

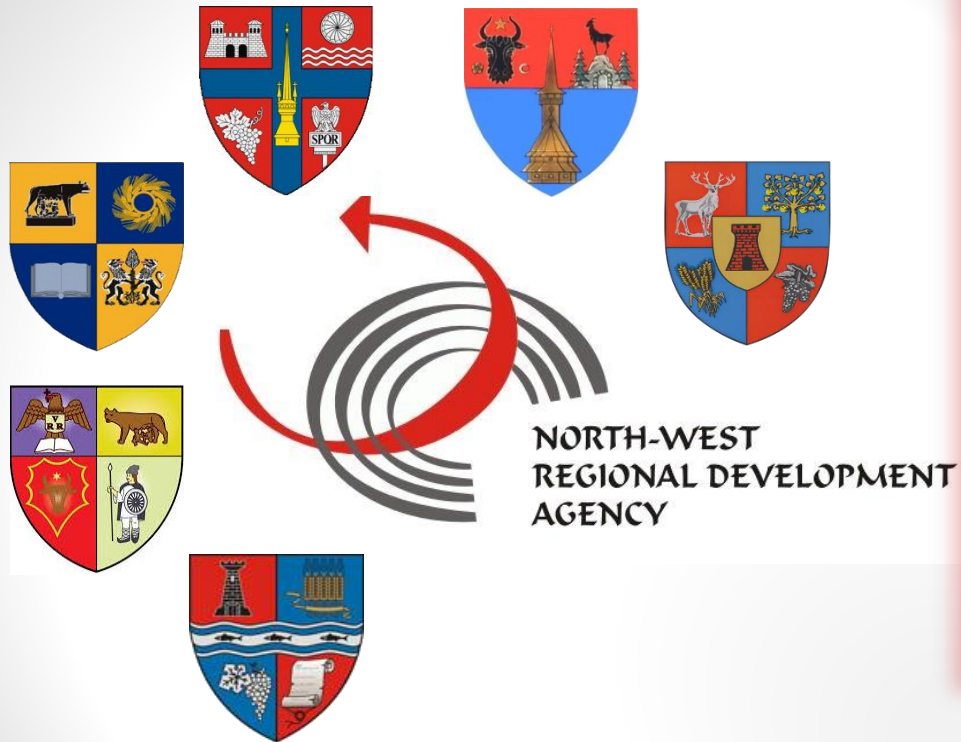
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North-West Regional Development Plans

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North-West Region – key figures

- *Area: 34.160 km² (14.3 % of the country's area); population: 2.5 million inhabitants (13.1 % of the resident population of Romania); administration: 6 counties (Bihar, Satu-Mare, Maramureș, Cluj, Sălaj and Bistrița-Năsăud); neighboring: Hungary and Ukraine.*
- *GDP/capita: 9.120 euro;*
- *GDP/capita in PPS: 61% compared to the EU average (PPS), **the region is ranked less developed***
- ***Cluj-Napoca** is the regional innovation centre, one of the most important centres in the Eastern European **IT industry**, supported by the academic environment, **the most performing university in Romania (Babes-Bolyai University)** being located in the region*
- *Cluj-Napoca, Oradea or even counties such as Cluj, are national landmarks in terms of the development of **digital public services***
- *The region ranks first at national level as of the **verdure spots areas** in municipalities*
- *From the **tourism** perspective, the region is distinguished primarily by health-spa-wellness tourism, cultural tourism, ecotourism, aso .*



Regional development planning

Through the **planning activity**, the North-West Regional Development Agency (RDA) contributes to the achievement of the three basic objectives of the regional development policy in Romania, stipulated in Law no. 315/2004 on regional development:

- reducing existing regional imbalances,
- correlating governmental sectoral policies at the regional level,
- stimulating inter-regional, domestic and international cross-border cooperation.

The planning process is materialized by the **Regional Development Plan (RDP)**, which is the strategic basis for substantiating projects initiated in the region and is a benchmark for both national authorities, county / local authorities, and for potential public or private investors.

To date, RDPs have been developed for the periods:

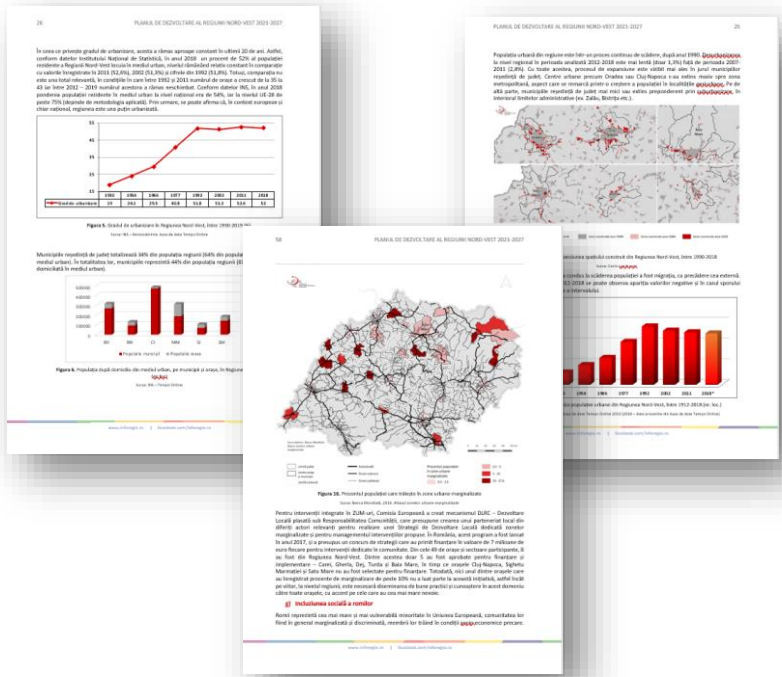
- pre-accession: 2000-2002, 2004-2006
- post-accession: 2007-2013, 2014-2020, 2021-2027

RDPs followed an exhaustive development process, involving partners from all regional counties, both in the design stages, as well as in the decision stages, and further on in the implementation ones.



Stages in developing RDPs

- Creation of partnership structures, starting from the update of the Regional Planning Committee (CRP)
- Studying the European and national context (policies/strategies/plans/funds, etc.)
- Socio-economic analysis, taking into account statistical data for periods of 5-7 years
- SWOT analysis of the socio-economic development of the North-West Region



- Consultations with the regional sectoral working groups defined at regional level
 - Note: for 2021-2027 RDP, consultations were conducted by written procedures, under the Covid-19 pandemic
- Elaboration of the Regional Development Strategy,
- Elaboration of the North-West RDP document, incorporating the amendments received after public consultations
- Approval in the Regional Planning Committee

Maramures county has actively participated both in the Regional Planning Committee and in the Regional Sectoral Working Groups.

Strategic approach of the North-West RDP 2014-2020

The general objective and the specific objectives of the North-West Regional Development Strategy 2014-2020 contribute to achieving the targets set by the **EU's cohesion policy for the period 2014-2020**, being correlated with the 11 thematic cohesion objectives*.

General objective:

Growing the regional economy through multidimensional and integrated development to reduce intra- and interregional disparities and increase the regional standard of living

Specific Objective 1:

Increasing the economic **competitiveness** of the region and stimulating research and innovation

Specific Objective 2:

Increasing the **connectivity** of the region, the mobility of persons, goods and information

Specific Objective 3:

Increasing the **quality of life** of the inhabitants of the region

Specific Objective 4:

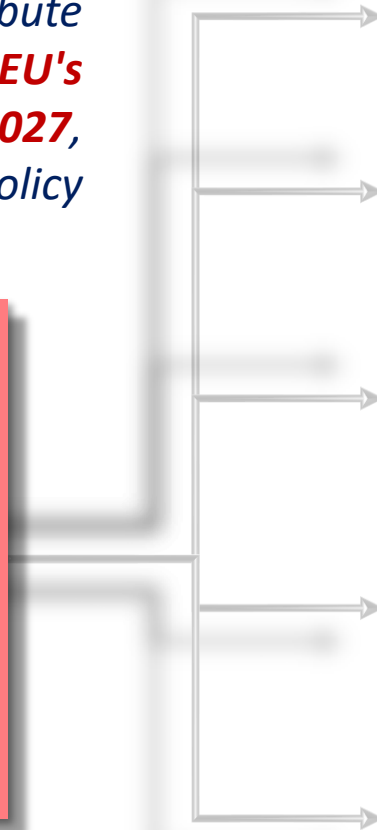
Protection of the natural and anthropic environment, efficient use of resources and **reduction of pollutant emissions**

Strategic approach of the North-West RDP 2021-2027

The general objective and the specific objectives of the North-West Regional Development Strategy 2021-2027 contribute to achieving the targets set by the **EU's cohesion policy for the period 2021-2027**, being correlated with the 5 cohesion policy objectives *.

General objective:

Smart and sustainable growth of the regional economy, capitalizing on local diversity and stimulating innovation, in order to reduce intra- and inter-regional disparities and increase living standards.



Specific Objective 1:

Competitive economy, based on **innovation** and

Specific Objective 2:

Developed **human and social capital**

Specific Objective 3:

Sustainable, authentic and attractive **living environment**

Specific Objective 4:

Responsible valuing the natural environment

Specific Objective 5:

High physical and digital **connectivity**

RIS3 and RDP synergies in North-West Region

The North-West Regional Smart Specialisation Strategy (RIS3) is enabling condition for the next programming period 2021-2027. The main strategic objective refers to the structural transformation of the economy through innovation based on new technologies, with the intent of meeting the main social and economic challenges, underpinned by the principles of sustainability and circular economy

Priorities addressing circular economy:

Priority I.1: Agri-Food

- Specialization niche: Resource efficiency and the transformation of food waste into resources.

Priority II.1: New Materials

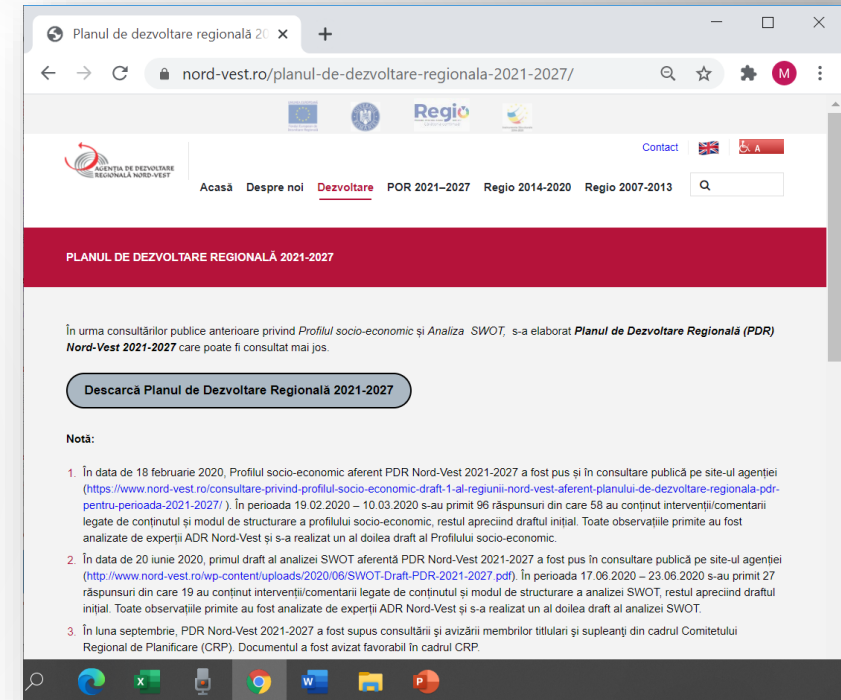
- Specialization niche: Circular technologies and tools, including digital ones, to reduce polluting waste.

Policy mix:

- Promoting the acquisition of new technologies, including energetic efficiency technologies, sustainable resource usage, eco-innovation usage and **alignment to the principles of circular economy.**



The North-West RDP 2021-2027 can be consulted in the current version on the North-West RDA website, section "Development"> "Regional Development Plans", by accessing the link:



<https://www.nord-vest.ro/planul-de-dezvoltare-regionala-2021-2027/>