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A major waste water treatment project around Bucharest receives EUR 130 million of regional funds

The Commission has approved an investment of €130 million from the Cohesion Fund to a waste water treatment project around Bucharest. This project will generate important health and environmental benefits in Bucharest and its surroundings.

Commenting on the decision, Commissioner for Regional Policy Johannes Hahn said *"This investment will significantly improve the quality of life of the more than 2 million citizens around Bucharest. It will improve the water quality of the Dambovita river and hence be beneficial for the human health of the population. It will also enhance the economic attractiveness of the area for businesses and companies."*

The project consists of investments in the waste water infrastructure in the municipality of Bucharest and its eleven surrounding areas in the county of Ilfov. It includes the rehabilitation and extension of the waste water collection and treatment systems providing full waste water treatment before discharge into sensitive waters. Thanks to the project, the quality of the Dambovita river will also meet the objectives assigned by the corresponding river basin management plan.

Today's decision approves the contribution for the phase I of the project covering the years 2009-2015, which costs €258 million in total. The European Union, through the Cohesion Fund, will finance €130 million. The investment is part of the "Environment" sectorial programme. The total cost of the project (phase I and phase II) amounts to €416.5 million.

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Background:

This is a "major project", of which the total investment (VAT included) is above €50 million and thus subject to a specific decision by the European Commission, whereas other types of projects are approved at national or regional levels.

Investments for the project "Finalisation of Glina waste water treatment plant, rehabilitation of the main sewer collectors and of Dambovita sewer collector canal (CASETA)" will span two programming periods - stage I in 2007-2013 and stage II in 2014-2020 - at an estimated total cost of €416.5 million.

This decision corresponds to stage I only, with investments to include extension of Glina Waste Water Treatment Plant, construction of a sludge incinerator, the rehabilitation of the sewer collectors, construction of CASETA's right drainage systems and the rehabilitation of the drainage system outlets of Titan, Carol and Tineteului Lakes.

The investments will benefit a target population of more than 2 million inhabitants from Bucharest and its neighbouring areas.

Romania has been allocated approximately €19.7 billion in total cohesion policy funding from 2007-2013.

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