The framework for implementing sustainable urban development provisions in Romania in 2014-2020 period

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**Method of implementation**

- a priority axis dedicated to sustainable urban development within Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020 (national level programme);

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<td>TO 4 - supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy in all sectors</td>
<td>IP 4 (e) - sustainable multimodal urban mobility</td>
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<td>TO 6 - preserving and protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency</td>
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<td>TO 9 - promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination</td>
<td>IP 9 (b) - physical, economic and social regeneration of deprived communities</td>
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<td>TO 10 - investing in education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning</td>
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Allocated funds:

- Indicative funding allocation for sustainable urban development (art.7, ERDF Regulation):

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- Allocation of funds in two stages:
  - Indicative pre-allocation of funds (until the end of 2019) – based on regional allocation, each municipality county capital will have a dedicated amount;
  - Reallocation of funds (after 2019) – for the non-contracted funds.

- Geographical coverage: 39 municipalities county capitals in less developed regions of Romania are eligible beneficiaries.
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Institutional Set-up:

- Ministry for Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds is the Managing Authority for Regional Operational Programme (MA ROP);

- Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) are First level Intermediate Bodies for Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020;

- 39 municipalities county capitals are:
  - Second level Intermediate Bodies for Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020;
  - Eligible beneficiaries for submitting projects.
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**Urban Authorities**

- **Delegated functions of MA ROP**
  - Municipalities are responsible for the selection of operations (strategic decision);
  - Managing Authority of ROP will be responsible for the legal aspects with regard to the selection of operation (technical funding decision);

- **Internal structures within each municipality county capital**
  composed of technical experts (civil servants);

- **Second level Intermediate Bodies for ROP 2014-2020:**
  - Delegation agreements were signed between MA ROP and each municipality county capital;
  - Selection procedure is in place at the level of Urban Authority and a supervision procedure at the level of MA ROP for the delegated function.
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Mechanism for evaluation and selection

- Evaluation and approval of strategic documents – RDAs
  ✓ *Integrated urban development strategies* (IUDSs) – pre-condition for financing projects in accordance with art.7 ERDF Regulation
  ✓ *Sustainable urban mobility plans* (SUMPs) - pre-condition for financing investments for sustainable multimodal urban mobility (IP 4 e)

- Selection of projects (project fiches) and elaboration of Justifying Documents – Urban Authority
  ✓ *Justifying Documents* - an Investment Plan explaining the use of ESI Funds in programming period 2014-2020 (e.g, the list of projects to be financed, implementation arrangements for selection of operation, selection procedure, etc)

- Formal acceptance of Justifying Documents – MA ROP

- Evaluation and approval of projects (technical documentations, financing request, etc.) – RDAs and MA ROP
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State of implementation

- Call for strategic documents was launched – deadline for submission of IUDSs and SUMP is 31st of October 2017:
  - ✓ 24 IUDSs and SUMP were submitted to the RDAs;
  - ✓ 13 IUDSs and SUMP were approved by the RDAs.

- Calls for project fiches were launched by Urban Authorities in 11 municipalities:
  - ✓ 1 Justifying Document accepted by MA ROP.

- Calls for projects were launched by MA ROP for all priority investments of Priority Axis 4:
  - ✓ No projects were yet submitted to RDAs for financing.
Thank you!

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