

Romanian National Platform - Funding Model -

Romania's national platform **M100** coordinates the implementation of the EU's Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities Mission domestically. The platform acts as both a coordination, and knowledge-exchange hub, and as a funding mobilizer, bridging local governments, national ministries, and European partners. It brings together:



Funding mobilized for city-facing activities

EEA & Norway Grants

Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities: Planning, Piloting, Inspiring (completed)

1.35 – 1.4 million EUR

The project supports the 3 Mission Cities (Cluj-Napoca, Suceava, District 2-Bucharest) in implementing Climate City Contracts and coordinates knowledge exchange with Norwegian cities.

Towards Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities through Mutual Learning, Engagement and Capacity-Building (completed)

1.35 – 1.4 million EUR

The project targets capacity-building and awareness activities for 10 cities selected through a national call. All cities developed their Climate City Contracts and were awarded a national Mission Label in November 2025.

“Green Cities” Programme (planned for 2026-2029)

47 million EUR

This three-year programme is expected to start in 2026 and target 13 cities (the three Mission Cities and ten from the national call) and extend learning to 20 additional “paired” municipalities. The funding will mainly finance city-level green investments as well as knowledge exchange, capacity-building activities, and the process of expanding the platform. It will also include a defined operational envelope for the M100 secretariat.

Other funding programmes

Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme

(completed)

65 million EUR (overall)

M100 cities received **additional scoring advantages** in project selection. Two M100 cities were awarded projects within this programme.

Policy Support Facility

(starts in 2026)

300 000 EUR

Through the **Policy Support Facility** under Horizon Europe, the country is preparing a project to bring ministries and partners together in support of integrated mitigation and adaptation planning. This funding supports the national platform's coordination work.

Future funding opportunities

Looking ahead, the M100 platform is well-positioned to significantly expand its financial base in the coming years. Based on the ongoing discussions and programmes under preparation, it could mobilise more than an **additional financial resources** through **national funding sources**.

Ministry of Energy: Green Energy Programme

Budget: €300 million

The Ministry of Energy is discussing a €300 million "Green Energy" programme, focusing on renewable energy, energy efficiency, green buildings, clean transport, and modernized district-heating systems. Although still under negotiation, these funds would go largely to city-led investments.

Ministry of Environment, Waters and Forests Environmental Fund

Budget: €150 million

Another potential source is the National Environmental Fund, administered by the Ministry of Environment, which might dedicate about €150 million per year starting in 2026 to support Mission Cities with energy, transport, and waste-management projects.

Romania's M100 platform operates through a **diversified and adaptive financing model**, drawing on a **mix of European, international, and national funding sources** to accelerate the transition of cities toward climate neutrality. It combines EEA & Norway Grants, the Swiss–Romanian Cooperation Programme, and EU instruments such as the TSI and Policy Support Facility with substantial national contributions from the Ministries of Energy and Environment, as well as the forthcoming Climate Social Fund managed by the Ministry of Investments.

This blended approach allows M100 to finance both **city-level investments** and **platform operations**, including capacity building, coordination, and governance reforms. Through this flexible funding architecture, Romania is well **on track to mobilize the targeted €1 billion for climate-neutral cities by 2030**, positioning M100 as one of the most comprehensive national frameworks for urban climate action in Europe.

€50 million from the EEA & Norway Grants

€300.000 from the Policy Support Facility under Horizon Europe

Preferential conditions under the **Swiss-Romanian Cooperation Programme**, ensuring that platform's cities received additional scoring advantages in project selection within the programme's overall budget of **€65 million**.



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