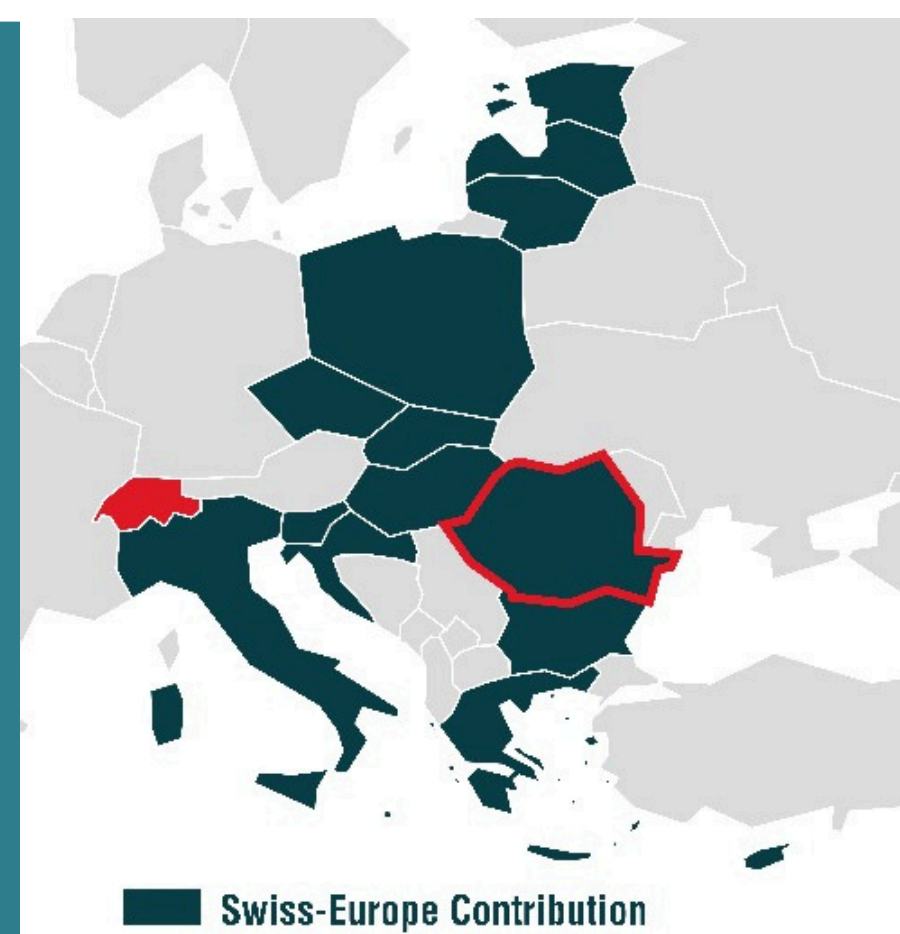


SWISS – ROMANIAN Cooperation Programme



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

CHF 18M, without Romanian co-financing

EXECUTING AGENCIES/GRANTEES

Romanian NGOs and/or consortia of NGOs selected under the Programme, 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. However, the Civic Engagement Programme is a stand-alone initiative, with 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?



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Following a call for projects organised by the consortium acting as Programme Operator, **9 projects** have been selected, amounting between 0.5 and 1.5 million Swiss francs, with an impact at national level, in one of the following pre-defined thematic areas: 1) *Fight against discrimination and social exclusion*, 2) *Protection of biodiversity and environmental rights*, 3) *Media transparency and investigative journalism*, 4) *Assistance to victims of violence (gender-based violence, human trafficking, violence against children, etc).*

In addition, a second call for projects has been launched, giving the opportunity to civil society organisations to access funding between 50'000 and 200'000 Swiss francs, for projects addressing: 1) *Civic engagement and advocacy*, 2) *Empowerment of vulnerable groups*.

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All the selected civil society organisations under the two calls will benefit from support provided by the Programme Operator in their capacity building activities, that will include projects-level activities, networking and study visits to enhance Swiss-Romanian relations as well as mutual learning.

To keep up to date with the Civic Engagement Programme, as well as the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme, you can find information on:



- Embassy of Switzerland in Romania



- Specific digital channels created by the Programme Operator



- National Coordination Unit



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