

Structural funds for the waste sector in Romania 2007 - 2013

Romania will benefit from more than 5,5 billion Euro funds from the EU in the period 2007-2013 for the waste sector.

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The Sectorial Operational Program « Environment » was approved by the Romanian Government on 31 January 2007 and the final form was sent for approval to the European Commission.

The ministry continues the environment infrastructure development programs during the pre-adhesion period (PHARE, ISPA and SAPARD), by financing from the structural funds and the cohesion fund. The subventions are based on the objectives and priorities of the European Union's Environment policies while reflecting both Romania's international obligations and the specific national interests.

The Ministry of Environment and Waters Management is responsible for the management, implementation and administration of the financial support allocated to this program.

The program covers the programming period 2007-2013, but its objectives have in view Romania's development needs after the year 2013, by making investments that represent the foundation for the sustainable development in the environment infrastructure.

The program provides support for investments in the following sectors:

1. Drinking water and sewage: extension and modernisation of water and waste water systems;
2. Waste: development of waste integrated management systems and rehabilitation of the contaminated sites;
3. District heating: rehabilitation of the city district heating systems in the most polluted areas;
4. Nature protection: implementation of proper management systems for the nature protection;
5. Natural disasters: development of proper infrastructure for preventing the natural hazards in the areas most exposed to hazard;
6. Technical assistance.

The main beneficiaries are the local authorities, for the first 4 sectors of intervention and the National Administration "Romanian Waters" for the development of proper infrastructure for preventing the natural hazards.

The total budget for the program is estimated at 5,5 billion Euro, out of which 4,5 billion Euro represent non-reimbursable financing from the European Union and over 1 billion Euro represent the national contribution. The community sources are provided from the Cohesion Fund and the European Fund for Regional Development.

For an optimum absorption of the post-adhesion funds, the ministry has prepared an appropriate portfolio of projects to ensure the full utilisation of the financial resources that will be available through the post-adhesion funds.

Thus, an approximate number of 50 projects are under preparation in water and waste sectors through technical supports PHARE, ISPA or external credits, with a total value of the investments of

approximately 3 billion Euro.

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