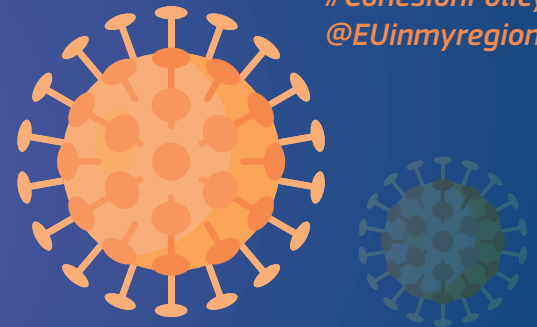




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THE CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE INVESTMENT INITIATIVE IN ROMANIA



EU COHESION POLICY FUNDING SUPPORTING THE HEALTH SECTOR, HELPING THE ECONOMY AND PROTECTING JOBS

In 2014-2020, the EU invests in Romania **€30.3 billion** through cohesion policy.

Thanks to the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative, **€1.35 billion** in total are now being mobilised under cohesion policy funding to tackle the current crisis and its effects in Romania.

Some examples:



HEALTH SECTOR

- More than €350 million of EU Funds (ERDF) are being mobilised for purchasing personal protective equipment, tests and ventilators for 144 public health facilities, decontamination and support facilities for treatment of COVID-19 patients, and hygiene products for vulnerable groups.
- An additional €69 million has been allocated through the Vision2020 project, managed by the Romanian General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations, for the acquisition of emergency preparedness equipment and materials that should help the country anticipate, mitigate and react to emergency situations.



SMALL BUSINESS

- €550 million under ERDF have been mobilised for financial support to 121.000 micro-small- and medium sized businesses through the provision of working capital and capital for productive investments.



EMPLOYMENT

- Through the provision of more than €450 million (ESF), EU Funds have contributed in financially supporting and motivating the Romanian workforce throughout this crisis, ranging from additional payments for doctors and medical personnel (€120 million) to payments for social workers (€30 million) and subsidies for workers in technical unemployment (€300 million).
- Further €130 million have been committed through FEAD for the provision of foods parcels and hygiene products to disadvantaged parts of the population.

OTHER COHESION POLICY PROJECTS IN ROMANIA LINKED TO BETTER AND MORE ACCESSIBLE HEALTH SERVICES

The current pandemic has shown the importance of investing in modern and efficient healthcare infrastructure, which will ensure access to high quality health services.

In 2014-2020, cohesion policy invests overall €455 million in the Romanian health sector, aiming at improving its resilience against challenges such as the current one. This includes:

 - € 141 million for the construction and equipment of three new Regional Emergency Hospitals in Iasi, Cluj and Craiova (Phase I).

 - Rehabilitation of the Tulcea county hospital, as part of the Danube Delta ITI

 - Rehabilitation, refurbishment and modernisation of ambulatories in municipal and county hospitals.

 - Construction and/or rehabilitation of 35 emergency departments (at tertiary health care level)

 - Delivery of 1.140 ambulances by 2023