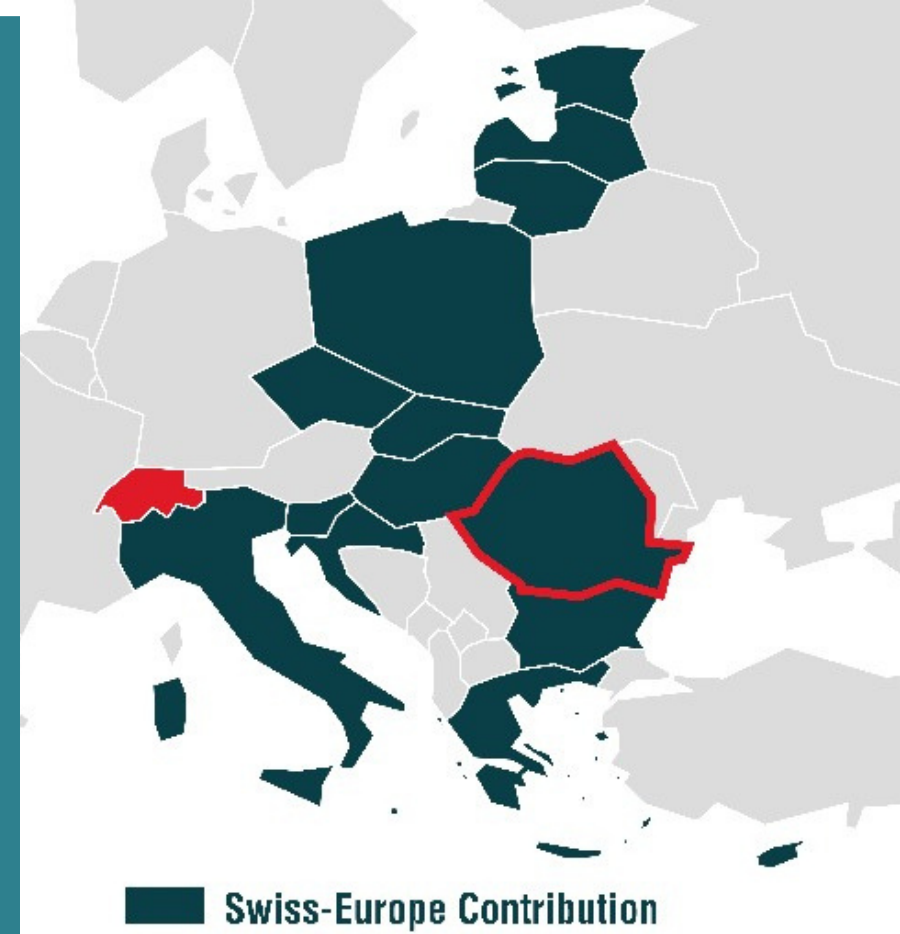


SWISS – ROMANIAN Cooperation Programme



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

CHF 18 million



Overall objective: reinforce the participation of Romania's inhabitants in public affairs, by their contribution in influencing policy making, and contributing to democratic reforms, transparency, accountability and systemic social change in the country.



Implementation period: 2025 - 2028

PROGRAMME OPERATOR

Consortium composed by Civil Society Development Foundation, in partnership with Romanian Environmental Partnership Foundation and KEK-CDC

SWISS PARTNER

KEK-CDC (partner in the consortium)



SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE OF THE SECOND SWISS CONTRIBUTION:

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
AND TRANSPARENCY

BUDGET

Total project budget amounts to CHF 18 million, of which CHF 14 million is allocated to grants

EXECUTING AGENCIES/GRANTEES

Romanian NGOs and/or consortia of NGOs selected for benefitting from Swiss grants, sometimes in partnership with Swiss NGOs



The National Coordination Unit (Romanian Ministry of Finance) ensures the overall coordination of the 11 Programmes financed by the second Swiss Contribution to Romania. The Civic Engagement Programme is an exception and has established its specific and independent rules.



The Swiss Contribution Office, integrated to the Embassy of Switzerland in Romania, ensures smooth communication between the actors in the two countries and supports both programming and implementation of the 11 programmes



The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation is financing the Civic Engagement Programme in Romania and is directly responsible for it.



HOW DOES THE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME WORK?



1

- **9 PROJECTS BETWEEN 0.5 - 1.5 MILLION SWISS FRANCS** selected and under implementation
- One of the **4 specific areas** is addressed through the projects: (1) Fight against Discrimination and Social Exclusion (2) Protection of Biodiversity and Environmental Rights (3) Freedom of media and investigative journalism (4) Assistance to Victims of Violence
- **4 Swiss NGOs** involved in the projects

2

- **35 PROJECTS BETWEEN 50'000 AND 200'000 SWISS FRANCS** selected
- **2 areas** are addressed: (1) Civic Engagement & Advocacy and (2) Empowerment of Vulnerable Groups

3

- All the projects benefit from **Capacity Building activities** delivered by the Programme Operator
- Part of Capacity Building activities, **#trilennials initiative** aims at strengthen competencies of **young people** involved in civil society sector



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