



PROGRAMUL DE COOPERARE ELVEȚIANO-ROMÂN  
SWISS-ROMANIAN COOPERATION PROGRAMME

## **26 projects financed through the Swiss - Romanian Cooperation Programme, Partnership Block Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for proposals**

**Background:** On March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the Swiss Intermediate Body (SIB) - a consortium formed by KEK-CDC Consultants, the Civil Society Development Foundation and the Romanian Environmental Partnership Foundation - for the Thematic Fund “Partnership and Expert Fund” launched the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals for the Partnership Block Grant that is aiming to promote and/or enhance the institutional partnerships between Romanian and Swiss partners in order to contribute to the solution of specific developments challenges, to strengthen the capacities and structures of the Romanian partners, to benefit from Swiss added value and to contribute to the strengthening of the partnerships. Small grants ranging from CHF 10,000 to CHF 100,000 and large grants ranging from CHF 100,001 to CHF 250,000 are offered.

This 2<sup>nd</sup> round of Call for Proposals was very successful showing a high interest of the non-governmental and public sector from Romania and Switzerland. The SIB received 79 project proposals within the deadline of June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Independent evaluators assessed the project proposals having passed the administrative verification and eligibility check. The evaluation process resulted in 26 projects recommended to be financed (4 small and 22 large grants).

Due to the high number and good quality of applications received, the initial allocated amount was proposed to be increased with approximately CHF 1.8 million. Thus, the Selection Committee, formed by representatives of Civil Society Organisations (CSO), the Swiss Contribution Office (SCO) and the National Coordination Unit (NCU) committed CHF 5,189,216.74 for financing these projects.

**Information session:** On April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015, the SIB organized an information session with the financed organizations and institutions under the second round of the Call for Proposals of the Partnership Block Grant. The aim of the meeting was to provide necessary information for an effective implementation of the projects and for a good communication between the Executing Agencies and the SIB. The meeting was honoured by the participation of Mr. Thomas Stauffer, Head of the Swiss Contribution Office Bucharest who delivered a positive message about the outcomes of the projects and shared the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation’s expectations, wishing all organizations involved best wishes and good luck with the projects.

The financed projects aim to promote and enhance institutional partnerships between Romanian and Swiss partners and cover various thematic areas such as community development, environment, education, social economy, public policy. The complete list of the financed projects under this 2<sup>nd</sup> round is available [here](#).