

## WHAT WAS EVALUATED

The programme's contribution to national priorities in the field of energy and climate change (PNIESC)

Contribution to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR)

Addressing Country Specific Recommendations and progress in achieving milestones



## MID-TERM EVALUATION OF SW OLTEȚIA RP 2021-2027

### WHAT IS THE MID-TERM EVALUATION?

The mid-term evaluation of the South-West Oltenia Regional Programme 2021–2027 is an essential stage in monitoring the progress recorded by the programme as of 31.12.2024, according to EU Regulation 2021/1060, which provides a clear picture of implementation and indicates possible adjustment measures.



## CONTRIBUTION TO PNIESC

### MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

SW Oltenia RP 2021-2027 directly supports PNIESC through strategic investments in **energy efficiency, green-blue infrastructure and sustainable urban mobility**, within priorities 3 and 4 of the Programme.

76 projects were contracted to **increase the energy efficiency of buildings**, with a non-reimbursable value of over 146 million euros.

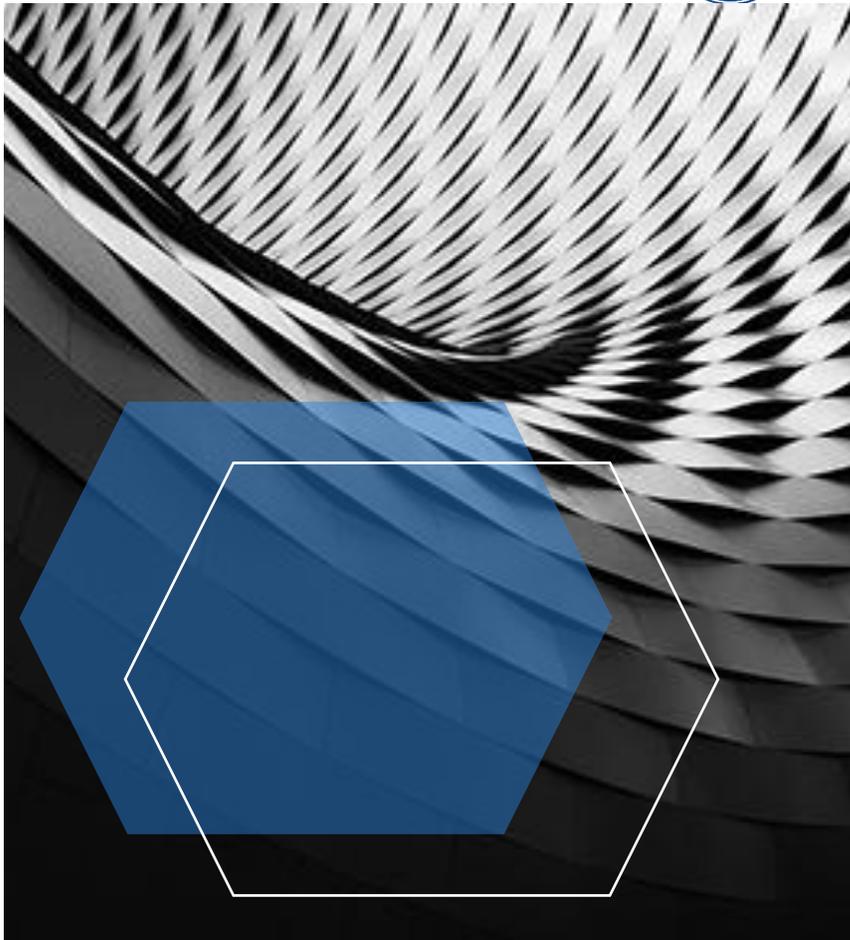
The projects contracted by 31.12.2024 will contribute to improving the energy performance of **213 residences and 159,061 sq m of public buildings**.

## CONTRIBUTION TO EPSR

### MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- Supporting **44 projects to develop educational infrastructure** and reduce school dropout.
- Modernization of **2 school centers for inclusive education**.
- Financing 4 projects that contribute to supporting, in a particular and priority way, the participation in the mainstream educational process of children from vulnerable/disadvantaged groups.
- Expansion/rehabilitation/modernization/equipment of **19 educational infrastructures in rural areas**.
- Increasing the capacity of classrooms in new or modernized educational structures by **1,830 seats**.





## COUNTRY SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

### MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- Over 181 million euros, to improve sustainability and **increase the competitiveness of SMEs, respectively job creation.**
- Investments of over 58 million Euros for **sustainable multimodal urban mobility.**
- **Developing and strengthening administrative capacity** at the level of institutions involved in the programme's management and control system and strengthening administrative capacity at the level of beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries/regional partners.

## PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION AND ACHIEVEMENT OF MILESTONES

### KEY FINDINGS

- The progress in implementation is satisfactory for the end of 2024, with **most calls for proposals having been launched and numerous projects in the approval and contracting stages.** Furthermore, there is a heightened interest from potential beneficiaries in accessing funding, with several calls for projects experiencing oversubscription (the value of the grant applications exceeds the programme allocations).
- The non-reimbursable value (ERDF+SB) of contracts signed by 31.12.2024 is EUR 751 million, which corresponds to a percentage of over 60% of the total budget allocated to the programme
- Regarding the milestones for 2024, **based on the operations selected by 31.12.2024, a satisfactory level of target achievement is observed**



## KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE

- Continue financing **investments in public buildings to increase energy efficiency.**
- Integration into the Programme of a **funding action dedicated to STEP strategic technologies, to strengthen the regional innovation and competitiveness ecosystem.**
- Including an **action dedicated to social housing for vulnerable groups:** *introduction of RSO 4.3 Promoting the socio-economic inclusion of marginalized communities, low-income households and disadvantaged groups, including people with special needs, through integrated actions targeting housing and social services.*
- Organizing **information and support sessions for beneficiaries,** in the more advanced stages of project implementation, to facilitate addressing potential problems that may arise, provided that this need is identified among beneficiaries/there is interest on their part.

