100

ROMÂNIA

1918-2018 CELEBRATING TOGETHER
PLATFORM FOR COAL REGIONS IN TRANSITION
Brussels - 12th July 2018

Strategy and action plans by pilot region
Jiu Valley

Ms. Rovana PLUMB
Minister of European Funds
Romania
The Jiu Valley is a region in southwestern Romania, in Hunedoara county, situated in a valley of the Jiu River between the Retezat Mountains and the Parâng Mountains.

The first evidences of the carboniferous basin of the Jiu Valley are dated since 1782, when charcoal deposits burned for a long time.
The main activity is coal mining

Currently, the Jiu Valley is one of the poorest areas in Romania
Jiu Valley

decline of mining activity

• 1990 – 163 km² mining areas

• 2017 – 22,3 km² mining areas still in operation
Jiu Valley - Population

Number of inhabitants (thousands)

- 1966
- 1990
- 2002
- 2011
- 2017

Decreasing trend
Jiu Valley
Main Cities Inhabitants

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>City</th>
<th>Inhabitants 1990</th>
<th>Inhabitants 2017</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Petroșani</td>
<td>50000</td>
<td>35000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Aninoasa</td>
<td>10000</td>
<td>3000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vulcan</td>
<td>40000</td>
<td>25000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lupeni</td>
<td>30000</td>
<td>20000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Petriila</td>
<td>25000</td>
<td>15000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uricani</td>
<td>15000</td>
<td>10000</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

- **Petroșani**: A significant increase from 1990 to 2017.
- **Aninoasa**: Small increase.
- **Vulcan**: Moderate increase.
- **Lupeni**: Moderate decrease.
- **Petriila**: Moderate decrease.
- **Uricani**: Small decrease.
Jiu Valley - labour force

- **1990**: 80,000 employees
- **1997**: 37,000 employees
- **2017**: 3,000 employees
# Jiu Valley – Strengths

## Location
- Proximity to Western Europe
- Relatively easy access of this region to the Danube River
- Mountain area

## Tourism opportunities
- Parâng-Petroșani is declared tourist area of national interest
- Ski slopes in Petroșani area

## Education
- Technical high schools with a wide educational offer
- University center with tradition, with 3 faculties and over 20 accredited specialties

## Environment
- Extensive Hydrographic network, including developed drinking water network
- Protected areas (Eg: Natura 2000)
Jiu Valley – Weaknesses

Location
• Poor quality connection to the TEN-T corridor
• Relatively long distance from the administrative county center DEVA and regional administrative center TIMIȘOARA

Tourism
• Poor quality of the accommodation offer
• Poor or lack of infrastructure in the area
• Relatively small number of tourism companies

Education
• High school or college graduates migrate to other countries or abroad
• Large number of trained professionals without perspective
• Lack of dialog between labor market actors

Environment
• Industrial area affected by pollution
• Degradation or damaged ecosystems in protected areas
• Infrastructure for non-motorized transport (sidewalks, bike paths) in high degradation
Challenges for Jiu Valley

- Permanent transition since the 1990s;
- Sustainable development and improved connection with the main transport networks;
- Basic infrastructure developing (roads, water, electricity, gas, heating etc.) and ensuring public access;
- Improve broadband infrastructure and internet access;
- Promoting the tourism potential.
Jiu Valley – Strategic objectives

- visible
- competitive
- connected
- inclusive
- green
What we did

• We identified the needs and we supported part of these needs from the European Funds

• In 2007-2013, there were signed 294 financing contracts with beneficiaries within the framework of the following OPs: Regional, Transport, Environment, Administrative Capacity, Human Resources Development with a total value of 593 Meuro out of which 383 Meuro EU contribution.
**Goal**

- Improving living conditions, creating better economic opportunities and capitalizing on appropriate natural and cultural heritage.

**Means**

- Cooperation with local actors, stakeholders, civil society representatives and European partners.

**How**

- Dedicated calls of proposals for the Jiu Valley region.
- Dedicated financial allocations.
Priority projects

Visible

- Tourism and agro tourism infrastructure

Competitive

- Industrial development
- Support for business environment

Connected

- Transport infrastructure
Priority projects

Inclusive
- Local development
- Jobs creation
- Education
- Health

Green
- Energy efficiency
- Environment protection