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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



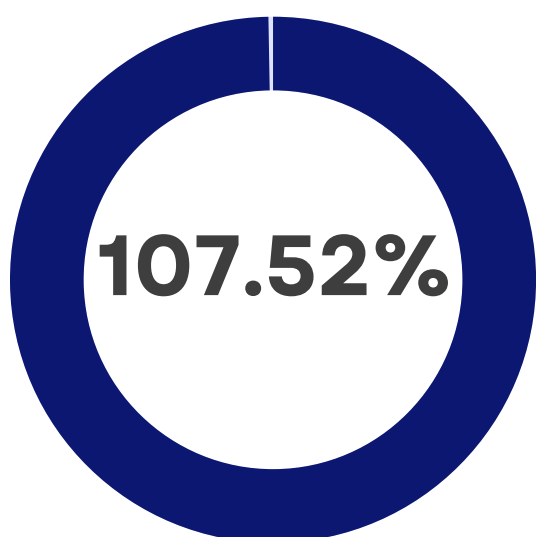
Calls for Projects

81

calls published

€ 1.545.319.336,98

budget of the published project calls



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

€ 1.523.747.286,98

budget of the launched project calls

80

calls launched



Submitted Projects

2055

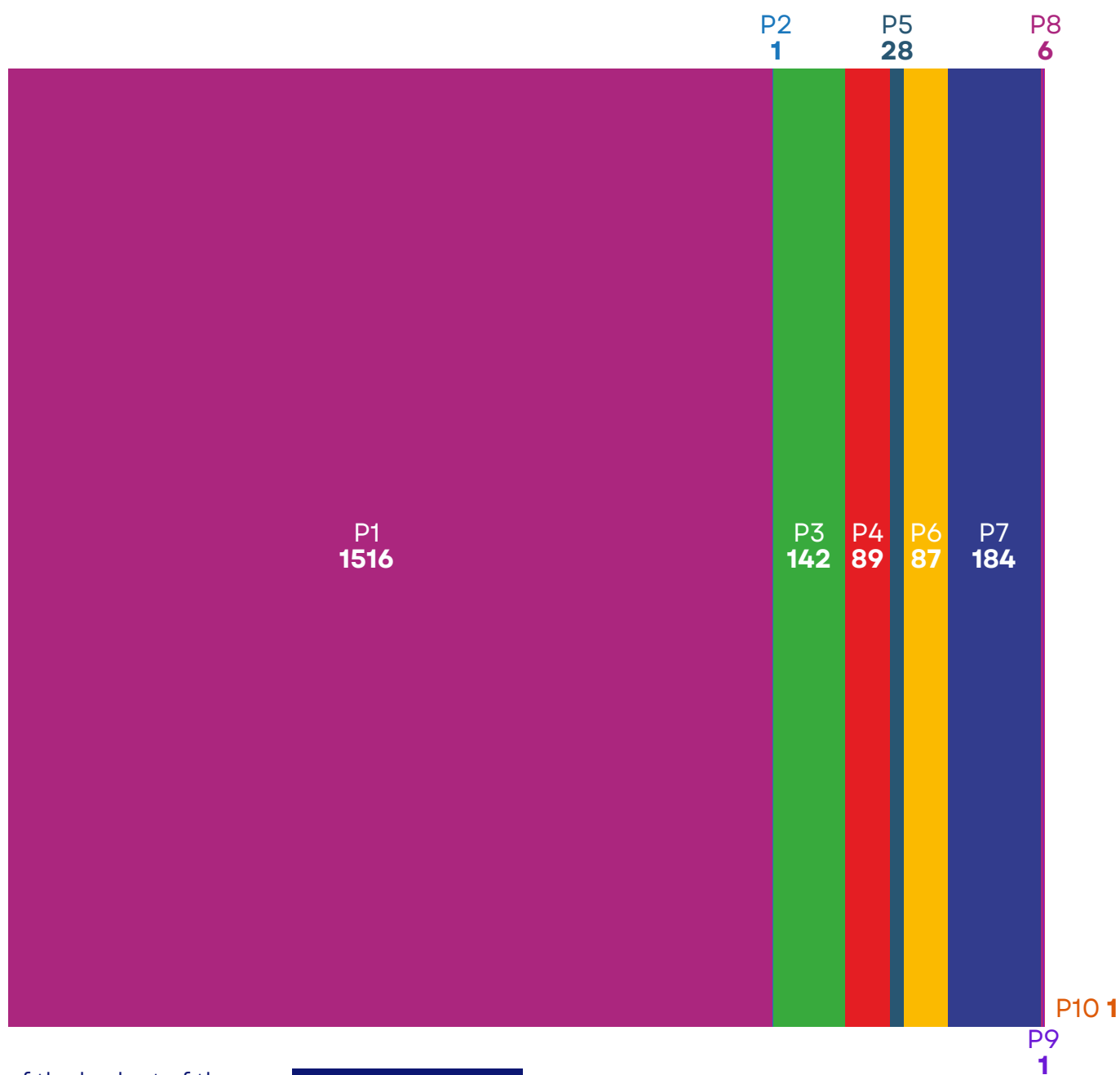
in total

€ 4.849.759.887,93

Eligible budget of the submitted projects

337,43%

of the budget of the
2021-2027 North-West
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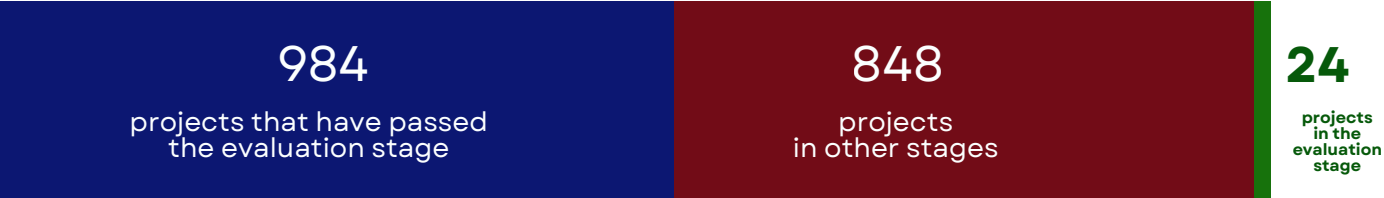
423,10%

€ 6.080.960.810,25

The total budget of submitted projects

Evaluation of Projects

1856 in total



Projects in Contestation

541 total projects that have been contested



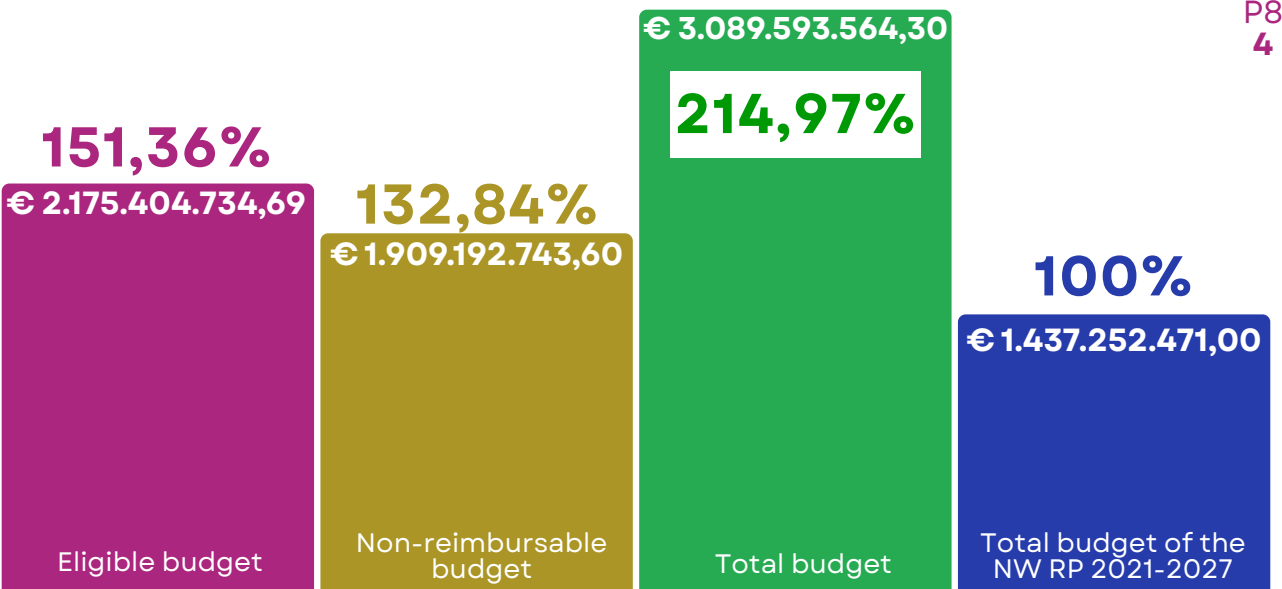
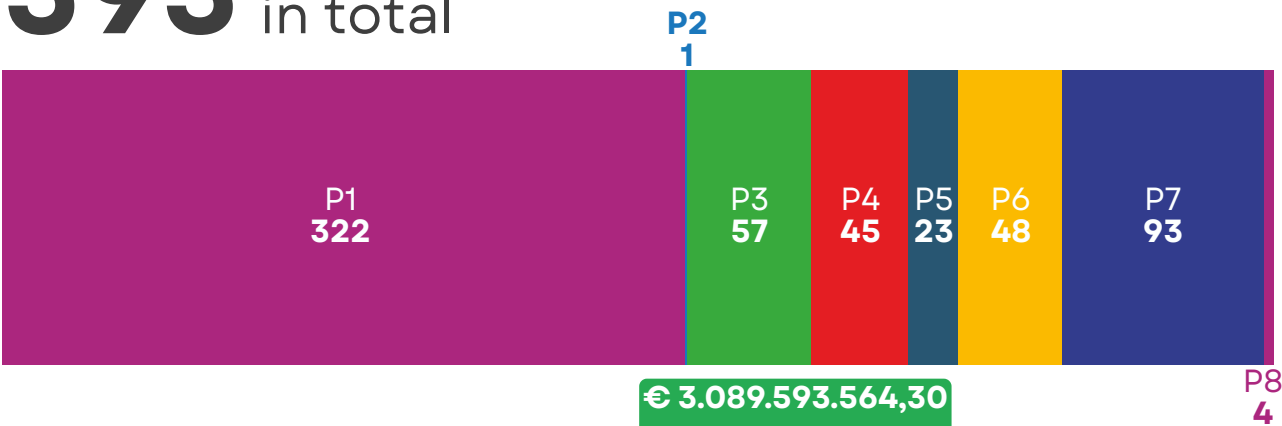
Projects in Contracting Procedure

753 total projects that have entered the contracting phase



Signed Contracts

593 in total

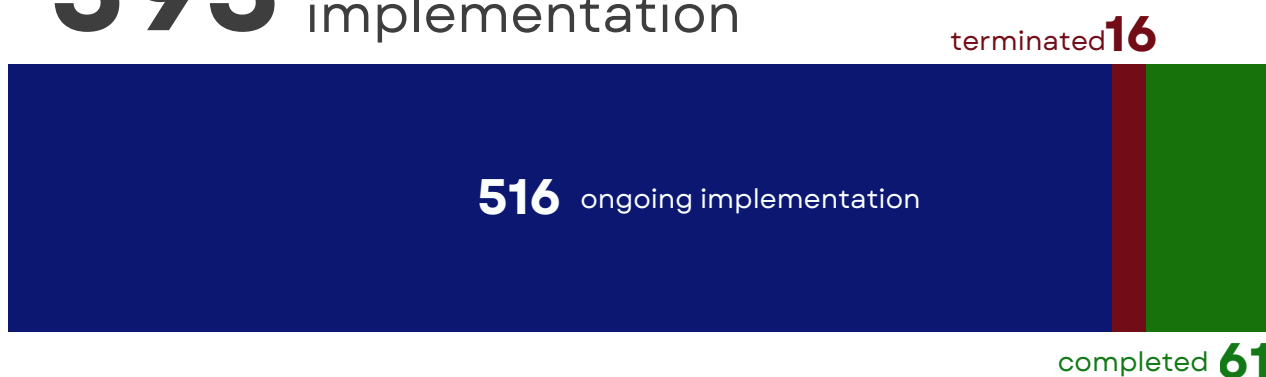


Monitoring of Projects

804 monitoring visits in total

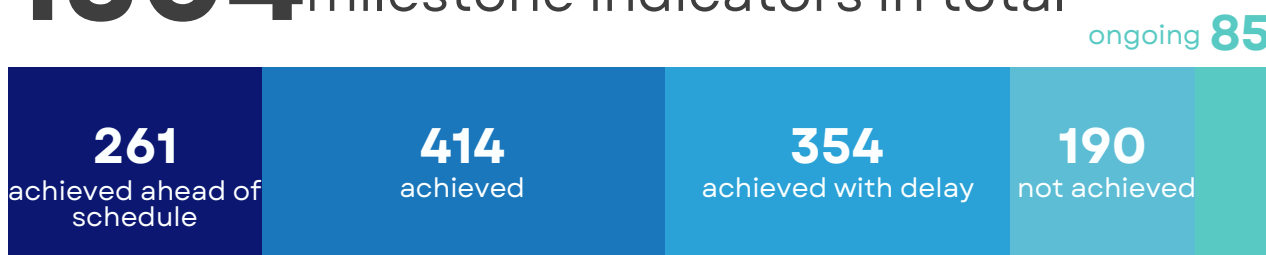


593 projects in implementation

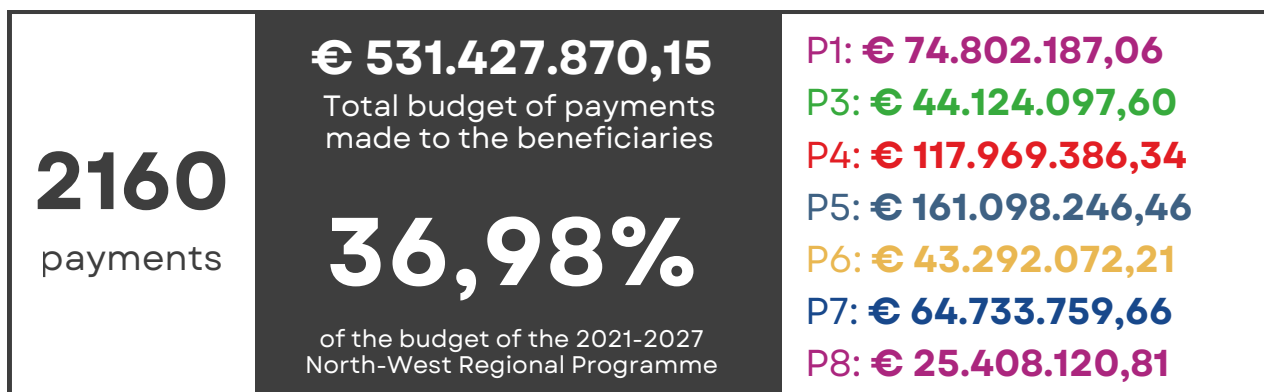


Milestone indicator reports

1304 milestone indicators in total

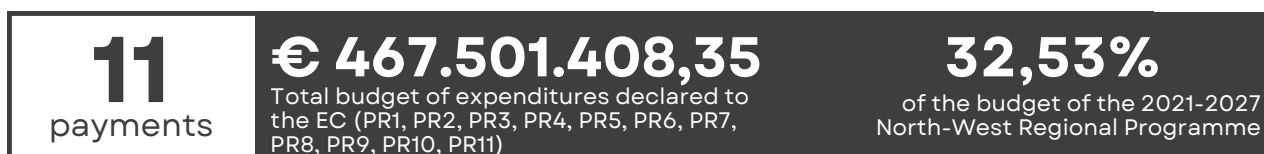


Payments Made



Payment Requests

made to the European Commission



P1: € 74.802.187,06, out of which € 63.609.813,44 are ERDF expenditures

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P4: € 117.969.386,34, out of which € 99.761.875,69 are ERDF expenditures

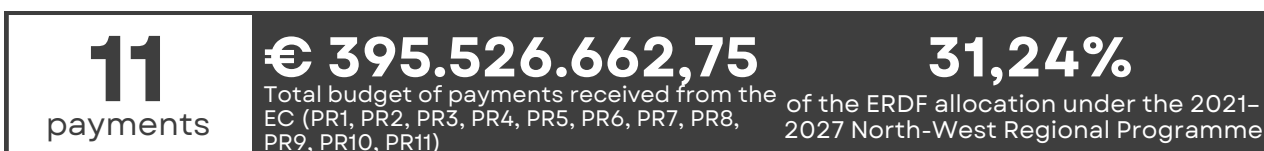
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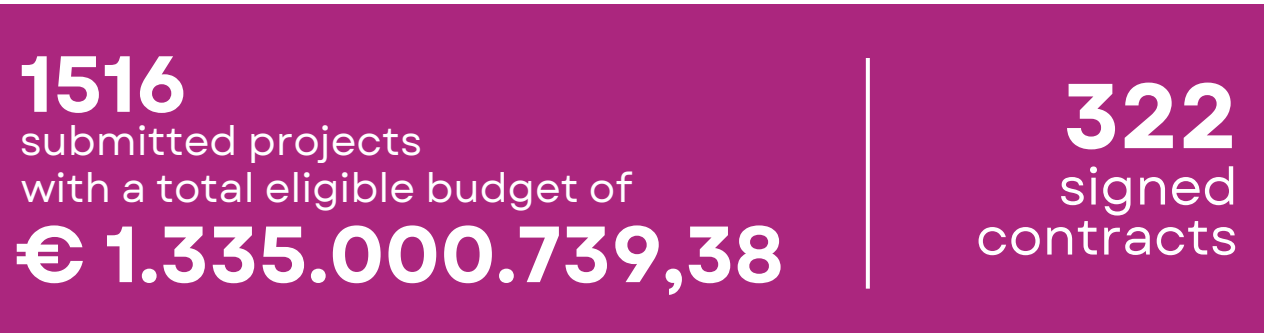
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Priority 1

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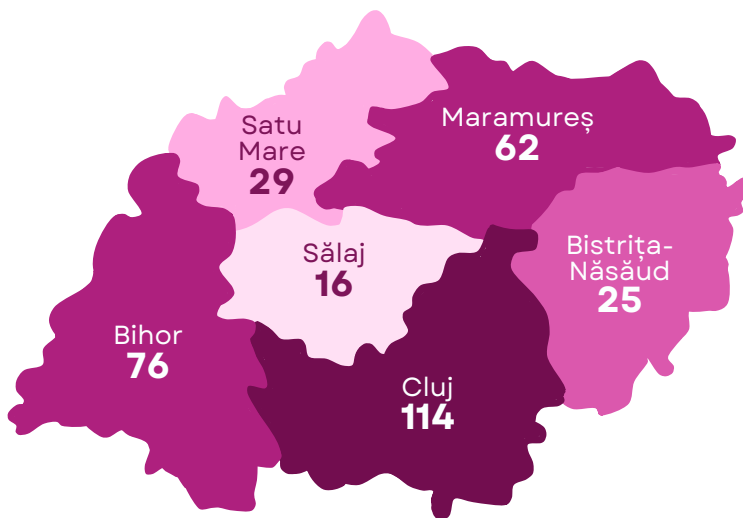
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Priority 1

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

€ 345.771.553,92

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 424.665.450,52

The **Technical University of Cluj-Napoca (Cluj County)**, together with **17 partner companies**, is developing a regional infrastructure for applied artificial intelligence research through the **AI4INO project**, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total investment of approximately **€11.7 million**, the project will operationalise the **Institute for Artificial Intelligence Research (ICIA)** as a **hub** connecting **academic research with technological challenges** from industry. The infrastructure will include **eight high-performance computing nodes**, advanced storage systems and **88 dedicated AI workstations**, providing **researchers and SMEs** with shared access to substantial computing capacity. Research will cover **AI software and hardware**, autonomous systems, microelectronics, **medical robotics**, IoT, cybersecurity and space applications, supported by laboratories equipped for technologies including **professional drones, LiDAR, 3D prototyping and medical robotics**. The **17 companies** will contribute **real-world data and industrial use cases**, allowing solutions to progress from research and experimentation to validation and pilot deployment. The project aims to mature technologies towards **TRL 6–7**, generating **functional prototypes, software and hardware solutions**, reusable datasets, scientific publications and potential patent applications. The infrastructure will subsequently support a **wider ecosystem of SMEs, startups, university spin-offs** and researchers, **reducing the cost** and risk of developing advanced technologies and accelerating their transfer into the economy. Scheduled for completion in **December 2029**, AI4INO strengthens the North-West region's capacity to develop, test and commercialise advanced technology.



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with a total eligible budget of
€ 56.050.951,77

1
signed
contracts

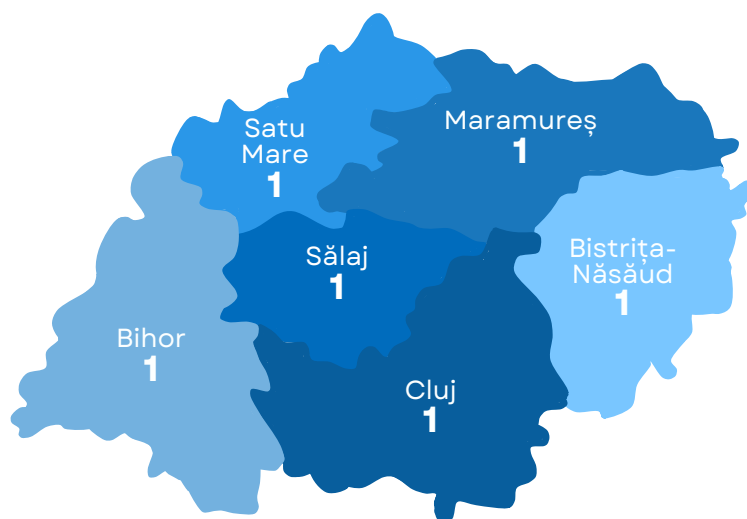
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Priority 2

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The total budget of the signed contracts

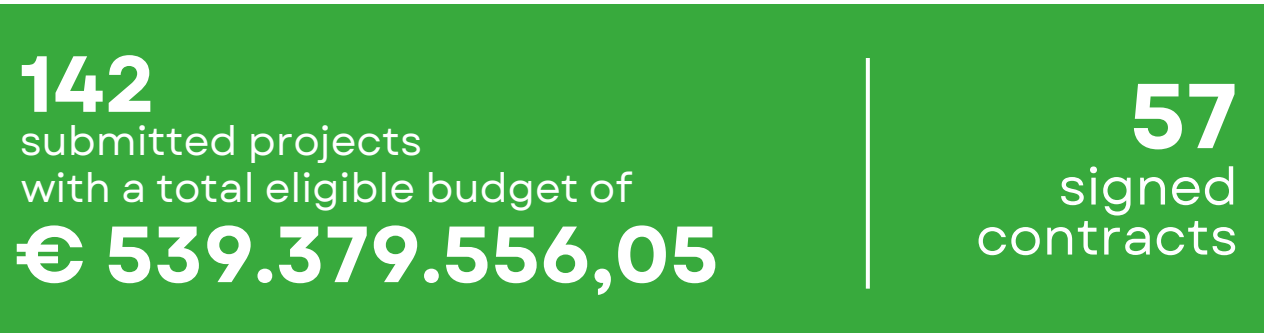
€ 56.050.951,77

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

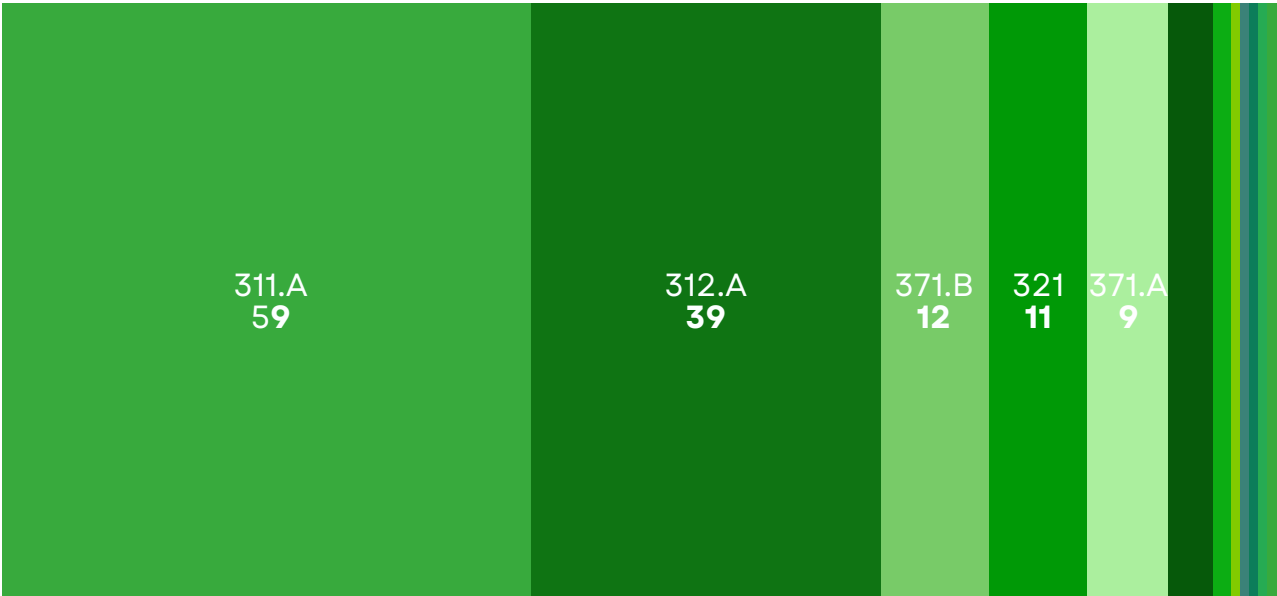


This priority marches for a **greener Europe**. It involves tenders targeting **energy efficiency in housing, public buildings (including heritage sites), and renewable energy in rural areas**. It also supports **green cities and improved urban green infrastructure**.

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

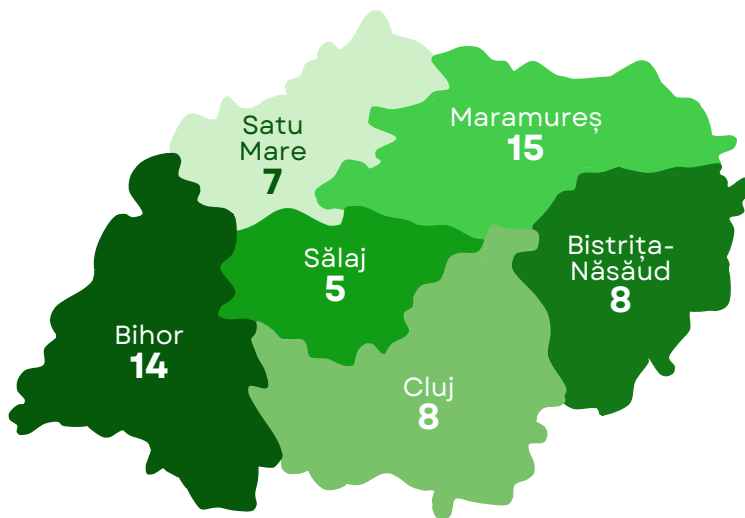
The most active calls relate to increasing **energy efficiency** in the region as part of **investments in the housing sector** and **supporting energy efficiency in public buildings, including heritage buildings**.

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Priority 3

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget
of the signed contracts
€ 227.254.709,89

The total budget of
the signed contracts
€ 303.122.930,21

The **Commune of Prundu Bârgăului (Bistrița-Năsăud County)** is investing in a **centralised renewable heating system** based on locally sourced biomass, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021-2027**. With a total budget of approximately **€9.5 million**, the project will replace part of the community's individual wood-based heating with a **shared, high-efficiency system producing both heat and electricity**. The investment includes a new **2.14 MW biomass plant**, storage facilities and approximately **2.7 kilometres of district heating network**, initially connecting **32 households and five public institutions**, including **schools, local administration buildings and the multifunctional centre**. The system is designed for a capacity of **213 equivalent consumers**, directly serving users representing around **39%** of the local population. By introducing **high-efficiency cogeneration**, annual biomass consumption for connected users is expected to decrease from approximately **1,525 tonnes to 980 tonnes**, saving around **545 tonnes per year**, or **35.7%**. The system will generate approximately **3,617 MWh** of renewable energy annually, while an estimated **80% of thermal energy** will be supplied through cogeneration. Compared with continued use of existing individual heating systems, the investment is expected to reduce CO₂ emissions by more than **93%**, equivalent to over **2,281 tonnes of CO₂ annually**. Scheduled for completion in **December 2029**, the project combines renewable energy, greater resource efficiency and lower emissions through shared local energy infrastructure.

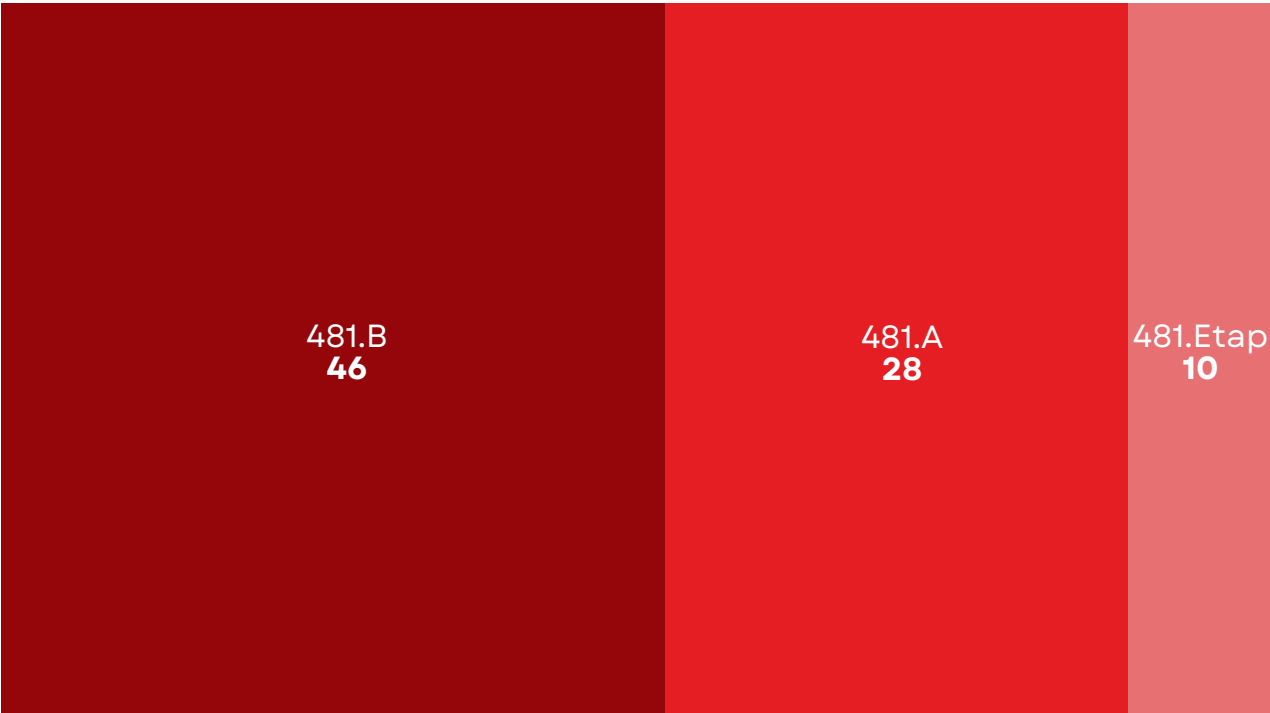


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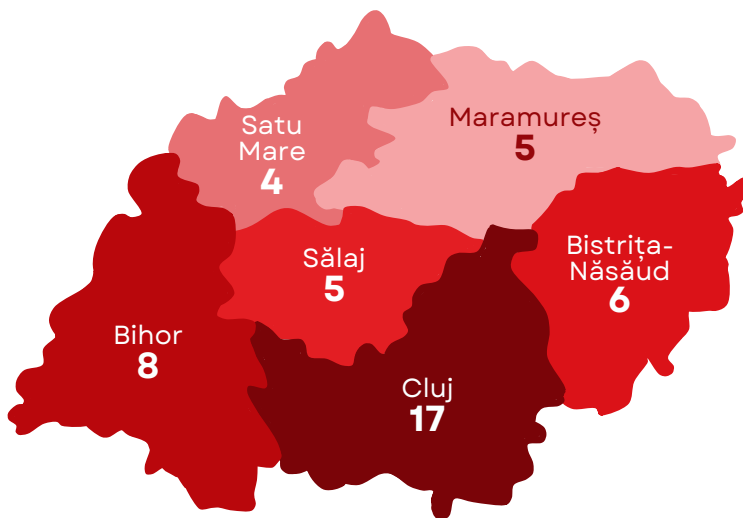


This priority marches for **a greener Europe**. It encompasses tenders aimed at promoting the **use of public transport and other environmentally friendly urban mobility solutions**. Despite having only three active calls, this priority has garnered significant community interest, taking a significant step forward with the signing of **44** crucial contracts. These contracts pave the way for improved urban mobility infrastructure in the benefiting cities.



Priority 4

Signed Contracts



The total eligible budget of the signed contracts

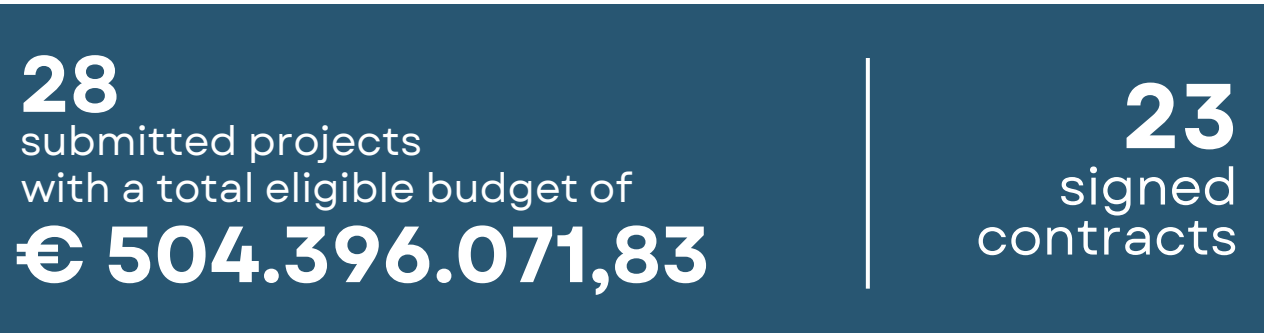
€ 395.575.530,28

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 603.250.341,67

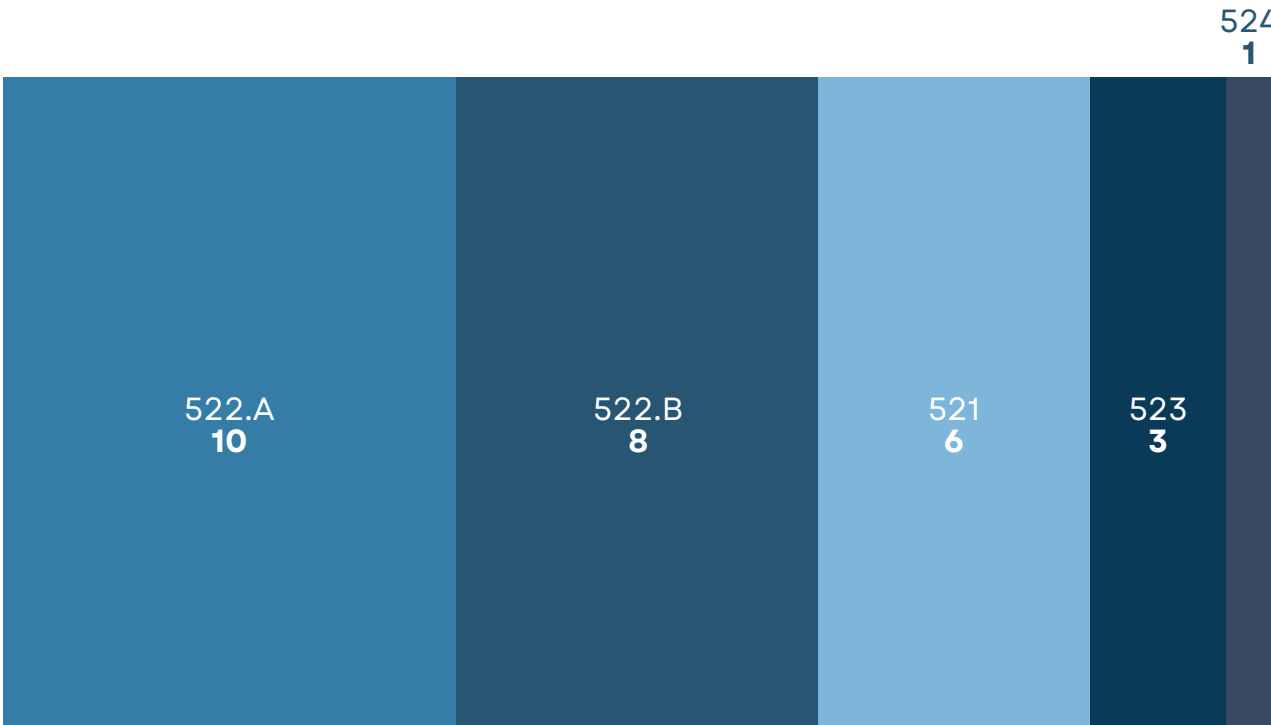
The **Municipality of Zalău (Sălaj County)** is implementing a sustainable urban mobility investment under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**, aimed at **modernising public transport infrastructure and reducing emissions** across the city. With a total budget of over **€5.4 million**, the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





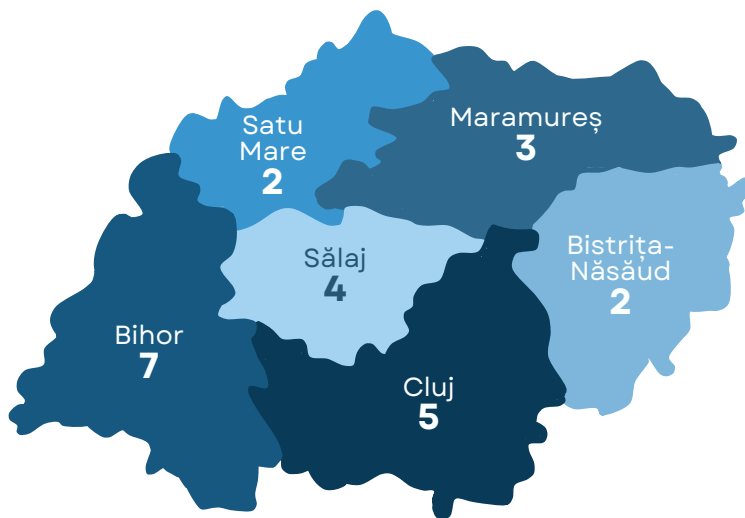
This priority is targeting **both infrastructure and safety**. **Upgrades to secondary roads**, including key **TEN-T connections**, are a focus. With 4 active tenders, the most significant interest has been seen in Call 522.A - Equipment to Increase Traffic Safety, with 8 projects submitted, followed 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
€ 445.068.704,08

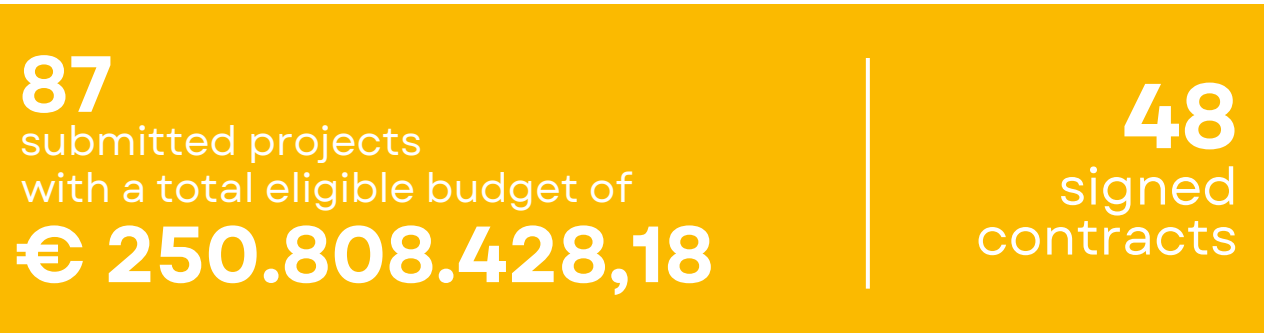
The total budget of
the signed contracts
€ 722.599.393,95

Sălaj County is investing in the stabilisation and rehabilitation of a landslide-affected section of DJ 108R, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total budget of approximately **€3.1 million**, the project will restore safe and reliable traffic conditions on a vulnerable road connection linking **Treznea, Bozna and Agrij** with DN 1F and the wider road network towards **Zalău and Cluj-Napoca**. The intervention covers **280 metres of county road**, where recurrent landslides have affected the slope and road structure, leading to traffic restrictions and creating a risk of further deterioration. More than **1,245 vehicles** use the route daily, making the affected section **important for access to employment, education, services and economic activities** in surrounding communities. Works will address the underlying ground instability rather than only repairing the road surface, combining bored piles and retaining structures, gabion walls for **slope stabilisation, complete reconstruction** of the road body and shoulders, and new **drainage infrastructure** to control surface water. **Road safety will also be improved** through H2 safety barriers with illuminated markers, delineator posts and **renewed horizontal and vertical signalling**. The investment **will protect the continuity** of a road corridor of more than 12 kilometres, **improve travel reliability** and **reduce the risk of future closures** caused by unstable terrain and heavy rainfall. Serving residents of Treznea, Agrij, Buciumi and neighbouring communities, the project will also **support emergency access, local businesses and connections** to the area's tourism and economic destinations. Scheduled for completion in **May 2029**, the investment strengthens the resilience and safety of regional transport infrastructure by securing an existing connection where geological



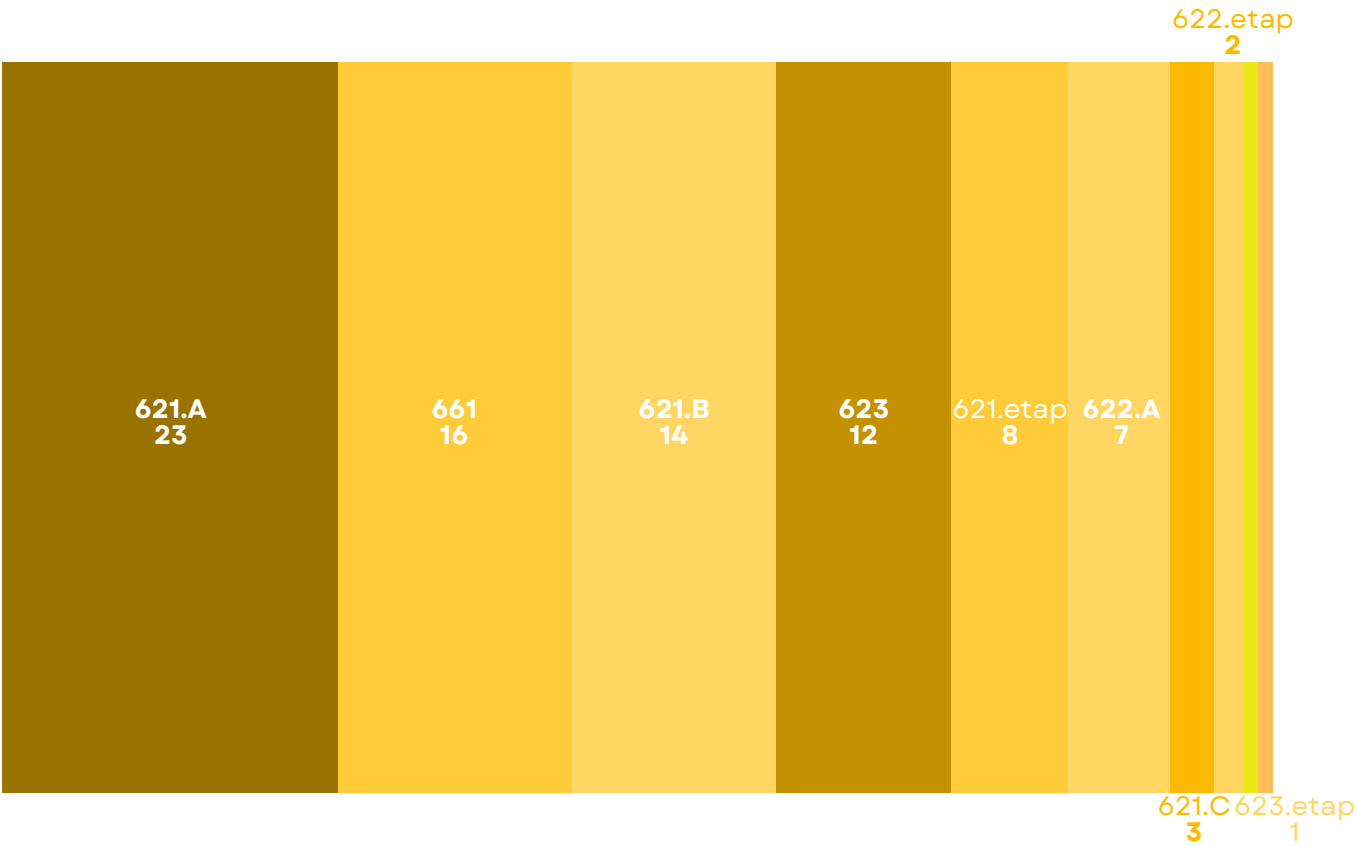
Priority 6

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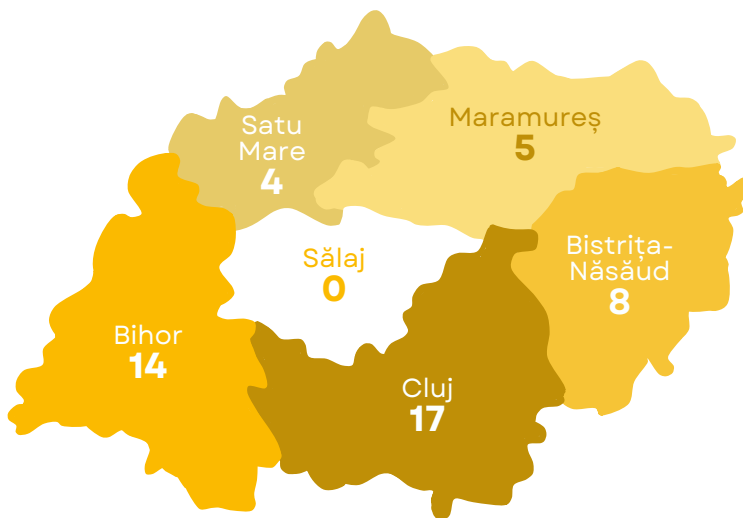
This priority marches for **a more social and inclusive Europe**. It involves tenders aimed at **enhancing educational infrastructure** across various levels, **from early childhood to university education**, and at **modernizing school facilities**.

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

€ 129.440.337,69

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 224.893.339,73

The **Commune of Roșia (Bihor County)** is investing in educational infrastructure through the modernisation and equipment of its school camp, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total budget of approximately **€1.34 million**, the project will transform the **existing camp** into a **more accessible and versatile environment for non-formal education**, sports, cultural activities and recreation. The investment includes a **new multifunctional sports and recreation field**, running track, thematic playgrounds, green areas, **an outdoor stage and a pavilion for educational and cultural activities**. The site will also feature permeable pedestrian surfaces, LED lighting, pergolas, bicycle facilities, urban furniture and upgraded parking and access infrastructure. Existing indoor facilities will be complemented by new furniture, IT equipment and equipment for accommodation and dining areas, supporting a **wider range of year-round activities**. The investment will enable **educational programmes covering arts, culture, ecology, sports, biodiversity and environmental sustainability**, with at least seven educational and recreational activities planned annually. Accessibility is integrated throughout the project through barrier-free routes, ramps, adapted furniture, dedicated parking and inclusive playground equipment. The upgraded camp is expected to serve at least 800 children and pupils annually, with **20% of participants in ESF+ activities** coming from vulnerable groups, including children with disabilities and disadvantaged backgrounds. Scheduled for completion in **August 2029**, the investment combines modern educational infrastructure with **social inclusion and experiential learning**, expanding opportunities for children from Roșia and neighbouring rural communities.



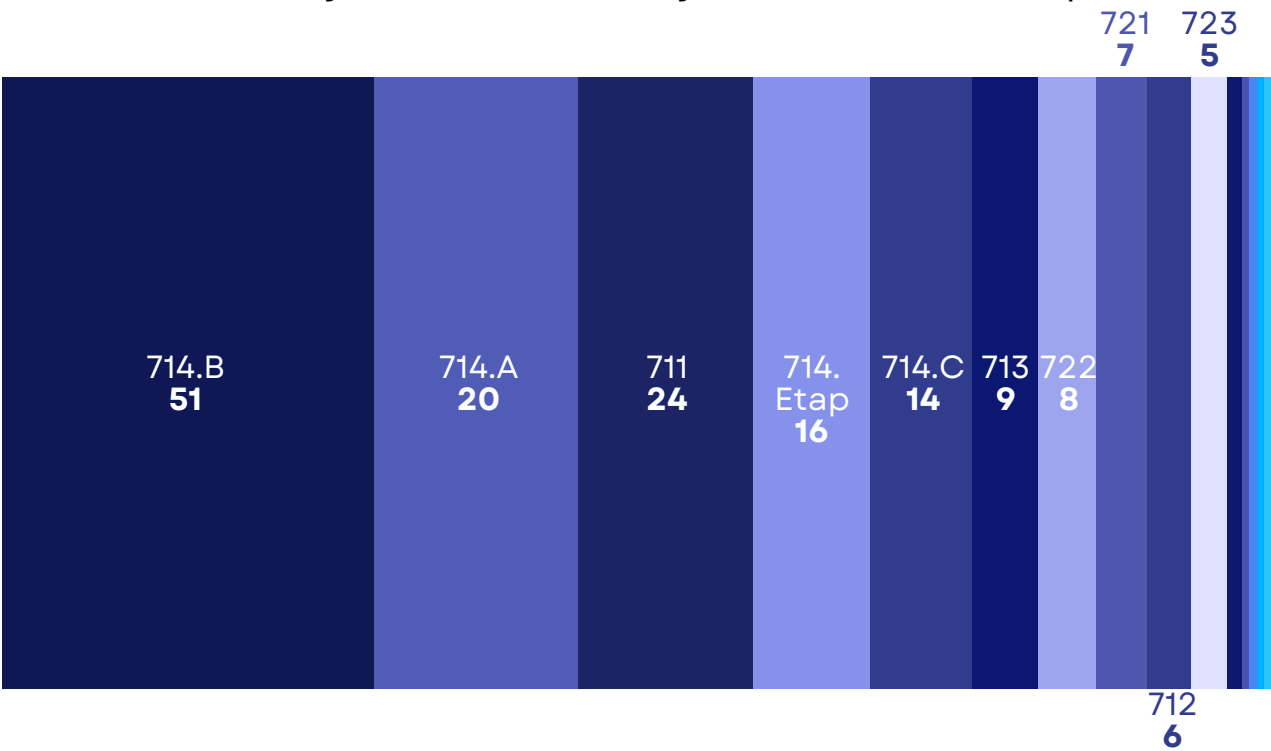
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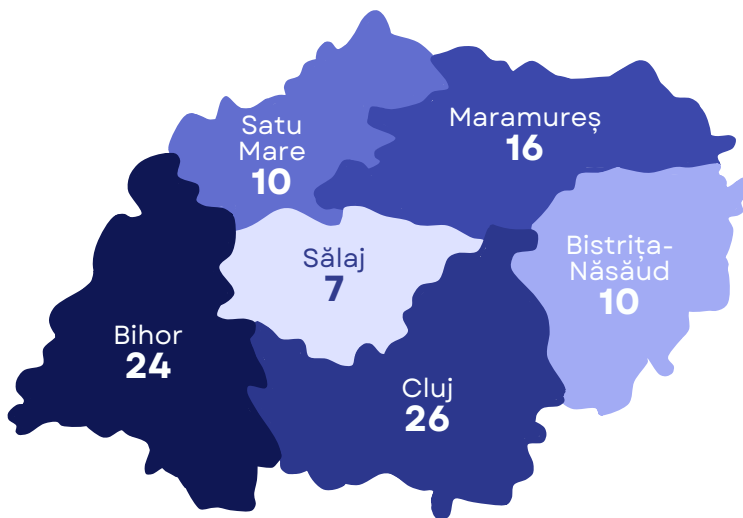
This priority marches for **a Europe that is close to its citizens**. It involves tenders promoting **integrated and inclusive development across social, economic, and environmental domains, as well as culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in non-urban areas**.

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

€ 488.841.525,11

The total budget of the signed contracts

€ 667.253.273,45

The **Commune of Apahida (Cluj County)** is investing in sports and recreational infrastructure through the development of a new multifunctional sports complex in Sânnicoară, financed under the **North-West Regional Programme 2021–2027**. With a total budget of approximately **€5.1 million**, the project will transform a site of more than **12,000 square metres** into an **accessible public space combining sports, recreation and green infrastructure**. The investment includes a multifunctional indoor sports hall of more than **1,400 square metres**, changing facilities and a **625-square-metre** outdoor sports field. Additional facilities will include a **280-square-metre skating and skateboarding area**, a playground, outdoor fitness equipment and approximately **910 square metres** of pedestrian paths connecting the different activity areas. More than half of the site, approximately **6,489 square metres**, will remain green space, with existing vegetation complemented by new trees and shrubs, urban furniture and landscaped recreational areas. The complex is designed to **provide different forms of physical activity for children, teenagers, adults and families**, supporting both organised sports and informal recreation while encouraging more active lifestyles. Serving a commune of **16,731 residents**, the investment is expected to provide **6,485 people** with access to the supported urban regeneration infrastructure, while also benefiting communities across the wider Cluj metropolitan area. Scheduled for completion in **November 2029**, the project reflects an **integrated approach to urban regeneration**, active lifestyles and community development, converting an underused site into a new public destination for sport and recreation.



Completed projects

A success story.

A new medical unit for the early diagnosis and monitoring of oncological conditions has been completed by **LIFE SUPPORT S.R.L. (Cluj County)** through the project “**Increasing the competitiveness of LIFE SUPPORT S.R.L. by creating a medical unit for the early diagnosis and monitoring of oncological conditions**”, 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 **€1.92 million**, the project has enabled the company to establish a **new specialised medical unit** in Cluj-Napoca, expanding its activity into **nuclear medicine and oncology**.

The investment includes a **PET-CT system and an automatic injector** with dedicated accessories, providing the **technological capacity required for medical imaging analysis** and interpretation used in the early diagnosis and monitoring of oncological conditions. The new equipment supports more **precise and consistent imaging procedures**, while the automatic injector **enables controlled administration of the radioactive substance** according to patient-specific parameters. The investment also incorporates **accessibility measures for people with disabilities**, including adapted infrastructure and facilities for guide dogs, allowing the new medical services to address a broader range of patients.

Alongside the medical technology, the unit has been equipped with a **photovoltaic system, integrating renewable energy** into its operations and contributing to lower energy consumption and a reduced environmental impact. The project has also supported the creation of **five new full-time jobs**, including **specialised medical and technical positions** and one position dedicated to a person from a disadvantaged group. Now fully implemented, the investment gives LIFE SUPPORT S.R.L. the capacity to provide **specialised PET-CT imaging services** for patients from Romania and abroad, while **strengthening the company's position** in the private healthcare sector. The project demonstrates how **targeted investment in advanced medical technology** can simultaneously **expand regional diagnostic capacity**, create specialised jobs and strengthen the competitiveness of healthcare SMEs.





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