





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 București - Craiova Railway Line"

On 22.10.2020, the Grant Agreement no. INEA/CEF/TRAN/M2019/2091909 for the Action number 2019-RO-TMC-0163-S, related to the project "Feasibility study and technical design for the modernization of the București - Craiova Railway Line", 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.

Being part of the Rhine-Danube Corridor southern branch, the Action contributes to an efficient and fast transport on the Central Trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T), ensuring the connection between the Rhine-Danube Corridor northern branch and the East / East-Mediterranean Corridor. The modernization of the Bucharest - Craiova 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 areas crossed.

The value of the action is EUR 20,425,573, of which EUR 17,361,737 (85%) represents the eligible amount granted from the Cohesion Fund through the European Interconnection Mechanism - CEF Transport Sector. The difference of 15% 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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