An independent expert evaluation of 2007-2013 funding found that Cohesion Policy investments had positive, tangible results ranging from job creation, a positive impact on regional disparities and an increase in GDP.

Every region and country in the EU benefits from Cohesion Policy, via the direct effects of the investments and/or the indirect effects like increased trade.

€1 of Cohesion Policy investment during 2007-2013 will generate €2.74 of additional GDP by 2023.

€346.5 billion invested in 2007-2013

Estimated return nearly €1 trillion of additional GDP by 2023

1 million jobs created in 2007-2013

1/3 of net job creation during that period

EU Cohesion Policy investments in 2007-2013 were a vital source of finance for many Member States, representing up to 57% of government capital investment.
Between 2007 and 2013, support from the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund amounted to EUR 15.4 billion in Romania.

Investments were mainly made in the areas of:

- Transport
- Support to enterprises
- Environment

368 km of new roads constructed, and 1900 km upgraded.
122 km of railways lines upgraded and 22 km constructed.

35 000 jobs created of which 13 000 in SMEs
1 200 jobs created in research
2 900 SMEs supported, 101 start-ups created

570 projects supported in research and innovation

EU Cohesion Policy: key achievements

Results of EU Cohesion Policy in Romania