



PROGRAMUL DE COOPERARE ELVEȚIANO-ROMÂN  
SWISS-ROMANIAN COOPERATION PROGRAMME

## **47 projects financed through the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme, NGO Block Grant, 2<sup>nd</sup> round**

**Background:** On January 15th, 2015, 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 “Civil Society Participation” launched the second Call for Proposals for the NGO Block Grant aiming to strengthen Romanian NGOs and to enable their active participation in policy processes. It offers support in two major domains: social issues and environmental protection. Small grants ranging from CHF 10,000 to CHF 75,000 and large grants ranging from CHF 75,001 to CHF 250,000 (only for social projects) are offered.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Call for Proposals:** As in the case of the 1st round of the Call for Proposals, this 2nd one demonstrated a high interest of the Romanian NGOs, as there were submitted 771 applications on the online platform [www.finantare.fdsc.ro](http://www.finantare.fdsc.ro), out of which 586 on Social Component and 185 on Environmental Component. The deadline for filling in and submitting the applications was March 19, 2015.

A team of independent evaluators assessed the project proposals that passed the administrative verification and eligibility check. The evaluation process resulted in a total number of 47 projects recommended to be financed (33 on Social Component and 15 on Environment Component). The total contracted amount is of CHF 5,231,545.

**Information sessions:** The SIB, through the representatives CSDF and REPF, organized two Information sessions for the NGOs respectively recipients of NGO Block Grants on March 15th, 2016 in Bucharest (projects on Social Component) and on April 14th, 2016 in Miercurea-Ciuc (projects on Environmental Component). The aim of these sessions was to provide the necessary information for a smooth and efficient implementation of the projects, but also for a good communication between the Executing Agencies and the SIB.