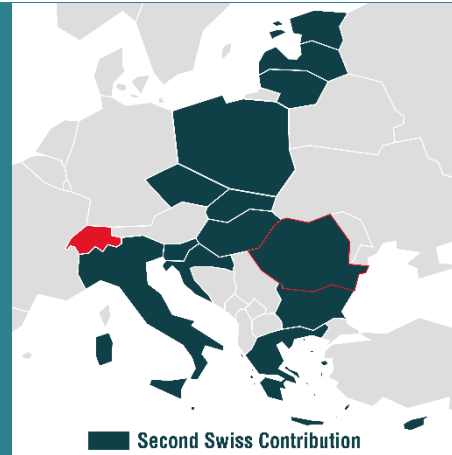


SWISS – ROMANIAN Cooperation Programme



11 Programmes

221.5 Mio. CHF

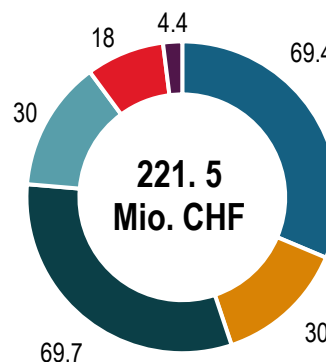


The current Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme is a continuation of the first Swiss Enlargement Contribution (2009-2019) and of the transition cooperation between Switzerland and Romania, prior to Romania's accession to the European Union. It leverages Swiss experiences and know-how in favor of Romania and its citizens, through eleven thematic programmes.

The Second Swiss Contribution to European Cohesion has a total value of CHF 1.302 billion and all the bilateral cooperation programmes have to be completed until 3 December 2029. On 30 June 2022, Switzerland and the EU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Brussels, specifying key parameters of the contribution, such as the amount, its distribution among the partner countries, thematic priorities and principles for cooperation and implementation. The **overall objective** of the second Swiss contribution is to contribute to the **reduction of the economic and social disparities within the EU**.

Specific Thematic Areas

- Vocational and professional education and training (DVET);
- Research & Innovation;
- Financing for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs);
- Improving public safety & security;
- Energy efficiency & Renewable energy;
- Public Transport & Mobility;
- Health;
- Minorities & socially disadvantaged groups;
- Civic engagement & transparency;



- Promoting economic growth and social partnership and reducing (youth) unemployment
- Support with challenges of migration and integration; increasing public safety
- Protecting the environment and climate
- Strengthening social health and social systems
- Promoting civic engagement and transparency
- Project preparation and technical assistance



Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme

As part of the second Swiss Contribution to selected EU member states, the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme (SRCP) aims at improving the lives of Romania's inhabitants, and at strengthening existing and creating new Swiss-Romanian partnerships between public institutions and private organisations at all levels. The SRCP targets areas where there are recognised needs of Romania as well as opportunities for Switzerland to add value with its expertise and experience.

The Framework Agreement signed between Swiss and Romanian governments in December 2022 foresees **11 thematic programmes**. The Swiss financing amounts CHF 221.5 million and the 11 programs have to be completed by the end of 2029. The programmes implemented in Romania shall respect social inclusion and ensure environmental sustainability.





In Focus

The SRCP is country-led. 10 out of 11 programmes are implemented by Romanian ministries, while the Civic Engagement Programme is implemented by a consortium composed by Civil Society Development Foundation (CSDF – Romanian lead organisation), Romanian Environmental Partnership Fund (REPF - Romanian partner) and KEK-CDC (Swiss partner), and has been directly selected by Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

The Romanian Government co-finances 10 out of 11 programmes up to 15% (with the exception of Civic Engagement Programme, for which no Romanian co-financing is foreseen), and the Swiss contribution represents 85% of the total financing.

Funding for the second Swiss contribution to Romania is split between **SDC** (50%) and **SECO** (50%).

CHF 4.4 million will be allocated to the Technical Support, for the preparation and implementation of the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme.

The entities responsible for the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme are:

- **In Switzerland:** Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO);
- **In Romania:** the main contact point is the National Coordination Unit (NCU) within the Ministry of Finance. For each Programme/Support Measure (except the one dedicated to Civic engagement and transparency), the Romanian government has appointed a Programme Operator;
- **Swiss contribution office (SCO):** integrated to the Embassy of Switzerland in Romania, the SCO ensures smooth communication between the actors in the two countries and supports both programming and implementation of the programmes.

Programmes	Swiss contribution
1. Dual VET Programme / Programme Operator (PO): Ministry of Education SDC	CHF 10 million
2. International Research Cooperation / PO: Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitization / SDC – APPROVED AND LAUNCHED	CHF 13 million
3. Emissions Research & Monitoring Infrastructure / PO: Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitization / SECO	CHF 7.4 million
4. SMEs Programme / PO: Ministry of Economy, Entrepreneurship and Tourism SECO - APPROVED	CHF 39 million
5. Public Security and Security Programme (Internal Affairs) / PO: Ministry of Interior SDC	CHF 20 million
6. Public Security and Security Programme (Justice) / PO: Ministry of Justice SDC	CHF 10 million
7. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Programme / PO: Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration / SECO	CHF 60 million
8. Improvement Access to the Bucharest Metro Network Programme / PO: Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration / SECO - APPROVED	CHF 9.7 million
9. Health Services Programme / PO: Ministry of Health SDC	CHF 10 million
10. Social Inclusion Programme / PO: Ministry of Labor and Social Solidarity SDC	CHF 20 million
11. Civic Engagement Programme / PO: CSDF-REPF-KEK-CDC SDC - APPROVED	CHF 18 million

