



ORGANISATION	<p style="text-align: center;"> <u>North-East Regional Development Agency of Romania / County of Iasi</u> </p>
Profile	<p>The North-East Regional Development Agency of Romania is a non-governmental, non-profit, of public utility organization, which contributes to reducing regional disparities by stimulating the economic, social and cultural development of the North-East Region in Romania. RDA develops strategies, attracts resources, identifies and implements financing programmes and offers services for stimulating sustainable economic development, partnerships and entrepreneurial spirit. The North-East is a development region in Romania, comprising the following counties: Bacau, Botosani, Iasi, Neamt, Suceava and Vaslui. The North-East RDA offers a portfolio of integrated services for regional development, built over 20 years of activity as a promoter and generator of social-economic development in the North-East Region of Romania.</p> <p>Iasi County Council is responsible with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establishment and management of local public services of county interest: education of children with special needs; social services for child protection, people with disabilities, other people and groups with social needs; health; culture; youth; public order and emergency situations; environment protection, waste management, rehabilitation of cultural and natural patrimony, public county roads, water and waste water network, tourism, development of Iasi International Airport, - adoption of strategies and programs for the economic and social development of the county, - adoption, based on the opinion of administrative-territorial units, projects of land arrangement and urban development.



	<p>Iasi County Council is the legal owner and manager of the county roads and is responsible with the construction, maintenance and modernization of roads and bridges.</p> <p>Iasi County Council is also empowered by law to manage 5 county hospitals. It is the owner of the buildings and lands where the hospitals are located. Thus, Iasi County Council is responsible with the rehabilitation, modernization and endowment of the county hospitals.</p>
<p>Previous experience in European projects</p>	<p>North-East RDA has a vast experience in European projects and not only, as shown in the following selection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share (Interreg Europe): 1.01.2017-31.12.2021; project meant to contribute to the protection of urban environment, promoting and developing the urban cultural heritage and regional development programs and policies. - REPLACE – Regional Policy Actions for Circular Economy (Interreg Europe): 08.2019-01.2023 - TeRRitoria (Horizon Europe): 1.02.2019-1.02.2022 - GPP-STREAM – Green Public Procurement and Sustainability Tools for Resource Efficiency Mainstreaming (Interreg Europe) - iWATERMAP – Water Technology Innovation Roadmaps (Interreg Europe) - TraCS3: addresses challenges on regional innovation infrastructures. - ENERSELVES (Interreg Europe): project meant to contribute to improving low-carbon economy policies. - EMPOWERING (Horizon Europe): 2016-2019; project dedicated to encouraging and acceleration of a low-carbon society, by consolidating the regional and local capacity and elaborating integrated plans of actions. - Digitalise me (Erasmus+): 1.12.2019-30.11.2021; project meant to create a set of learning instruments to improve digital skills. - Dimesca (Erasmus+): 15.09.2018-15.09.2020; project meant to exchange good practices regarding inclusion and digital learning to improve the quality of services. - CLUSTERIX 2.0 (Interreg Europe): 2016-2021; meant to improve the policy tools regarding innovation, to optimize the capacity of clusters to facilitate the innovation processes



	<p>and so on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RETRACE – A Systemic Approach for Regions Transitioning towards a Circular Economy (Interreg Europe): 04.2016-03.2020. - Cuza Voda Speciality Obstetrics and Gynaecology Ambulatory – Project implemented by Iasi County Council, More info. - Rehabilitation of Golia Monastery – Project implemented by Iasi County Council, More info. - Information System for the management of Rural Land Register (RLR) in digital format SIGRA-IS 3, Iasi County – Project implemented by Iasi County Council, More info.
<p>Interests for future projects proposals</p>	<p>The priorities of the regional stakeholders are: innovation, energy efficiency, transportation, low-carbon priorities, digitalization, digital technologies in local public administration (best practices, methodologies, tools, trainings), youth, education, exchange of good practices and knowledge, circular economy, tourism and digital tools for promoting tourism, regional centres for technology transfer, the concept of smart region and so on.</p> <p>Our interests also regard development and increasing the quality of regional infrastructure, increasing the capacity of regional actors to develop successful projects/initiatives and to raise awareness of the need for the transition to smart and sustainable development of the region, stimulating innovation in priority areas in the region and facilitating access to finance for public and private actors. In our RIS4 strategy, opportunities were identified for the specialization of the North-East Region in the following fields: agri-food and wood industry, energy, environment, digital and IT, health, textile, and tourism.</p>
<p>Project ideas</p>	<p>We are looking for partners to implement development projects on the fields of interest mentioned above.</p> <p>Project ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New means of producing thermal energy using renewable sources – expected implementation: 2024. 2. Extending the means of transport – acquisition of means of transport with extended autonomy – expected implementation: 2025. 3. Modernizing, rehabilitating and digitalizing buildings of cultural heritage, public spaces, public sources of Internet



	<p>connection and so on – expected implementation 2023-2026.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Compact Air Quality Monitoring System – expected implementation 2024. 5. Iasi metropolitan school – digitalizing school services, expected implementation 2026. 6. Regional Centre for Artificial Intelligence Research – expected implementation 2026. 7. Embassy of Creative-Intelligent Technologies – technological park of intelligent specialization for innovation technologies and a centre of technological transfer – expected implementation 2026. 8. Digital platform for commercializing goods and services – <i>Iasi Digital Mall</i> – for supporting over 1000 SMEs. 9. Iasi Open Data – estimated implementation 2021. 10. Brain Institute – developing an institute for neurologic research, a properly equipped research infrastructure, specialized on applied research – estimated implementation 2026. 11. Voluntaris – developing a platform for local volunteers, estimated implementation 2022.
<p>3 key words</p>	<p>Innovation, Regional, Cooperation</p>
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