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## Press Release

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### The European Commission awarded the Grant for the project "Feasibility study and technical design for the modernization of the Apahida - Suceava Railway"

On 22.10.2020, the Grant Agreement no. INEA/CEF/TRAN/M2019/2091973 for the Action number 2019-RO-TMC-0228-S, related to the project "Feasibility study and technical design for the modernization of the Apahida - Suceava Railway", was signed by the National Railways Company „CFR”-SA and by the Innovation and Networks Executive Agency (INEA), with the powers delegated by the European Commission under the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) Program - Transport Sector.

The objective of the Action is to develop the feasibility study and the technical design in accordance with the European railway regulations and in line with the interoperability and environment directives, in force. The Action will also prepare the necessary documentation for issuing government decisions on approving technical and economic indicators and expropriations, as well all documentation for the next stages of the project implementation: technical specifications for starting public procurement for works contracts and supervision services.

The Action contributes to the achievement of an efficient and fast transport by ensuring the interconnection with the Central Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T), being part of the network on the railway route Alba Iulia - Turda - Dej - Suceava - Pașcani - Iași. This route ensures the connection between the northern branch of the Rhine-Danube Corridor and the route of the former Pan-European Corridor IX. The modernization of the Apahida - Suceava railway section aims to improve the railway traffic conditions, increase the traffic speed for passenger and freight trains, protect the environment, increase mobility and accessibility to the communities along the route and economic development of the crossed areas.

The value of the action is EUR 31,436,919, of which EUR 26,721,381 (85%) represents the eligible amount granted from the Cohesion Fund through the European Interconnection Mechanism - CEF Transport Sector. The difference of 18.31% of the eligible costs and VAT is provided from the State Budget.

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

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