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Works contract signing for "The rehabilitation of the railway line Braşov - Simeria, part of the Rhine - Danube Corridor, for the maximum speed of 160 km/h, section Braşov -Sighişoara, subsection 2. Apaţa - Caţa

On 22 September 2020 the National Railway Company "CFR" S.A. and „RailWorks Association" (Aktor Technical Societe Anonyme (the leader), Alstom Transport SA and Arcada Company SA) signed the works contract for *"The rehabilitation of the railway line Braşov - Simeria, part of the Rhine - Danube Corridor, for the maximum speed of 160 km/h, section Braşov - Sighişoara, subsection 2 Apaţa - Caţa"*. The value of the contract is **2,723,081,259.87** lei excluding VAT.

The total length of the subsection is 43.95 km and will be reduced at 28.2 km after reahabilitation. This new subsection includes 6.11 km of rehabilitated railway line and 22.09 km newly built line.

The rehabilitation works include infrastructure and superstructure works, installations and telecommunications works, embankments and consolidations, civil works in rail stations, works at 7 bridges, 17 footbridges, 2 tunnels double pipe (Ormeniş and Homorod), 6 viaducts simple line, electrification and powr supply, signaling works (electronic centralization), implementation of ERTMS system (ETCS level 2 + GSMR).

The project will contribute to:

- increasing the railway safety,
- increasing the traffic speed to 160 km/h for passengers trains and to 120 km/h for freight trains, reducing the journey time;
- improving the comfort offered to the passengers in the railway stations,
- facilities for the access of the passengers with reduced mobility, etc.

The payments related to the contract will be provided from the Cohesion Fund (81.74%) through the Connecting Europe Facility of the European Union and from the State Budget of the Romania.

The period of implementation of the contract is **108 months** from the commencement date for works (48 months of execution, respectively 60 months for warranty).

The beneficiary of the contract is the National Railway Company "CFR" S.A.

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