



Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme (SRCP)

[KEK - CDC](#) has been mandated by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) to manage and administer the Civil Society Engagement Programme together with the [Civil Society Development Foundation](#) and [Romanian Environmental Partnership Foundation](#) as consortium partners.

[Civic Engagement Programme \(CEP\)](#) is one of the 11 thematic programmes launched under the Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme, as part of the second Swiss Contribution aiming to reduce economic and social disparities within the EU and Romania.

The objective of the CEP is to strengthen civil society participation and support non-governmental and non-profit organizations in Romania in promoting democracy, transparency, and active citizen involvement in public life.

The predefined Thematic Areas are:

- **Fight against discrimination and social exclusion** – Initiatives promoting equal opportunities and the inclusion of vulnerable groups.
- **Protection of biodiversity and environmental rights** – Projects aimed at conserving natural resources and adapting to climate change.
- **Media transparency and investigative journalism** – Supporting independent journalism and free access to information.
- **Assistance to victims of violence (Trafficking in Human Beings, Gender Based Violence, violence against children, etc.)** – Support and rehabilitation actions for victims, as well as prevention initiatives.

The CEP has two windows for project financing: (1) large projects (CHF 0.5 Mio. - CHF 1.5 Mio), and (2) small projects (CHF 50'000 - CHF 200'000). A Call for proposals has now been launched for large projects in which participation of Swiss partners is encouraged but not mandatory. We advise you to consult the published documents and liaise with potential Romanian partners. The Call is published here: <https://elvetiaromania.ro/en/grants/1st-window/>.

Should you have questions, please contact: matic@kek.ch (office time Tuesday and Thursday).