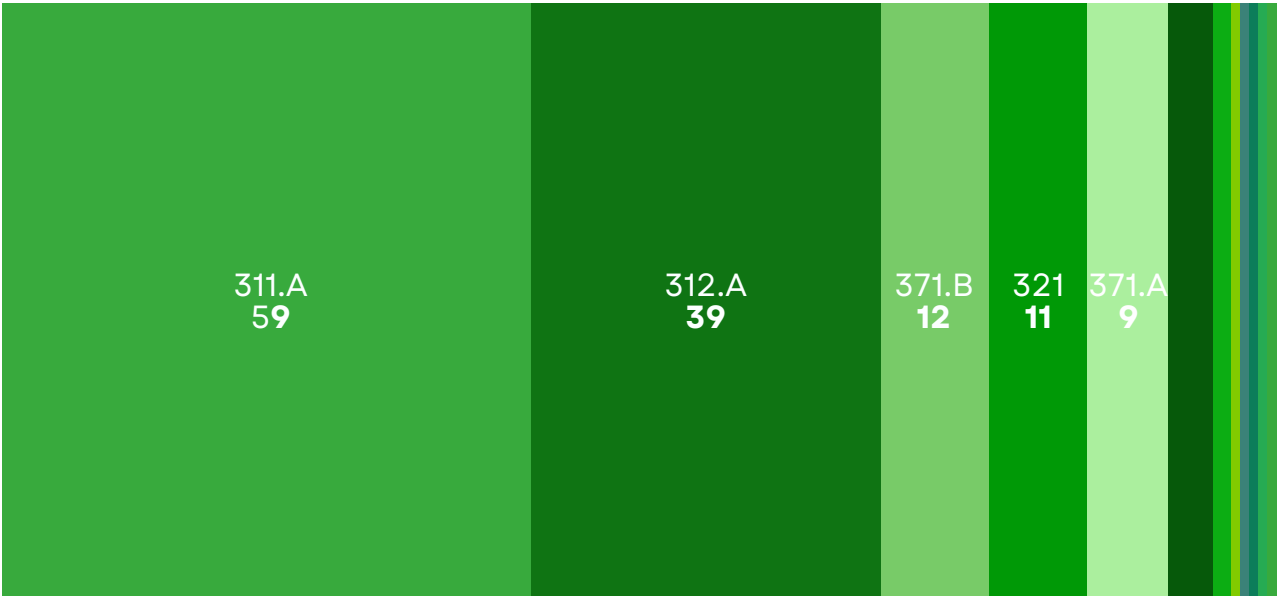


This priority marches for a **greener Europe**. It involves tenders targeting **energy efficiency in housing, public buildings (including heritage sites), and renewable energy in rural areas**. It also supports **green cities and improved urban green infrastructure**.

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

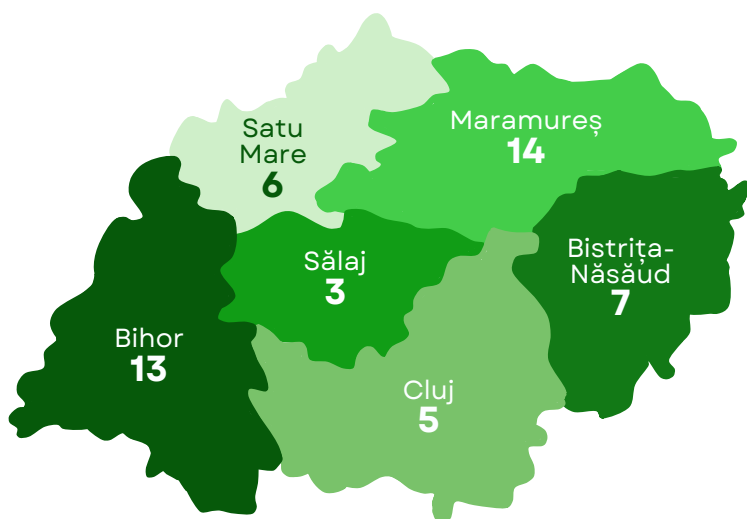
The most active calls relate to increasing **energy efficiency** in the region as part of **investments in the housing sector** and **supporting energy efficiency in public buildings, including heritage buildings**.

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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

The **Town of Beclean (Bistrița-Năsăud County)** is investing in **energy-efficient housing** through the renovation of **two multifamily residential buildings**, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021-2027**. With a total budget of approximately **€5.3 million**, the project **improves energy performance**, reduces greenhouse-gas emissions and **enhances living conditions** for residents while supporting the town's climate objectives. The intervention targets two residential buildings comprising a total of **120 apartments**. Works include thermal insulation of façades and roofs, modernisation of building envelopes and technical installations, enabling both buildings to meet **contemporary energy-efficiency standards** while improving year-round thermal comfort for residents. The investment is expected to **reduce annual primary energy consumption by approximately 68%** for the building on Aleea Zorilor and **66%** for the building on Șieului Street. Greenhouse-gas emissions will **decrease by nearly 80%**, contributing to lower energy demand, reduced operating costs and improved environmental performance across the residential sector. Scheduled for completion in **May 2028**, the project reflects Beclean's commitment to **sustainable urban development** by combining energy efficiency, climate resilience and improved housing quality for local communities.



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.

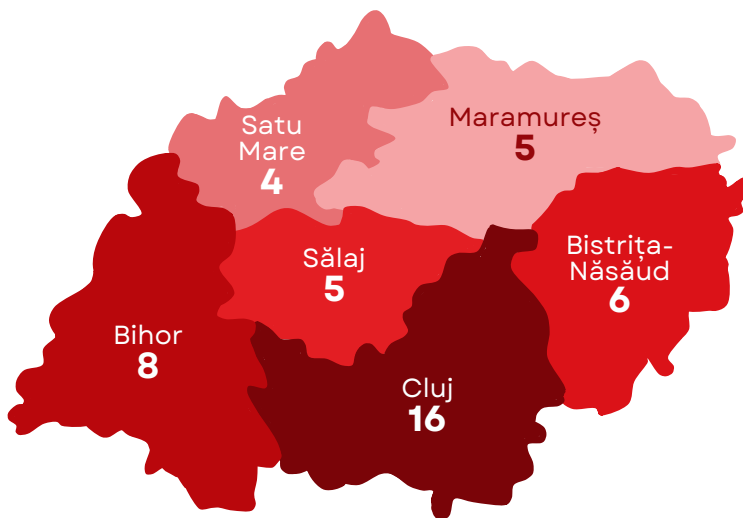
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Priority 4

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 496.845.351,79

The total budget of the signed contracts

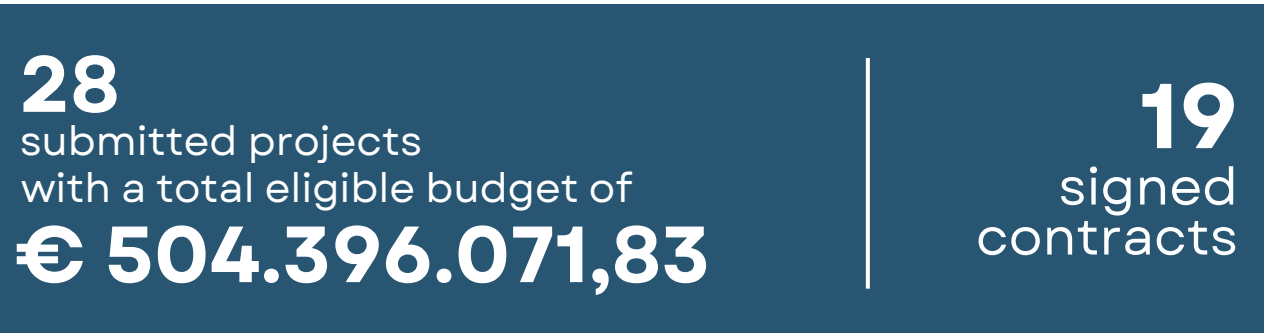
€ 604.649.477,55

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 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.



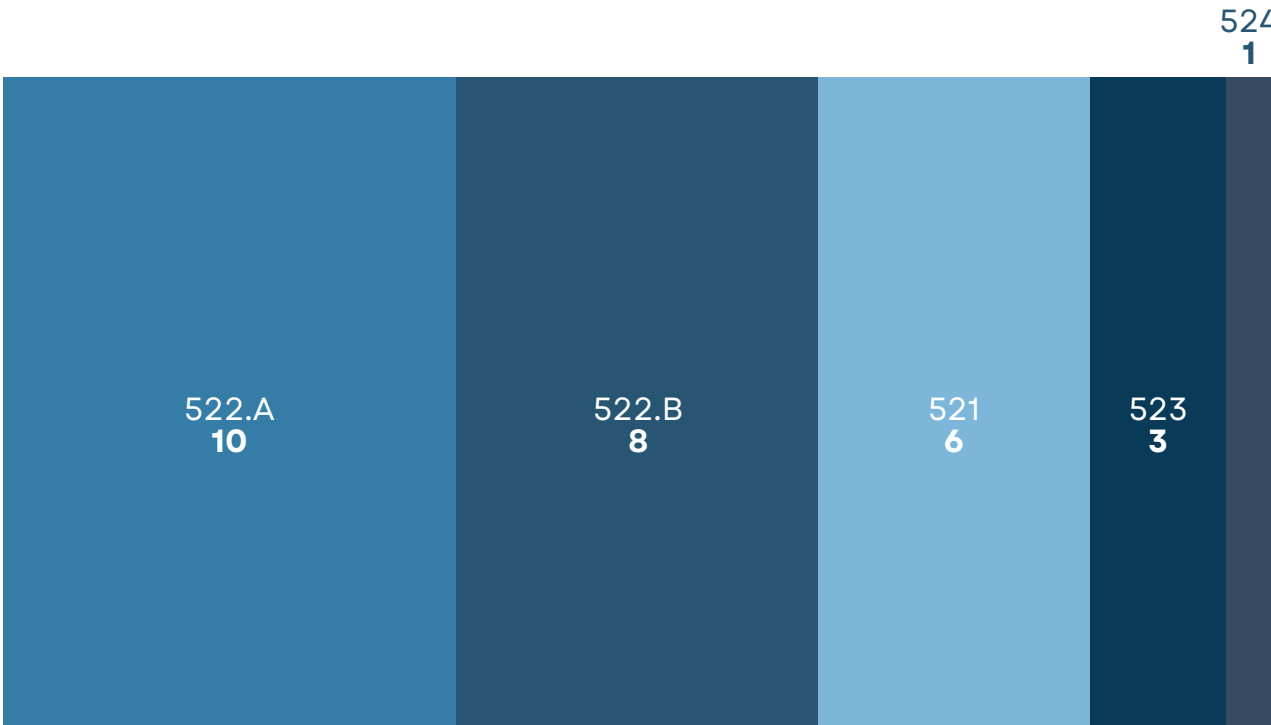
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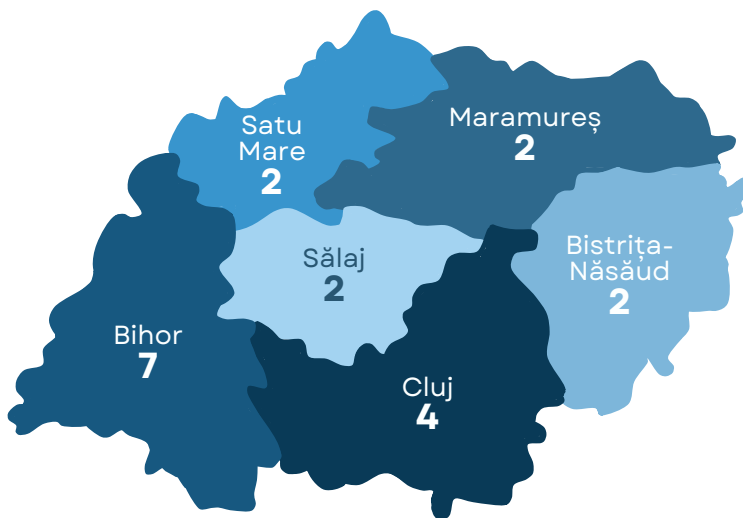
This priority is targeting **both infrastructure and safety**. **Upgrades to secondary roads**, including key **TEN-T connections**, are a focus. With 4 active tenders, the most significant interest has been seen in Call 522.A - Equipment to Increase Traffic Safety, with 8 projects submitted, followed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

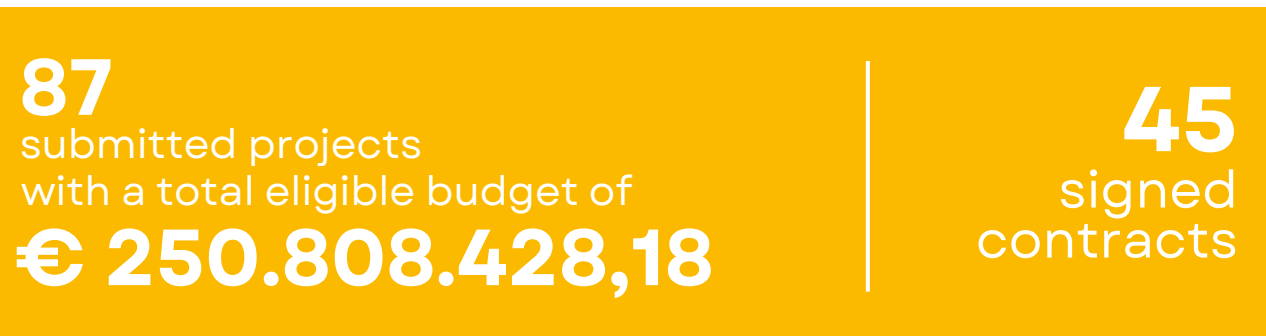
€ 657.576.613,27

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.



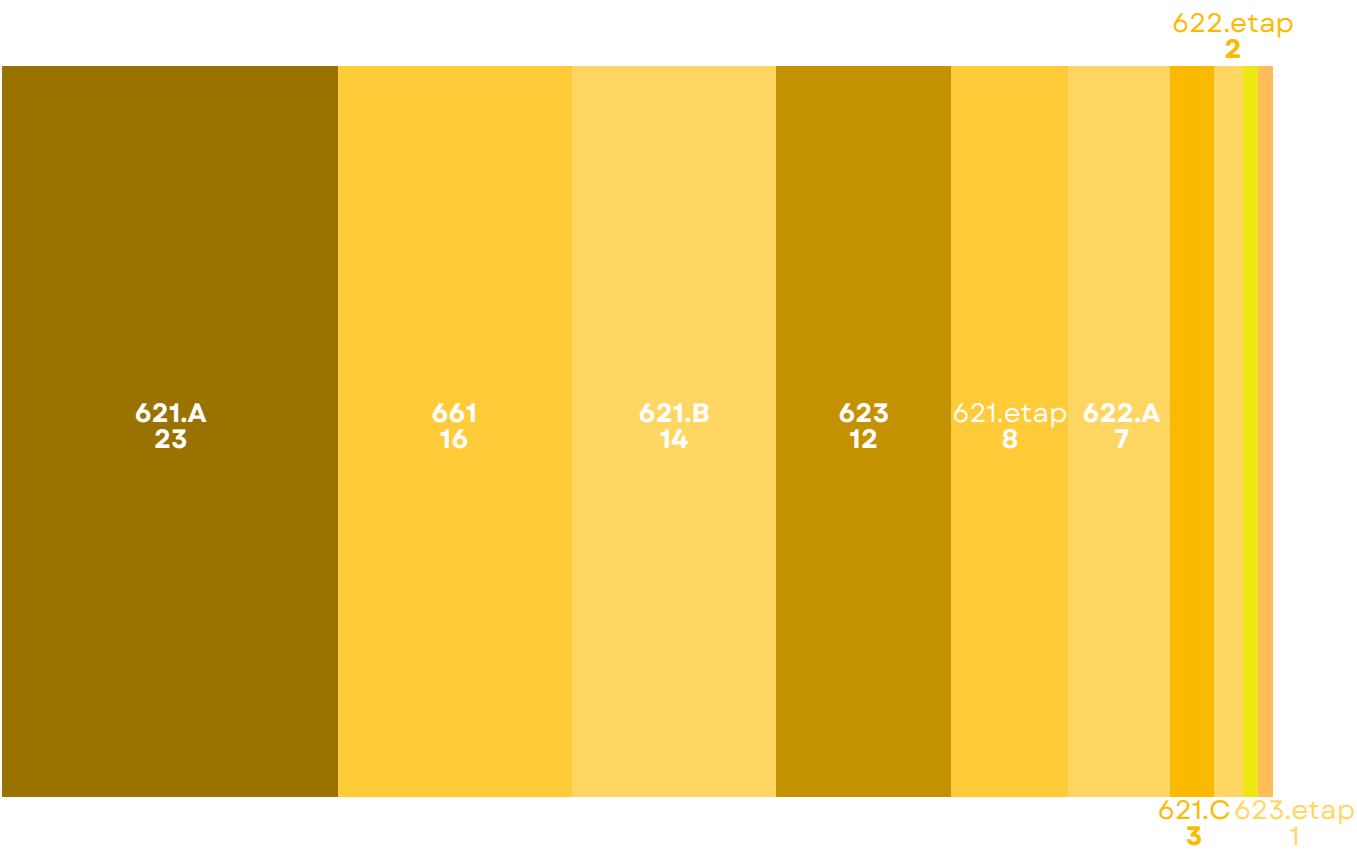
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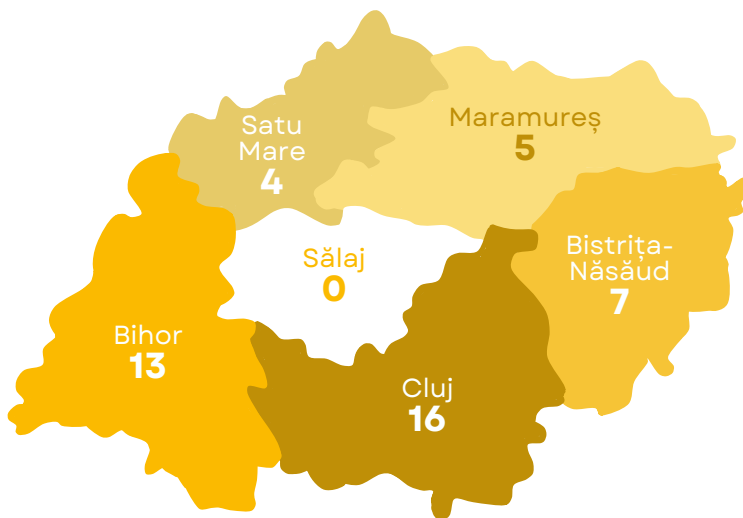
This priority marches for **a more social and inclusive Europe**. It involves tenders aimed at **enhancing educational infrastructure** across various levels, **from early childhood to university education**, and at **modernizing school facilities**.

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

€ 125.022.749,74

The total budget of the signed contracts

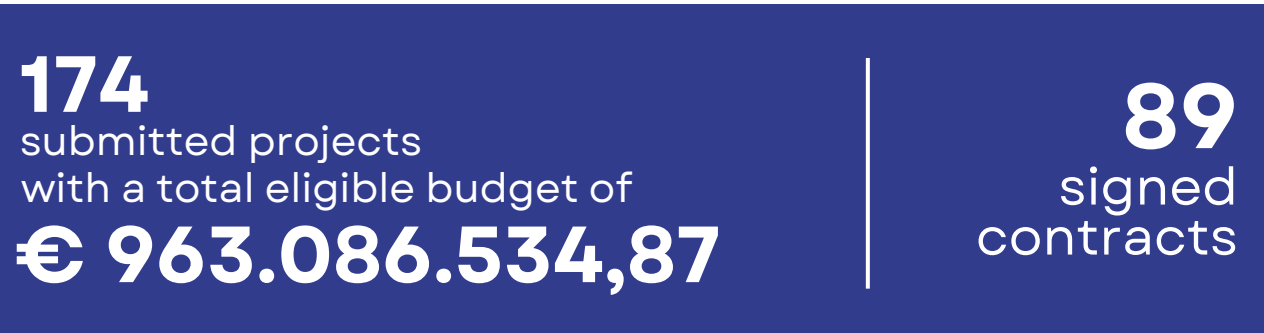
€ 219.824.973,14

The **Town of Târgu Lăpuș (Maramureș County)** is investing in educational infrastructure through the development of a **modern school camp**, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a **total budget** of approximately **€2.8 million**, the project will transform an existing site near the town stadium into a **year-round educational and recreational complex**, supporting non-formal learning, cultural activities and social inclusion for children and young people. The investment includes the modernisation and extension of a former canteen building into a **fully equipped camp** with accommodation capacity for **50 children** and 6 accompanying adults. The complex will feature en-suite accommodation rooms, dining facilities, multifunctional halls, **creative workshops**, a medical office, administrative spaces and accessible facilities for people with disabilities. Outdoor infrastructure will include an activity pavilion, **an open-air amphitheatre**, basketball and volleyball courts, campfire areas, **a sensory path, relaxation spaces**, table tennis facilities and landscaped areas inspired by the cultural identity of the Lăpuș region. The investment **will support year-round educational programmes** covering **arts, traditional crafts, theatre, astronomy, sports, first aid, personal development and outdoor activities**. Around **860 children** are expected to participate **annually**, including at least **130 from vulnerable groups**, while the project will also deliver **ESF+ educational activities**. Scheduled for completion in **December 2029**, the investment reflects an **integrated approach to education, cultural heritage and community development**, creating new opportunities for children while strengthening educational tourism in the **Lăpuș Land region**.



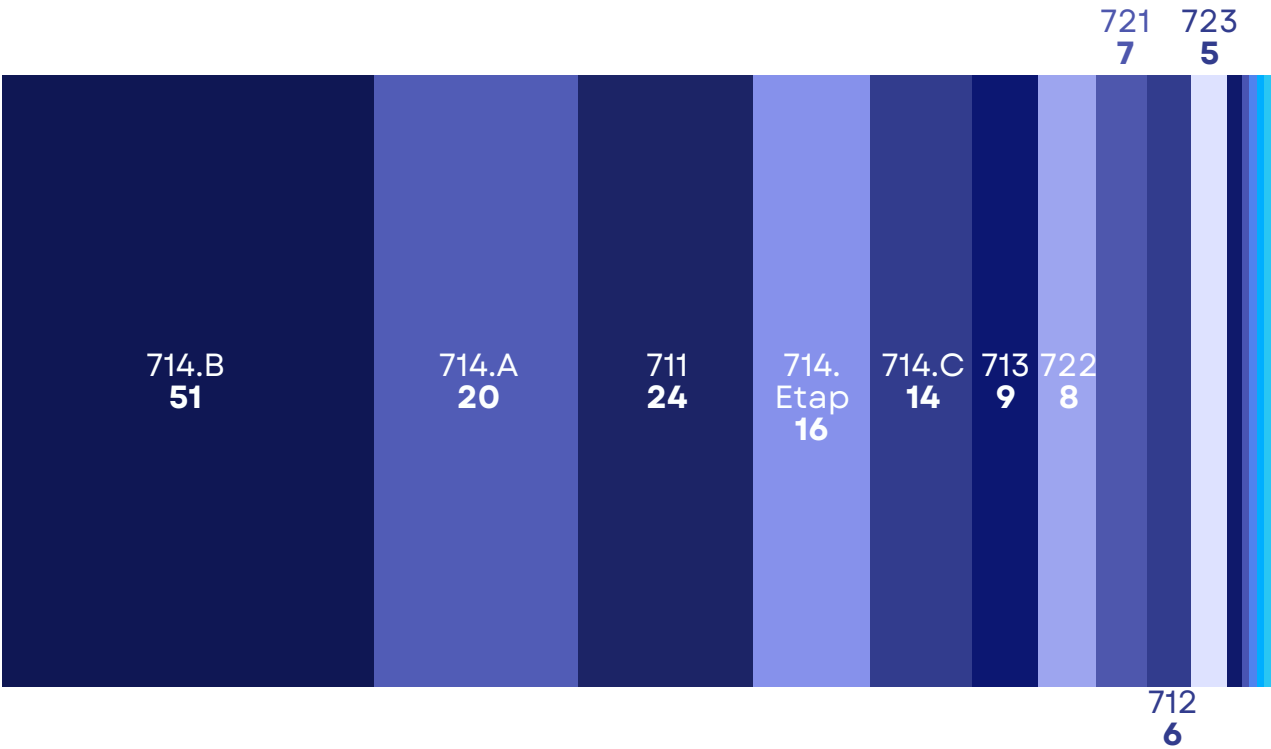
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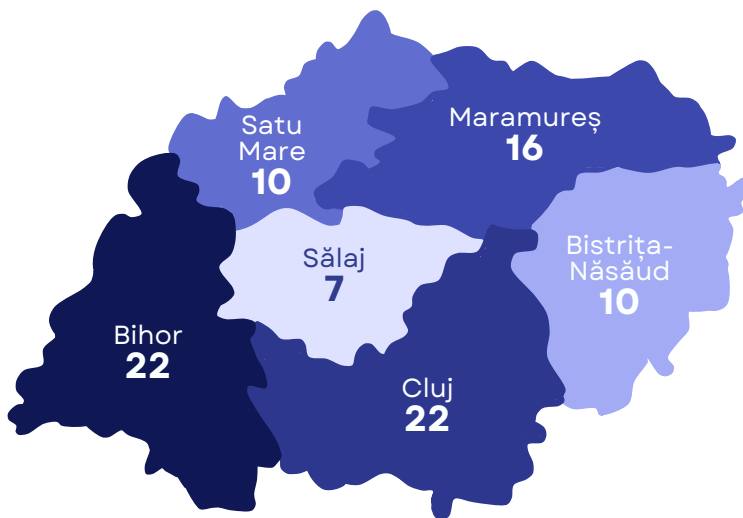
This priority marches for **a Europe that is close to its citizens**. It involves tenders promoting **integrated and inclusive development across social, economic, and environmental domains, as well as culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in non-urban areas**.

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
€ 476.343.478,36

The total budget of
the signed contracts
€ 644.712.898,48

The **Town of Șimleu Silvaniei (Sălaj County)** is investing in **cultural infrastructure** through the transformation of the former Măgura Cinema into a **multifunctional cultural centre**, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a **total budget** of over **€2.2 million**, the project **restores a landmark building** while creating a **flexible public venue for cultural, educational and community activities**. The investment includes the structural rehabilitation and energy-efficient modernisation of the existing building, preserving its **architectural character** while adapting it to contemporary standards. The new centre will accommodate **film screenings, theatre performances, concerts, conferences, exhibitions and other community events**. Its main hall will provide seating for **90 visitors**, with the flexibility to host up to **150 participants for larger events** through a reconfigurable layout. The project also includes an **outdoor terrace, a panoramic viewpoint** overlooking Iuliu Maniu Square and the Central Park, and upgraded technical, accessibility and visitor facilities. Serving nearly **14,000 residents**, the investment will **restore an important element of the town's cultural identity** while providing a modern venue for all generations. Scheduled for completion in **December 2029**, the project reflects an integrated approach to **heritage regeneration, cultural infrastructure and community development**.



Completed projects

A success story.

A **production modernisation project** has entered the durability phase on 17th of July 2026, following completion by **EASTMAN IMPEX SRL (Cluj County)** through the project “**Metalul se Joacă (The Metal plays)**”, 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 **€420,000**, the project has **strengthened the company's manufacturing capacity** through the acquisition of **nine advanced metal-processing machines**, two specialised software solutions and an **on-grid photovoltaic system**. The investment modernises key production processes, **increasing productivity, precision and energy efficiency** while supporting more sustainable industrial operations.

The upgraded production facilities enable **higher manufacturing accuracy, improved product quality, lower operating costs and a broader product portfolio**, allowing the company to expand into new markets while reinforcing its competitiveness. The integration of **digital solutions and renewable energy** also contributes to more efficient production management and reduced environmental impact.

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





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