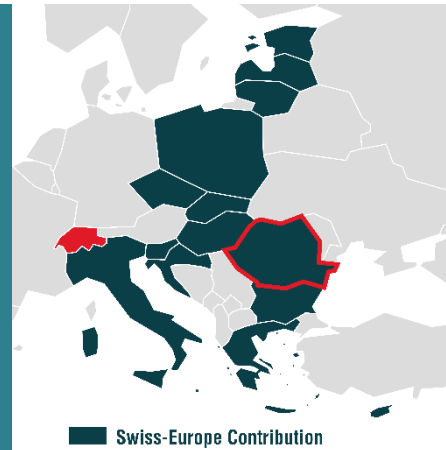


# SWISS – ROMANIAN Cooperation Programme



11 Programmes

221.5 Mio. CHF

Swiss-Europe Contribution



The current Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme is a continuation of the first Swiss Enlargement Contribution (2009-2019) and of the transition cooperation between Switzerland and Romania, prior to Romania's accession to the European Union. It leverages Swiss experiences and know-how in favor of Romania and its citizens, through **11 thematic programmes**

In June 2022, Switzerland and the EU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Brussels, regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Swiss contribution to European Cohesion, amounting CHF 1.302 billion, specifying its key parameters, its financial distribution among the selected EU member States, thematic priorities and principles for cooperation and implementation. The **overall objective** of the second Swiss contribution is to contribute to the **reduction of the economic and social disparities within the EU**.



## Specific objectives of the second Swiss contribution

**PROMOTING ECONOMIC GROWTH & SOCIAL DIALOGUE, REDUCING (YOUTH) UNEMPLOYMENT**

**MANAGING MIGRATION & SUPPORTING INTEGRATION. INCREASING PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY**

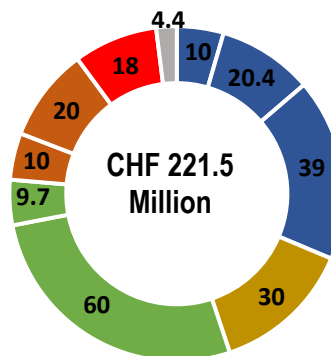
**PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT & THE CLIMATE**

**STRENGTHENING OF SOCIAL SYSTEMS**

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT & TRANSPARENCY**

**TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

## Specific thematic areas →



- Vocational & Professional education & Training (DVET)
- Research & Innovation
- Financing for SMEs
- Improving Public Safety & Security
- Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy
- Public Transport & Mobility
- Health
- Minorities & Socially Disadvantaged groups
- Civic Engagement & Transparency
- Technical Support



## Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme

As part of the second Swiss Contribution to selected EU member states, the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme (SRCP) aims at improving the lives of Romania's inhabitants, and at strengthening existing and creating new Swiss-Romanian partnerships between public institutions and private organisations at all levels. The SRCP targets areas where there are recognised needs of Romania as well as opportunities for Switzerland to add value with its expertise and experience.

The Framework Agreement signed between Swiss and Romanian governments in December 2022 foresees **11 thematic programmes**. The Swiss financing amounts CHF 221.5 million and the 11 programs have to be completed by the end of 2029. The programmes implemented in Romania shall respect social inclusion and ensure environmental sustainability.



## In Focus

The SRCP is country-led. 10 out of 11 programmes are implemented by Romanian ministries, while the Civic Engagement Programme is implemented by a consortium composed by Civil Society Development Foundation (CSDF – Romanian lead organisation), Romanian Environmental Partnership Fund (REPF - Romanian partner) and KEK-CDC (Swiss partner), and has been directly selected by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

The Romanian Government co-finances 10 out of 11 programmes up to 15% (with the exception of Civic Engagement Programme, for which no Romanian co-financing is foreseen), and the Swiss contribution represents 85% of the total financing.

Funding for the second Swiss contribution to Romania is split between **SDC** (50%) and **SECO** (50%).

CHF 4.4 million will be allocated to the Technical Support, for the preparation and implementation of the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme.

The entities responsible for the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme are:

- **In Switzerland:** Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO);
- **In Romania:** the main contact point is the National Coordination Unit (NCU) within the Ministry of Finance. For each Programme/Support Measure (except the one dedicated to Civic engagement and transparency), the Romanian government has appointed a Programme Operator;
- **Swiss contribution office (SCO):** integrated to the Embassy of Switzerland in Romania, the SCO ensures smooth communication between the actors in the two countries and supports both programming and implementation of the programmes.

To keep up to date with the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Program, please follow us on our social medias ([FB](#), [X](#)) and on Embassy's [web page](#).

### Programmes

### Swiss contribution

<b>DUAL VET PROGRAMME</b> (funded by SDC) / Programme Operator (PO): Ministry of Education	CHF 10 million
<b>FINANCING FOR SMEs</b> (funded by SECO) / PO: Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship & Tourism	CHF 39 million
<b>RESEARCH &amp; INNOVATION (1) International research cooperation programme</b> (funded by SDC) / PO: Ministry of Research, Innovation & Digitization	CHF 13 million
<b>RESEARCH &amp; INNOVATION (2) Emissions research &amp; monitoring programme</b> (funded by SECO) / PO: Ministry of Research, Innovation & Digitization	CHF 7.4 million
<b>IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY &amp; SECURITY (1) Internal Affairs</b> (funded by SDC) / PO: Ministry of Interior	CHF 20 million
<b>IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY &amp; SECURITY (2) Justice</b> (funded by SDC) / PO: Ministry of Justice	CHF 10 million
<b>ENERGY EFFICIENCY &amp; RENEWABLE ENERGY</b> (funded by SECO) / PO: Ministry of Development, Public Works & Administration	CHF 60 million
<b>IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS TO THE BUCHAREST METRO NETWORK</b> (funded by SECO) / PO: Ministry of Development, Public Works & Administration	CHF 9.7 million
<b>HEALTH PROGRAMME</b> (funded by SDC) PO: Ministry of Health	CHF 10 million
<b>SOCIAL INCLUSION PROGRAMME</b> (funded by SDC) / PO: Ministry of Labor & Social Solidarity	CHF 20 million
<b>CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME</b> (funded by SDC) / PO: Consortium CSDF/REPF/KEK-CDC	CHF 18 million



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