“INCREASED ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS”
SECTORIAL OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME
co-financed by ERDF
“Investments for your future”

NORTH-EAST REGION
Bacau, Botosani, Iasi, Neamt, Suceava, Vaslui Counties
ROMANIA
The objectives of the programme

**NDP**

National Development Plan, Priority 1: Increased economic competitiveness and development of knowledge-based economy

**NRSF**

Thematic priority: Long-Term increasing of Romanian Economic Competitiveness

**Increased Economic Competitiveness SOP**

**General objective:** Increasing the competitiveness of Romanian enterprises in compliance with the sustainable development principles and decreasing the gaps by comparison with the EU’s average productivity

**Specific objective 1**

Strengthening and developing the productive sector in compliance with the environmental requirements

**Priority Axis 1**

An eco-effective and innovative production system

**Specific objective 2**

Creating a favorable environment for sustainable development of enterprises

**Priority Axis 2**

Research, technologic development and innovation for competitiveness

**Specific objective 3**

Increasing the R&D capacity, stimulation of cooperation among RDI enterprises and increased access of enterprises to RDI

**Priority Axis 3**

IT&C for private and public sectors

**Specific objective 4**

Valorization of IT&C potential and its application in the public sector (administration) and private sector (enterprises, citizens)

**Priority Axis 4**

Increasing the energy efficiency and supplying safety in the context of climate changes

**Specific objective 5**

Increasing the energy efficiency and supplying safety in the context of climate changes

**Priority Axis 5**

Technical Assistance
Which is our role in this Programme?

Intermediate Body for the implementation of the “Increased Economic Competitiveness” Sectorial Operational Programme in the North-East Region of Romania

Since when?

26.03.2013
Organizational approaches

- A contest has been organized for hiring the needed staff for 26 job positions;
- A total of 193 candidates attended the contest;
- Providing office spaces for the staff and related IT & office equipment;
- Training sessions for the staff hired in the IB’s structure;
- The documentation afferent to projects was taken over from the SOP IEC Management Authority – time consuming activity lasting 4 calendar months - every single document of each individual project was inventoried and registered;
- Simplified working procedures in all project phases.
What operations were taken over from the MA?

Axis 1:

*Operation 1.1.1* – Support for strengthening and modernizing the production sector through tangible and intangible investments – investments for small-medium sized enterprises;

*Operation 1.1.2* – Support for implementation of international standards;

*Operation 1.1.3* – Support for accessing new markets and internationalization;

*Operation 1.3.2* – Support for consultancy granted to SMEs;

Axis 3:

*Operation 3.1.1* – Supporting the access to Internet and related services – since March 2014
The regional context

Unemployment rate, %

- UE 27
- Romania
- Regiunea NORD-EST

Unemployment rate per counties, %

- Bacau
- Botosani
- Iasi
- Neamt
- Suceava
- Vaslui
## The regional context

**Evolution of the number of active enterprises in the North-East Region**

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Romania</th>
<th>NE Region</th>
<th>Bacau</th>
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<td>2010</td>
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<td>3,923</td>
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<th>Year</th>
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Source: TEMPO NIS System
The regional context

Number of active enterprises

- Bacau
- Botosani
- Iasi
- Neamt
- Suceava
- Vaslui
What we have accomplished in 12 months?

- Projects evaluated: **270** application forms;
- Financing contracts signed: **211** (since September 2013);
- Value of non-reimbursable funds contracted: **approx. Euro 60 million**, of which **Euro 52 million ERDF funding**;
- Procurement files checked: **293**;
- Amounts endorsed by IB IEC SOP North-East: payment / reimbursement / pre-financing claims: **Euro 5,376,251.11**;
- Processing time of payment/reimbursement/pre-financing claims (average): **13 working days**;
- On-site monitoring visits: **90**;
- Number of notifications & addendums: **558**;
- Training sessions provided to project beneficiaries: **16**;
- Participants: **155 project beneficiaries, 274 persons**;
What we have accomplished in 12 months?

- Contracted projects taken over from the Management Authority: 183, 46%
- Projects contracted by the IB IEC SOP North-East: 211, 54%
What we have accomplished in 12 months?

AMOUNTS REQUESTED – CONCLUDED CONTRACTS
(million Euros)

- 59.52, 67%: Contracted projects taken over from the Management Authority
- 28.82, 33%: Projects contracted by the IB IEC SOP North-East
What we have accomplished in 12 months?

**AMOUNTS ENDORSED BY IB SOP IEC NORTH-EAST**

- **12,35; 66%**
- **6,37; 34%**

- Requests for reimbursements – Amounts endorsed by IB – history (million Euros)
- Requests for reimbursements – Amounts endorsed by IB – documents processed by North-East RDA (million Euros)
Types of financed activities

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<td>Wood Processing</td>
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Types of financed activities

Non-reimbursable amounts requested - Euros

- Construction Works
- Paper and Cartonboard
- Wood Processing
- Textile Industry
- Plastic and Rubber Products
- Furniture Manufacturing
- Machine Tools and Equipments
- Extraction Industry - Stone
- Glass Products
- Metal Products
- Electrical & Electronic Equipment
- Printing Activities
- Chemicals Manufacturing
- Waste Treatment & Disposal
Thank you!

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